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Research Resumption & COVID-19-Related

CLINICAL RESEARCH CURTAILMENT AND RESUMPTION

- Please note the remote work policy remains in effect
- Site specific resumption processes have been finalized – see below

Review site-specific information here:



The process for applying for clinical research resumption has been finalized. Please review information specific to your research site. Please note that any clinical (human) research project involving on-site work that needs to resume or continue will require approval from the appropriate research institute. **Research that meets resumption criteria must be submitted to the appropriate research institute for review and approval PRIOR to resumption of any on-site research activities**, such as access of on-site resources/paperwork /databases and study visits for research participants.

[Stage 2 Research Resumption guidelines](#) announced by UBC FoM.

Review the [COVID-19 UBC FoM Guiding Principles](#) for research resumption.

Stage 2 allows more people to access research facilities, however it's important to remember that those who can work remotely must continue to do so. For those who are planning to come on campus, the same rules as Stage 1 will apply: please do not come in if you're feeling

sick; physical distancing is required while on campus; and PPE must be worn if physical distancing cannot be adhered to.

VCHRI

- Review the [VCHRI guidance](#)
- VCHRI Stage 2 research resumption guidelines will largely align with those of UBC FoM; however due to the unique research and operational requirements for VCH's vast clinical and non-clinical facilities, VCHRI's process is specific to our sites.
- Per [Stage 2 recommendations](#), all categories of human/clinical research may now be included for submission for review by VCHRI for research resumption approvals.
- Resumption requests for human research projects at VCH sites (including DHCC) are to be submitted using the [DHCC OBGYN Template – \(Stage 2\) VCHRI Human Subject Research Access Summary v17Aug2020](#) form. All submissions for OBGYN human/clinical research should be emailed to Mannie Fan (obgynresearch@vch.ca).
- Approved [Stage 1 Safety Plan for OBGYN \(DHCC location\)](#) will remain in effect in Stage 2; however Stage 2 will have allowance for some additional research personnel as long as the proposed work adheres to the Stage 1 safety plan as well as all safety measures and physical distancing requirements.
- DHCC site research personnel (including PI, staff, and trainees) of projects approved by VCHRI for research resumption should review the [OBGYN DHCC Research Resumption Safety Plan](#), obtain PPE and complete training as applicable prior to resumption of on-site research activities.

PHCRI

- Review the [PHCRI guidance](#)
- For PHCRI researchers with human subject research projects and activities at the Howe St. Campus, please complete the [PHCRI Human Subject Research Access Summary spreadsheet](#).

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WHRI/BCCHR

- For WHRI/BCCHR researchers with human subject research projects and activities at the Oak St. Campus, please refer to research resumption information available at <https://hub.bcchr.ca/auth/login.php?origin=/> (requires log in with BCCHR/PHSA/UBC credentials).
- If you applied to resume on-site work during Stage 1, you do not need to apply again in Stage 2. Please email [Todd Jacques](#) with any updates to your on-site personnel and research team safety plans.
- For **new research activities** or **new resumption requests**, please submit a request through the [Oak Street Campus Research Institutes Return to Onsite Research Intake Form](#).
- If you have any questions, please email [Dr. Kathryn Dewar](#), WHRI Senior Research Manager.

For research planning, PI's need to ensure appropriate safety protocols are in place for their staff and students to conduct research at their facility. Please review info at <https://srs.ubc.ca/covid-19/safety-planning/ubcs-safety-planning-process/>

Contact your site research manager ([Mannie Fan](#) for VGH/DHCC, [Nikki Koenig](#) for SPH, or [Ariadna Fernandez](#) for BCWH) if you have any questions or concerns.

For lab-based research, PI's do not need to send new Access Request forms but must update their Excel sheet with any new trainees or staff that will be on campus. PI's must also update this number on their VPRI access agreement. For clinical research, please see resumption info below.

[Mandatory Training for PIs, Staff, & Trainees Back On Site](#). All research personnel are required to complete mandatory training prior to resuming on-site research activities, or as soon as possible if they have been working on-site since the remote working arrangements were put in place. If you have not already done so, please complete this training as soon as possible. This includes mandatory UBC training, such as [Preventing COVID-19 Infection in the Workplace](#); project- & task-specific training and building-specific training. These requirements are also specified in the approved safety plans.

INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL GUIDANCE (UBC & VCH)

- [COVID-19 physical distancing guidance](#)
- [General cleaning & disinfection of surfaces](#)
- [Ordering critical PPE](#)
- [COVID-19 PPE guidelines](#)
- [COVID-19 essential in-person meetings & trainings guidance](#)
- [COVID-19-screening script \(ambulatory appointment reminders\)](#)
- [COVID-19-screening script \(ambulatory in-person at clinic reception\)](#)

For more info on COVID-19-related public health/infection control key principles, please visit <https://med-fom-obgyn.sites.olt.ubc.ca/covid-19-public-health-infection-control-key-principles/>.

OTHER COVID-19-RELATED

- **NEW!** Network of Networks (N2) is working with Health Canada to assess what some of the challenges are in clinical trials both during these COVID-19 times and in general. [Complete the survey here](#).
- **NEW!** [UBC Broadcast](#) announced for **CRCEF Stage 4**. The federal [Canada Research Continuity Emergency Fund \(CRCEF\)](#) Stage 4 has been launched to extend wage support for research personnel and trainees whose salaries were adversely affected by COVID-19 and who were paid in part or in whole through research projects funded by **non-government** sources. Stage 4 extends the maximum duration of wage support for eligible research personnel from 12 weeks to **24 weeks**. The eligibility period for wage support remains the same: from **March 15, 2020 to August 29, 2020**.
1) *Investigators who submitted a claim in Stage 1 &/or 2 will be contacted directly by UBC's CRCEF Support team or their affiliated institution regarding eligible salaries before November 10.*

2) Investigators who did not make a claim previously & who have research personnel salaries eligible for Stage 4, should contact the dedicated UBC Stage 4 email help desk at crcef.stage4@ubc.ca by November 16, 2020 with the staff name, salary cost, dates worked, and PG or affiliate account number.

- **UPDATED!** In early October, UBC announced an [open call for applications for Stage 3 funding](#) from the federal [Canada Research Continuity Emergency Fund \(CRCEF\)](#). Stage 3 CRCEF funding supports direct costs of research that have been incurred to:
 - 1) maintain essential research-related commitments during the COVID-19 pandemic; and/or
 - 2) ramp-up to full research activities as physical distancing measures are eased and research activities can resume.Applications can be submitted by UBC faculty members who hold research accounts for impacted projects at UBC and/or affiliated health research institutions. Investigators interested in applying for Stage 3 CRCEF funding must submit applications at <https://research.ubc.ca/CRCEF/Stage3> by November 30, 2020 (new date) at the latest. [Find out more](#) or [complete the application now](#). Investigators can request assistance in compiling eligible expenses for submission by emailing director@ors.ubc.ca.
- [UBC's most up-to-date COVID-19 information.](#)
- [UBC COVID-19 research information.](#)
- [COVID-19 page for graduate students.](#)
- [COVID-19 page for postdoctoral fellows.](#)
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has established a [research network on COVID-19 for maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health](#). Find more information on the working groups and how to get involved on the [WHO MNCAH website](#).
- Thank you to all Canadian Child & Family Researchers who have entered study data into the [COVID-19 Maternal, Child and Family Study Catalogue!](#) The database is still open – submit your current and future COVID-19-related projects and help continue to build this resource.
- [UBC's plans for re-occupying and resuming activity on campus.](#)
- [Mandatory Training for UBC Faculty and Staff Back on Campus.](#)
- [Process for phased resumption of in-person behavioural research at UBC.](#)
- [UBC CREB Guidance for Resumption of Research version Jun 2020](#)
- The Faculty of Medicine (FoM) has [announced](#) a province-wide [COVID-19 Clinical Research Coordination Initiative](#) to help coordinate research activities, identify research gaps, share resources and liaise with the BC health system.
- [UBC COVID-19 Working Group Summaries](#) – a summary of the working group findings & recommendations
- [COVID-19 Research Guide](#) (BC Ministry of Health: Health and Human Services Library)
- [Faculty of Medicine - Resources for Research](#)
- [OBGYN Useful Links on Research and COVID-19](#)
- WHRI [COVID-19 Researcher Resources](#)

- [BC AHSN's COVID-19 Response](#)
- [Updates for Clinical Trials BC regarding COVID-19](#)
- [Research Ideas in a Context of COVID-19](#)
- [Resources from CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network \(CTN\)](#) in the fight against COVID-19 (including [online research toolbox](#))
- [BC COVID-19 Research Inventory](#)
- [Guidance Notes and Regulatory Requirements for Informed Consent in Research During a Pandemic](#) from REBC, CTBC, and Fraser Health

Events, Workshops, and Seminars

(1) GCI: If you missed the province-wide [Gynecologic Cancer Initiative Virtual Town Hall](#) that took place on October 2, 2020, the recording of the event is now available. [Watch the recording now](#) to find out about some of the amazing resources available to researchers across the province. If you have questions about the resources presented, please email the GCI at info@gynecancerinitiative.ca.

