



Pre-Trial Research in the Wake of COVID-19: Updates to Trask Consulting's Health and Safety Protocols

In anticipation of stay at home orders being lifted, Trask Consulting has implemented the following COVID-19 ("coronavirus") safety precautions for our in-person pre-trial research projects. These practices follow current CDC recommendations.

On-Site Safety for Clients, Visitors, Mock Participants and Trask Team members

- Options for clients to present to jurors remotely, or from another room on site
- Options for clients to pre-record presentations either during on-site preparation day or remotely
- Protective facial coverings provided at client's request
- Ample 70% alcohol hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, and other cleaning products available
- Hospital-grade antimicrobial hand soap provided for all restrooms to be used by the project
- Professional/Hospital-grade infrared thermometers available
- Clients, visitors and Trask team seats at least six feet—or CDC recommended distance—from one another in the Work/Observation Room
- Meals and beverages served/package individually (no open buffet-style meals or snacks)

Mock Participant Recruitment

- Respondents complete COVID-19 health screening questionnaire offsite prior to the project
- Respondents screened regarding recent travel (e.g., domestic, international, cruise ships)
- Enhanced video call vetting of respondents
- Increased participant education and expectations
 - Respondents will be notified of the additional safety measures (e.g., infrared thermometer readings throughout day, hand sanitizer application sessions, increased space between participant seats)
 - During respondent vetting, additional detail provided verbally and visually of what to expect on-site

Mock Participant On-Site Safety

- Jurors' temperatures will be tested upon arrival and throughout day via professional/hospital-grade infrared thermometers
- Respondents will sign agreement to notify recruit team immediately if they begin to suspect symptoms
- At any point, jurors suspected of exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be dismissed
- Jurors will be monitored and instructed as needed to ensure they follow our Health and Safety Policy (e.g., adequate social distancing)
- Jurors will be seated with ample separation from one another during presentations and deliberations/break-out sessions
- Juror Break Room seats will be spaced with ample separation
- Protective facial coverings can be provided to jurors, depending on client preferences, government guidelines, and mask availability
- Juror meals and beverages will be packaged/served individually (no open buffet-style meals or snacks)

- Jurors will be required to thoroughly apply 70% alcohol hand sanitizer and/or use sanitizing wipes each time they re-enter the mock courtroom and their breakroom
- Hospital-grade antimicrobial hand soap provided for jurors' restrooms
- Jurors' handheld survey instruments and seats will be sanitized during each break throughout day
- Surfaces in Juror Break Room will be sanitized prior to jurors' return for each break
- Public health reminders (e.g., Wash your hands") posted in restroom and Juror Break Room