UBC Research MRIs during the COVID-19 Pandemic

To ensure the safety of our Research subjects, we have implemented some changes to our scanning practices.

Research participants must only attend their appointment if they are feeling well on the day of their scan. If you are feeling unwell call the Research Coordinator/Assistant who booked the appointment and cancel.

Prior to attending UBC Research MRI for their scans, subjects must be able to answer “No” to the following 4 questions:

1. “Do you have a fever?”
2. “Do you have a new onset cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?”
3. “Have you travelled outside of the country in the last 14 days?”
4. “Have you been in contact with anyone who is self-isolating due to possible COVID-19 exposure in the last 14 days?”

Our goal is to facilitate subjects maintaining a physical distance of 2 meters (approximately 6 feet) from every person that they encounter. To achieve this goal, we request that all subjects pay close attention to maintaining their own physical distancing from others. If at all possible, please attend your appointment on your own. Please arrive on time (neither early nor late) for your appointment to reduce congestion in our waiting areas.

When you arrive at the entrance to the building, you will be met by a Research Coordinator/Assistant and the UBC Hospital greeters. The greeters will confirm that you are not feeling sick. They will ask you to use the hand sanitizer available. If you are wearing gloves, you will need to remove them upon entering the building and then sanitize your hands.

When you arrive at the MRI department, please have a seat in the Research MRI designated chairs or benches outside of the waiting room. For the Purdy Pavilion scanner, let the receptionist know that you are here for your Research MRI appointment.

At your appointment time, an MRI technologist wearing a mask, gloves and goggles will bring you into the department and help you get ready for your MRI. They will be wearing Personal Protective Equipment as they must come close to you to position you for the MRI.

We are disinfecting all equipment and common use items between every research subject. We are strictly following the guidelines set by Vancouver Coastal Health to prevent infection transmission.

If you have any questions or concerns about these instructions, please speak to your Research Assistant.

Thank you,

UBC MRI Research Centre

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