This document is intended to be sent to participants in addition to existing participant information sheets. It is recommended that you use this to detail COVID-19 safety measures for your study instead of revising existing study-specific participant information documents. This will save further amendments as guidance changes.

The first paragraph of text (in italics) must be included.

If desired, you may add the following generic statement to the study-specific information sheet:

“Please be aware that current NHS and government guidance on social distancing and use of PPE will also be followed at each visit to protect both participants and researchers from COVID-19 infection/transmission”

Please revise text highlighted yellow to be specific for your study, then remove highlighting and delete all advisory text highlighted blue.

**Supplementary Information for Participants – COVID-19 Protection**

**Study Title [insert]**

**Ethics Reference [insert]**

*Please be aware that NHS and government guidance that is current at the time of your visit will be followed to protect both participants and researchers from COVID-19 infection/transmission. This is in addition to the study-specific procedures outlined on the Participant Information Sheet.*

* *A record of visiting research participants will be maintained (name and visit date/time).*
* *If you develop symptoms within 48 hours of your study visit and then test positive for COVID-19, we encourage you to notify the research team if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 within 48 hours of research participation. This is so that we can consider measures to protect other participants who are scheduled for visits while we await your result.*
* *We will also let you know if a researcher who you come into contact with tests positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of your visit.*

Option 1 – Use the following generic text

Researchers will inform you of other specific procedures for this study when arranging your visit, which may include:

* Specific guidance for potentially vulnerable participants
* Whether someone may accompany you to the visit
* Instructions for entering/exiting the building
* Requirements for you to wear protective equipment
* What the researchers may wear to protect themselves
* Level of contact required with participants to conduct the research

Option 2 – You may replace the last paragraph of text and bullet points above (option 1) with specific information as follows:

**Specific procedures for this study are as follows:**

**Arriving for your visit**

[*give details of building location; which entrance they should use; whether they should wait outside to be called in; should they arrive x minutes before time given, or at exact time given; will exit be the same place, or different*]

**Protective Equipment**

We will ask you to wear the following protective equipment:

*e.g. face covering/face mask/hair covering/other (give detail). We will provide this when you arrive.*

Researchers will wear the following protective equipment:

[*insert details*]

**Social distancing**

[*give details of the level of contact researchers will need to have with the participant in order to conduct the research – will you need to touch them, e.g. to fit a piece of equipment*]

**Additional criteria for (non) participation**

[*give appropriate detail, e.g. ‘You should not take part if you have x condition (in addition to exclusions already stated on the PIS)’ or ‘please do not attend if you have x, y or z symptoms of Coronavirus’*]

**Other information**

[*give additional information such as whether they must attend the visit alone; let them know they will be the only participant attending at this time etc.*]