

MU IRB Guidelines for Modifications to Perform Research Remotely

When submitting a revised protocol or modification/extension to the IRB indicating that you are moving from face-to-face to remote human subjects research, please address the following where applicable:

- Potential impact on subject safety and protections, including potential privacy and confidentiality concerns
- An explanation of how recordings or data collection are to be made remotely. For most kinds of data, Zoom is sufficiently secure.
- Telephone interviews are also considered secure so long as the participants are aware of their surroundings and proper precautions are taken when storing transcripts.
- Potential impacts on the scientific integrity and/or benefits of the study
- Plan for how subjects will be notified, if their participation will be affected by the modification

Zoom can be used for conducting interviews and allows for all data to be encrypted during transmission to and from Zoom's servers. Zoom also supports recording of meetings. However, this should be used only when necessary. While Zoom does encrypt recordings stored on their server, zoom employees are able to decrypt those recordings.