

Froese Unit HSR guidelines during COVID-19 related restrictions

When OIST allows Human Subjects Research participants to enter the campus again, we will implement the following precautions to minimize the risk of infection to participants and Unit members:

1. All potential participants will be advised that they will only be able to take part in our studies if
 - a. they have been on Okinawa for at least 14 days before the experiment date
 - b. they have not had any illness for at least 14 days before the experiment date
 - c. they have not had close contact with anyone who has been outside of Okinawa in the 14 days prior to the experiment date
 - d. they have not had close contact with anyone showing signs of illness in the last 14 days prior to the experiment date

Participation will be rescheduled as needed.

2. Participants will be asked to come alone unless the experiment requires them to participate with other people.
3. For the experiments that involve social interaction, we will recruit people that are already in daily close contact (friends, flatmates, family).
4. Participants will be advised that they must not enter other OIST buildings.
5. To minimize the time participants spend in the lab, all the information relevant to the informed consent procedure will be sent to them electronically 48 hours prior to the experiment. Only the signature will have to be placed on the Informed Consent Form in person.
6. Before entering the lab, participants
 - a. will have their temperature measured with a non-touch thermometer
 - b. will be asked to use a hand sanitizer
 - c. will be required to wear a mask if it is compatible with the experimental setup and research questions
7. Unit members that will have potential contact with the participants will be required to work from home on the dates in which experimental sessions will take place if
 - a. They have travelled outside of Okinawa in the 14 days prior to the experiment date
 - b. They have shown signs of illness in the 14 days prior to the experiment date
8. Unit members that are uncomfortable being in the office during experimental sessions or have any health vulnerabilities will be offered an option to work from home on the days of the experiment.
9. The experimenters will wear masks and disinfect their hands between every experimental session.
10. All the testing equipment and hard surfaces will be wiped with disinfectant after every experimental session.
11. We will inform the participants about the guidelines in place and ask that they agree to them before arranging experimental sessions.