(2) UPDATED! GCI: The [Gynecologic Cancer Initiative \(GCI\) Research Rounds](#) will feature researchers working on accelerating transformative research on prevention, treatment, and survivorship of gynecologic cancers. The [GCI Research Rounds](#) series will be held every other Friday from **12-1pm** on Zoom. [Find out more...](#)

Upcoming Sessions:

* November 6, 2020 - **“Hereditary Gynecologic Cancers: Testing, Prevention and Management”** by Dr. Lesa Dawson

* November 13, 2020 - **“What’s New in the Classification of Gynecological Cancers: the 5th Edition of the World Health Organization Guidelines”** by Dr. Blake Gilks

* November 27, 2020 - **“Metabolism, Cancer and the Immune System – What Do They Have In Common?”** by Dr. Julian Lum

(3) NEW! (CHES) As part of the FoM Centre for Health Education Scholarship (CHES) **Cutting Edge Speaker Series**, Dr. William McKellin (Dept. of Anthropology and Associate Chair, BREB, UBC) will be speaking on [“Patient Engagement and Patient Centred-Communication: Providing Information or Facilitating Learning?”](#) on **November 10, 2020** from **12:00-1:30pm** via Zoom. Increasingly patients and parents of patients are included in medical decision-making and medical research. This is apparent the popular press, in funding agency guidelines such as the recent CIHR SPOR initiatives, and in collaborative doctor-patient treatment strategies. Patients are even receiving courses and certification in “patient engagement”. The

need to inform patients and research participants is fundamental in clinical care and research. A fundamental question at the root of these endeavors is, how is information exchanged by medical professionals and patients? This presentation examines basic communication models encountered in clinician-patient interaction. Please email ches.communications@ubc.ca for Zoom meeting details.

(4) NEW! (WHRC) Why do we need to get maternal mental health on the healthcare agenda? Why do we need to talk about menopause? Find out on **November 16, 2020** from **9-10am**. The next session in the [Women's Brain Health Virtual Conference Series](#) focuses on [Women's Health Advocacy](#) and will feature **Patricia Tomasi** (CPMHC), **Jamie Charlebois** (CPMHC), and **Shirley Weir** (Menopause Chicks). Cost: \$15 (general public); \$10 (students). [Find out more](#), or [register now](#).

(5) NEW! (WHRI/BCWH) The next **BC Women's Research Rounds** features **Dr. Jila Mirlashari, Dr. Ann Pederson, Dr. Lori Brotto, and Dr. Janet Lyons** speaking on "The Experience of Women and Health Care Providers in Assessing History of Gender-Based Violence During Perinatal Care". The virtual rounds will be delivered by Zoom on **November 20, 2020** from **8-9am**. For more information and/or Zoom link/meeting details, please email [Marsha Simons](mailto:marsha.simons@cw.bc.ca) at marsha.simons@cw.bc.ca.

(6) Call for abstracts! (CNPRM) The [2021 Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting](#) will be taking place virtually **February 8-12, 2021**. **Abstraction submission** is now open! **Deadline** to submit abstracts is **November 14, 2020**. Visit www.cnprm.ca/abstract-submission for more info.

(7) (UBC CPD) [Implants and IUDs: Comparing and Inserting Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives \(LARC\)](#). This is a virtual session (webinar) followed by 2 optional hands-on workshops on IUDs and implants. Happening on **November 28, 2020**, from **9am-2pm**. Up to 15.0 Mainpro+ credits. Pre-registration required.

(8) NEW! Save The Date! (CTBC/BC AHSN) The [Modernization of Clinical Trials](#) conference will be held virtually on **January 26, 27, & 28, 2021**. The main forums will include: Innovative Trials; Diverse Clinical Trial Populations; Pragmatic Clinical Trials; Participant Experience and Voice; Regulatory and Leadership; Town Hall on Change and Modernization; Clinical Trial Market Place; and Keynote Address. [Find out more...](#)

(9) NEW! Save The Date! (UBC CPD) [Victoria Gynecology Update 2021](#). The Victoria Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists will be hosting its annual Gynecology Update as a virtual one-day conference for primary care providers, with updates on a wide range of topics, including chronic pelvic pain, cervical lesions, ectopic pregnancy, pelvic floor dysfunction, vulvar lichens, and more. Happening on **January 30, 2021**, from **9:00am-3:45pm**. Up to 5.5 Mainpro+ credits. Pre-registration required. [Find out more](#), or [view the agenda](#).

