

UBC Research MRIs during the COVID-19 Pandemic

To ensure the safety of all our research participants and staff, we have implemented some changes to our scanning practices.

COVID-19 Symptom Screening:

Research participants must only attend their appointment if they are feeling well on the day of their scan and can answer **NO** to the questions below:

As part of our screening for COVID-19, I have a few questions I need you to answer. In the last 14 days, have you:

Part A	No	Yes
Returned from travel outside of Canada?		
Been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with lab confirmed COVID-19?		
Lived or worked in a setting that is part of a COVID-19 outbreak?		
Been advised to self-isolate or quarantine at home by public health?		

Do you have new onset of any of the following symptoms:

Part B	No	Yes
Fever		
Cough: new or worse than usual		
Shortness of breath		
Diarrhea		
Nausea and/or vomiting		
Headache		
Runny nose/nasal congestion		
Sore throat or painful swallowing		
Loss of sense of smell		
Loss of appetite		
Chills		
Muscle aches		
Fatigue		

If your answer is YES to any of the above, call the Research Coordinator/Assistant who booked the appointment and cancel. The BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool is available for further guidance at <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>.

What to expect during your Research MRI scan:

Masks are mandatory inside all shared indoor spaces at UBC. The mask must cover your nose and chin, it can be a reusable non-medical face covering or a disposable medical mask.

When you arrive at the front door of the Centre for Brain Health you must use the provided hand sanitizer at the entrance. If you are wearing gloves, you will need to remove them and sanitize your hands.

If possible, please attend your appointment on your own. If this will be difficult for you, one support person is allowed during visits to the UBC Centre for Brain Health facilities. Please arrive on time (neither early nor late) for your appointment to reduce congestion in our waiting areas.

Our goal is to facilitate research participants maintaining the recommended physical distance of 2 meters from others whenever possible. At the MRI department (Fipke Integrated Neuroimaging Suite) use the auto door opener and confirm that you will be able to maintain physical distance from others before entering. If the area is congested please wait on the designated benches in the atrium.

The MRI technologists or research study personnel will ask you the COVID-19 Screening questions again in the department waiting room. When it is time for your scan a technologist wearing a mask, gloves and eye protection will bring you into the MRI scanner room.

Once you are in the scanner room we will ask you to remove your mask for MRI safety reasons. Before removing a face mask you must clean your hands with the provided hand sanitizer and then remove the mask by the ear loops to avoid contaminating yourself.

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 please speak to your Research Coordinator/Assistant.

Thank you, UBC MRI Research Centre