2. **Which studies or study procedures must be paused?** *(updated 3/30/2020)*

All human subjects research studies with in-person interactions must cease enrollment. UC IRB approval is required to continue enrollment in these studies. IRB approval is also required for currently enrolled subjects to continue participation in these studies. This is effective for all human subjects research conducted at UC, regardless of reviewing IRB. Cancer Clinical trials must be approved by the Chair of the UC Cancer Center Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee (PRMC).

Please carefully evaluate your studies to determine if it is in the best interest of patients and staff to continue enrollment in light of the COVID 19 pandemic. Studies must also be evaluated to determine if it is in the best interest of currently enrolled subjects to continue participation in a study.

To continue enrolling patients and/or participation of currently enrolled subjects, please send a request to Dr. Linke linkemj@uc.edu (if you have not already done so). This requirement is in addition to the College of Medicine approvals. The IRB must now consider how the risk of COVID 19 exposure and infection affects the risk:benefit determination for a study.

Please address the following concerns in your request.

1. Keep patients out of the hospital
   - Most studies that require participants to stay in the hospital or the Schubert Research Center should not continue to enroll.

2. Risk and benefits of study participation. The risk of COVID 19 exposure and infection must be considered in the risk: benefit determination for the study
   - What would happen to the potential participants if they were not in the study?
   - What advantages does the study offer to participants that they would not have outside the study?
   - What are the potential direct benefits to participants?

3. Describe your plans to minimize participant and study staff COVID 19 exposure, transmission, and infection. These plans should address,
   - Screening individuals for COVID 19 symptoms prior to study visits.
   - Screen individuals for COVID 19 exposure prior to study visits.
   - Potential transmission by asymptomatic infected individuals must be considered.
   - The same precautions that are taken with patients being seen for the clinical care should be used for research visits.
   - Could any in-person study visits be switched to remote visits?

4. Verify that the study,
   - Will not utilize resources that are needed to take care of COVID 19 infected patients.
   - Study procedures would not interfere with clinical procedures put in place to treat COVID 19 patients.
   - Would not use limited resources such as PPE.
   - Research staff will be used for the studies so that clinical staff are not taken away from clinical responsibilities that may be needed to respond to COVID 19.