(10) UPDATED! Save the Date! Our next annual faculty research forum, the [2021 Dr. Fred Bryans Faculty Forum](#), will be taking place virtually over 2 half-days on **February 4-5, 2021, from 9am-12pm**. Objectives of the 2021 FBFF are to: (a) highlight the opportunities and innovation that Patient-Oriented Research and Patient Engagement can bring to our specialty; (b) showcase the spectrum of research of our faculty; (c) share lessons learned from engaging with community members and policy makers; and (d) cultivate new collaborations across specialties. Mark your calendars now! [Find out more](#). Full program and registration details coming soon.

Awards and Funding Opportunities

(1) NEW! MSFHR: Guidelines are now available for the [2021 Scholar and Research Trainee competitions](#).

[MSFHR Scholar awards](#) help BC researchers build leading-edge health research programs, train the next generation of scientists, and make significant contributions to their field. Scholar awards provide salary support to early-career researchers, allowing them to dedicate 75% of their time to health research activities.

[MSFHR Research Trainee awards](#) support health researchers-in-training to build health research capacity and contribute to the success of BC's health research landscape. Post-doctoral fellows or health professional researchers are provided with salary support through this award for dedicated research activities.

(2) Funding agency updates are available from the UBC Research Finance [COVID-19 Funding Agency Updates](#) page.

(3) WHRI: [COVID-19 Research Funding Update](#) research funding updates are also available from the WHRI website.

(4) WHRI: Check out funding opportunities in the [WHRI Grant Chart](#), updated weekly.

(5) VCHRI: Check out a variety of [funding opportunities here](#).

(6) NEW! UBC FoM: Nominations are now open for the [2020 John McNeill Excellence in Health Research Mentorship Award](#). This award recognizes outstanding mentorship by faculty members at any stage in their academic career in any of UBC's health-related disciplines and who have served a minimum of 2 continuous years at UBC's Vancouver Campus. You are invited to consider colleagues who could be eligible for this distinction – nominations should be submitted by email to fom.recognition@ubc.ca. **Nomination deadline: November 6, 2020.**

(7) **BCCHR: [2020/2021 Clinical & Translational Research Seed Grant](#)** competition. This funding opportunity has been developed to promote research collaborations between postdoctoral fellows and clinical trainee/clinical investigators in clinical and translational research projects. The intent is to (a) support well-defined research projects that may not otherwise receive funding, (b) foster new areas of research, (c) enhance research partnerships, and (d) build leadership capacity for both research clinical trainees. Support is available for 2-3 grants with award values of up to **\$10,000** each. **Application deadline: November 20, 2020.** For more info please contact resinfo@bcchr.ca.

(8) **CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral Program \(CGS-D\)](#)**. Each award valued at \$35,000 per year for up to 3 years. **Application deadline: ~~October 17, 2020~~ for direct applicants or November 21, 2020** for university applicants. [Find out more...](#)

(9) **NEW! WHRC: [CIHR Sex and Gender Science Chair in Genetics Conference Award](#)**. This award offers \$250 prizes for 10 trainees (student or post-doc) at UBC or a UBC-affiliated centre who will be presenting (poster or talk) at an upcoming conference related to sex differences and/or women's health. This money can be used to register for the conference. Competitions are held bi-annually. **Application deadline: November 22, 2020.** [Find out more](#), or [submit an application now](#).

(10) **Rivkin Center: *Saving women's lives through cancer research & education*** is the mission of the [Rivkin Center](#). The organization offers [multiple streams of funding to support ovarian cancer research](#). [Find out more](#) or [apply now](#). Upcoming ovarian cancer grants **Application deadline: December 1, 2020.**

(11) **NEW! CIHR: [CIHR Fellowship 2020-2021](#)**. Fellowships provide support for highly qualified applicants in all areas of health research at the post-PhD degree or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research in Canada or abroad. **Application deadline: December 1, 2020.** [Find out more...](#)

(12) **GCI:** With generous support from philanthropic donors, the [Gynecologic Cancer Initiative \(GCI\)](#) is pleased to offer [multiple grant funding opportunities](#) for the gynecologic cancer research community in BC. Current funding opportunities include:

- [GCI Clinical Trials Group Accelerating Grants Program](#);
- [Carraresi Foundation OVCARE Research Grants](#);
- [Sumiko Kobayashi Marks Memorial OVCARE Research Grants](#);
- [Miller Mindell Gynecologic Oncology Academic Excellence Fellowship Awards](#); and
- [Division of Gynecologic Oncology Research Awards](#) (upcoming **Application deadline: December 4, 2020** – see below).

