



**The PI is responsible for ensuring that appropriate PPE, including masks for all staff, is available to the coordinator or the research staff.**

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1- A PI should first assess, "What makes this visit therapeutically essential and can it be delayed?" As stated above, the PI is responsible for PPE for essential research visits in their own clinics and patient care areas of the U Hospital. PIs should secure masks for study staff prior to visits.

2- PI *could* attempt to obtain their own supply of ear loop masks. (Difficult to obtain; and the PI must consider if it is wise to stock PPE in that manner.)

3- If PPE is not available, the PI should use clinic staff (already masked) instead of their ancillary research staff to conduct essential research activities. Coordinate those visits with your own Clinic Manager and/or Medical Director.

4- If unable to secure PPE appropriately, PI might schedule visits at the CCTS Clinical Services Core. CCTS clinic staff would perform research activities that require interaction with the participant. This will centralize the need for PPE to fewer individual staff using daily masks. (*Capacity is limited, please contact the [CCTS Clinical Services Core](#) to discuss your study needs.*)

Direct your clinical research questions to [CCTS Clinical Trials Support](#)

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