Additional information for participants relating to COVID-19

After the COVID-19 lockdown, the FSW is reopening its doors for conducting lab research. The latest RIVM and FDS (Federation of Medical Specialists) guidelines concerning COVID-19 are taken into account. Our lab environment and protocols are approved by the university’s Safety, Health and Environment Department (VGM), the Board of Faculty and the Executive Board.

We are taking extra precautions in order to ensure your safety as a participant and the safety of our researchers. We kindly ask you to stay at home if you have one or more of the following symptoms: a cold, sneezing, throat ache, coughing and/or stuffiness or a fever (> 38 degrees °C). If one of your housemates suffers from one or more of the underlined symptoms, you have to stay home as well.

If you belong to one of the COVID-19 risk groups, you cannot take part in this study. For information about the risk groups, see https://www.rivm.nl/coronavirus-covid-19/risicogroepen. You are requested to contact your researcher if this is the case.

One workday before the study, the researcher will contact you by phone. He or she will administer a questionnaire in order to make sure you do not have any COVID-19 symptoms at that moment. If you develop any symptoms between this phone call and the day of participating in the study, you are requested to contact the researcher. The two of you will discuss if your participation in the study is either cancelled or postponed.

Upon entering, you will be received by a member of our staff. He or she will ask you again about any potential COVID-19 symptoms before you can enter the lab.

We kindly ask you to:

- Be on time on the scheduled date of the study;
- Keep 1,5 meters distances from others at all times;
- Disinfect your hands upon arrival at the facility (disinfection stations are available at the door);
- Not shake hands.

For certain types of research, it is impossible to keep the required 1,5m distance. If this is the case, the researcher will use a specific protocol in order to take the appropriate safety measures. We kindly ask you to adhere to the instructions given to you by our staff. You are free to bring your own face mask and/or disposable gloves if you want.

If you have any questions regarding these measures, do not hesitate to ask (preferably before participating in the study).