(13) **UBC/FoM/ObGyn: [2020-2021 Division of Gynaecologic Oncology Research Awards](#)**. Our department is pleased to launch a round of funding to support research in GyneOnc. Two (2) awards of up to \$20,000 each are available to fund research proposals that would not be

eligible to receive funding at the national level. Engagement of /collaboration with junior faculty is strongly encouraged. **Application deadline: December 4, 2020.** For more information, please see the [GyneOnc award TOR document](#) or contact [Dr. Janice Kwon](#), OBGYN Associate Head of Research, at Janice.Kwon@vch.ca.

(14) UPDATED! CIHR: IHDCYH in collaboration with INMHA is pleased to re-launch the 2020 funding opportunity of the [CIHR Early Career Investigators in Maternal, Reproductive, Child and Youth Health](#) program. **Registration deadline: December 15, 2020. Application deadline: January 26, 2021.** *In recognition of the challenges of the 2020 funding cycle, CIHR has [extended early career researcher status for one year](#) past the current definition of a researcher in the first five years of a full-time, independent research appointment.*

(15) NEW! UBC FoM OB/GYN: [D.A. Boyes Memorial Award](#). The D.A. Boyes Society, in honour, and memory, of Dr. David Alexander Boyes' lifetime commitment to teaching and engagement, announces the 3rd year of the Memorial Research Award. The award is open to all learners within the Department. **TWO (2) awards of up to \$5000 each** will be available. **Application deadline: January 29, 2021.** [Find out more...](#)

(16) OCC: [Ovarian Cancer Canada \(OvCAN\) Priority 3](#) focuses on **Advancing Clinical Trials Using a Personalized Medicine Approach**. Funding is available to support up to 4-5 early-phase clinical trials to bring the best new treatments to women living with ovarian cancer. **LOI deadline: February 15, 2021. Application deadline: May 8, 2021.** Stay tuned for more details to follow.

(17) NIH: [Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award \(R21\)](#). The R21 grant mechanism is intended to encourage exploratory/developmental research by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of project development. **Up to \$200K/yr for up to 2 years** will be awarded to the successful applicant. **Application deadline: February 16, 2021.**

(18) NEW! CIHR: [Spring 2021 Project Grant competition](#). **Registration deadline: March 4, 2021. Application deadline: April 1, 2021.** [Find out more...](#)

(19) SSHRC: [New Frontiers in Research Fund. 2020 Transformation Competition](#). Supports large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects. The objective of the Transformation stream is to support large-scale, Canadian-led **interdisciplinary** research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize **real and lasting change**. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental, or health impact. Projects are expected to be world-leading, drawing on **global** research expertise, when relevant. Value ranges from \$2 million to \$4 million per year (including indirect costs) for up to 6 years. Number of awards depends on the amounts requested in successful applications. ~~**NOI deadline: February 18, 2020. LOI deadline: July 15, 2020.**~~ **Full application deadline: April 13, 2021.**

(20) The [PHC and VCH Knowledge Translation \(KT\) Challenge](#). Have you identified a need for practice improvement? Your KT project can help you integrate evidence into best practices! [Find out more...](#) ~~LOI deadline: October 22, 2020.~~ **Application deadline: April 22, 2021.**

Research Resources

(1) **NEW! Clinical Trials BC** (part of the [BC AHSN](#)) has updated their [Education Programming for 2020-2021](#) (formerly known as the Syllabus)? A range of training, guidance and resources are available to assist clinical trial team members with their development of skills and knowledge to conduct clinical trials in BC. [Find out more...](#)

(2) The [Gynecologic Cancer Initiative \(GCI\)](#) provides selected [research and support services](#) that are available to any researcher in BC who is conducting work on gynecologic cancers. Currently available resources and competencies include:

- **Molecular & Advanced Pathology Core** (webpage under construction);
- [Clinical Informatics & Outcomes Research Core](#);
- [Gynecologic Cancer Tissue Bank](#);
- [Clinical Trials Group](#);
- [Patient & Family Advisory Council](#); and
- **Knowledge Translation** (webpage under construction).

If you are interested in using any of the above resources, please email the GCI at info@gynecancerinitiative.ca for more information.

