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

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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. Plans for field research must address how researchers will 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)), Vice Provost, Academic Research and Centers.
6. Your plan will be reviewed by Reshmi and a committee including Andrea Stagg, Deputy General Counsel, Cynthia Yang, Deputy Chief of Staff, President’s Office, Giorgio DiMauro, Associate Provost, International Initiatives and Special Projects, and Mark Godwin, Director of Sponsored Research, or their designees. The Committee will make a recommendation to Provost Linda Bell, who will make the final decision to approve or deny the request.
7. Field work requiring in-person social interactions will require a detailed plan to be reviewed in accordance with College procedures.
8. For the time being, undergraduate researchers are not allowed to participate in field research.