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**Guidelines for Planning the Resumption of Field Research**

1. The principles of safety, fairness, volunteerism, and privacy govern resumption of field research, just as they govern resumption of on-site research at Barnard.
2. Research ramp-up plans for field research must comply with the same public health constraints as on-site research, including density restrictions, physical distancing, mask-wearing, COVID-testing, and any other identified public health requirements for on-site research at Barnard. [Please see the Barnard College Health & Safety page.](https://alert.barnard.edu/health-safety)
3. Field research must strictly comply with the College’s travel policy.
4. Such plans must also comply with any locally imposed requirements, such as local and state-specific quarantine requirements for travelers from New York City and State.
5. Field Researchers are expected to submit detailed research ramp-up plans for field research that outline the types of activities, risks, risk mitigation strategies, and plans for response in the event of a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 incident in the field ([link to form](https://barnard.edu/sites/default/files/inline-files/Resumption%20of%20Field%20Research%20Form%20FINAL%20Sept%202020%20v.%202%20%281%29.docx)). Fieldwork ramp-up plans must also address the following concerns in relation to COVID-19: travel risk, including both travel to the field site and travel while at the field site; food and lodging risk at the field site; and research activity risk at the field site. Finally, field research ramp-up plans must consider the risk to the field community, as well as to the researcher and to the campus upon the researcher’s return. Field research ramp-up plans should be submitted to the Vice Provost for Research, Reshmi Mukherjee ([rmukherj@barnard.edu](mailto:rmukherj@barnard.edu)).
6. Field work requiring in-person social interactions will require a detailed plan to be reviewed in accordance with College procedures.
7. For the time being, undergraduate researchers are not allowed to participate in field research.