(3) **Are you resuming research activities but want to adapt to remote administration of assessments?** Will you need to do e-consenting and/or work with participants via videoconferencing? If so, check out these helpful links:

- [UBC IT Zoom and Privacy guidance](#)
- [UBC Office of Research Ethics Zoom guidance](#)
- [UBC Office of Research Ethics e-Consent guidance](#)

(4) **Research Facilitation Support (WHRI)**. Is your research stalled due to COVID19? Are you looking for research funding opportunities? Do you need assistance with developing a research idea or reviewing your proposal? Email [Eric Lussier](#) at eric.ducharmelussier@cw.bc.ca to set up a virtual meeting.

(5) The **WHRI (@WomensResearch) podcast** has a new episode out! Nicole Prestley, Brynn Lavery, and Melissa Nelson share their insights into the uses of social media for disseminating

research results and supporting knowledge translation work. [Find out more](#), or [listen to the podcast here](#).

(6) The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has established a [research network on COVID-19 for maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health](#). Find more information on the working groups and how to get involved on the [WHO MNCAH website](#).

(7) Thank you to all Canadian Child & Family Researchers who have entered study data into the [COVID-19 Maternal, Child and Family Study Catalogue!](#) The database, organized jointly by the Maternal Infant Child and Youth Research Network (MICYRN) and CIHR's Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) in collaboration with Children's Healthcare Canada (CHC) and the Pediatric Chairs of Canada (PCC), is still open – submit your current and future COVID-19-related projects and continue to help build this invaluable resource!

(8) Did you know?... [HealthChat](#) is an online platform for groups of health care professionals (HCPs) to connect and collaborate. Whether you are a member of a network, community of practice, or administering a program, you can create a profile and create or join a secure group space to share and develop your work. Open to clinicians, administrators, and health leaders. [Find out more...](#)

(9) Announcing the **CHIWOS [Women Centred-HIV Care Toolkits](#)**. Around 14,500 women live with HIV in Canada, and delivering integrated care that responds to their needs & priorities is essential. Based on findings from the Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study (CHIWOS) and an extensive community-collaborative research program, 2 new toolkits have been developed on [Women-Centred HIV Care](#).

* **Toolkit for women living with HIV** as a self-management and health self-advocacy tool.

* **Toolkit to support HIV clinicians and community-based organizations** to deliver Women-Centred HIV Care

Both of these toolkits are now available online! [Read more...](#)

(10) [Resources from CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network \(CTN\)](#) in the fight against COVID-19 (including [online research toolbox](#)). [Read more...](#)

(11) [REACH BC](#) is an online platform that will connect the public with research opportunities related to their health conditions and/or interests, to ultimately advance health care and improve health outcomes in British Columbia.

* **Researchers: Submit your research opportunity.** We invite the academic research community to submit their health research opportunities related to COVID-19 or any other clinical or behavioural research opportunities that are actively recruiting. Create your Researcher account [here](#).

* **Volunteers: Connect to health research opportunities**

We are populating the REACH BC Directory with various research opportunities. There are currently research projects recruiting for COVID-19, Autism, Emergency Medicine, Reproduction and Sexual Health. Opportunities will be continually added. Visit <https://www.reachbc.ca/> to learn more.

(12) Check out the [BC COVID-19 Research Inventory](#). In response to the rapidly-evolving pandemic, BC AHSN and its three operational units have created a single inventory of current COVID-19-related research projects based in BC. This inventory is intended to foster as much connection, coordination, and collaboration as possible to avoid any unnecessary duplication of research effort.

Volunteers Needed!

(1) **NEW!** ****Sent on behalf of the COVID-19 RESPPONSE Study. Please share/circulate widely.**** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The COVID-19 RESPPONSE study is looking for volunteers to help support a project aimed at determining the population prevalence of COVID-19 in BC, and understanding the experiences and impacts of COVID-19 on the lives of BC residents. Volunteer responsibilities will primarily involve assembling and mailing out self-collection kits (dried blood spot cards, lancets, gauze, etc.) for biological sample collection. Volunteers will work in a large shared office space located at the WHRI, at BC Women's Hospital (max. 4 people at a time), under the supervision of the study Research Assistant. PPE will be provided. Volunteers must be willing to complete the UBC and PHSA required online COVID-19 safety course prior to coming on-site. Please contact **Shanlea Gordon** at shanlea.gordon@bcchr.ca for more details.

If you have any news, events, or funding opportunities you would like to share please contact us at obgynresearch@vch.ca. We would love to hear from you!