







## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AND DISINFECTION MATRIX FOR IRB IN-PERSON HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH

Activity	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – Minimum Required	
	Participant (not suspected for COVID)	Researcher
Verbal interaction with <b>NO physical contact</b>	 Cloth face cover	 Cloth face cover
Verbal interaction with <b>NO physical contact</b>  (when wearing face covering is prohibited due to participant age, health condition, or nature of study*)	No PPE	 OR Use clear plastic/acrylic room divider <b>OR</b> surgical mask*, eye protection, face shield
Physical contact with participant <b>(with NO saliva, throat and/or nasal specimen collection)</b>	 Cloth face cover	 Gown, gloves, eye protection, surgical mask
Physical contact with participant (with saliva, throat and/or nasal specimen collection)	No PPE	 Gown, gloves, eye protection, surgical mask + face shield

\*If nature of study requires examination of nose/mouth or viewing of participant's/researcher's lips/mouth (e.g. lip reading), cloth face cover or surgical mask will not be worn by participant/researcher, respectively.

**Disinfection Guidelines (based on Emory Healthcare requirements):** (1) Clean 'High Touch' surface areas with an approved Emory Healthcare disinfectant. Refer to the Emory Healthcare Disinfectant Formulary for guidance. 'High Touch' surface areas include, but are not limited to doorknobs, exam table, cabinet handles, keyboard/mouse, chairs, room divider, blood pressure cuff, carts, otoscope, sink faucet handle, countertop, and thermometer. (2) Liquid disinfectant should not be directly sprayed on surfaces; this could aerosolize surface contaminants. Instead, spray paper towel/cloth until moistened, then wipe surface.