Dear TTUHSC El Paso Community,

This is a suspension of research activities <u>at University Medical Center and El Paso</u>

<u>Children's Hospital only</u>. This suspension does <u>not</u> apply to research performed at TTUHSC El Paso. For guidance on TTUHSC El Paso research, please visit: <a href="https://elpaso.ttuhsc.edu/research/">https://elpaso.ttuhsc.edu/research/</a>.

## **Research Activities Suspended at UMC and EPCH**

In a continued effort to protect the health and well-being of University Medical Center of El Paso (UMC) and El Paso Children's Hospital (EPCH) patients, physicians, staff, the community and our research partners, all non-essential, non-life-saving research activities/procedures and hospital accesses are suspended immediately and until further notice.

Those research-related activities essential for the immediate health of our patients may be allowed to continue through communication with the UMC EP Compliance Research Manager. Access at EPCH to Children's Oncology Group (COG) studies/protocols for the treatment of children with cancer will continue; however, non-clinical research personnel from our research partners will not be allowed access to the facility to work on these studies.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to any of our researchers or research sponsors but we feel that this measure is in the best interest of our patients and community as we confront the challenges of novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

## **University Medical Center of El Paso**

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