



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
SINGLE JOINT RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD

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To : Sites Implementing COVID-19 Vaccine Trials

Re : Site attendance to SJREB meetings where COVID-19 Vaccine Trials are discussed

Please be reminded that all COVID-19 vaccine protocols have to undergo **joint** review at SJREB in accordance with the September 30, 2020 agreement among PCHRD, the DOST-Vaccine Expert Panel, the Philippine Health Research Ethics Board and SJREB. PHREB has also issued a resolution on the timeline of approvals for COVID-19 Clinical Trial Proposals that was released last 15 October 2020 emphasizing the procedure for review to be led by the SJREB.


In compliance with the above guidelines, all the identified site research ethics committees of all COVID-19 vaccine protocols are compelled to attend all scheduled SJREB meetings to participate during the deliberations to arrive at joint decisions during initial review, and continuing review of amendments, progress reports, etc. Please note that we submit a list of RECs who fail to send representatives during SJREB deliberations of COVID vaccine protocols to PCHRD and VEP. Failure to attend SJREB meetings could be basis for removing your site for a vaccine study.

To confirm your plans about participation in SJREB please fill up and return the attached form.

Should you have any questions regarding the information outlined in this recommendation letter, you may contact the Pio Justin Asuncion, Head of SJREB Secretariat at 651-7800 local 1326/1328 or through e-mail at sjreb.doh@gmail.com

We look forward to receiving your confirmation of your support.

Sincerely yours,


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