Charles River Update: Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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As the COVID-19 infection rates decline in most geographies, we are pleased to report that all our locations around the world are fully operational and have been doing an excellent job of providing a safe working environment while still meeting clients’ needs for research products and services. We are continuing to follow the guidance of country public health authorities, including revising the need for fully vaccinated staff to wear face masks and follow social distancing requirements. As you know from previous updates, we have, and will continue to have, proven safety measures firmly in place including a vaccine mandate for employees and visitors for our U.S. locations.

Charles River is proud of our track record of being able to remain fully operational across all sites by following the science and public health recommendations since the start of the pandemic. The following practices remain in place as of this date:

- Employees have the flexibility to work from home as needed
- Vaccine mandates and strict visitor policies remain in place as noted above
- Remote audits and virtual facility tours remain available, and we continue to utilize remote study monitoring to support clients who prefer not to travel
- Cleaning of common touch points (doorknobs, break areas, etc.)
- Reminders of good hygiene practices
- Employee self-monitoring for illness symptoms
- Testing, tracking, and contact tracing of COVID-19 cases
- Return to work and self-quarantine guideline documents

Our global and site Business Continuity Plans are active, up to date, and helping our site-based operations, as well as associated logistics and support, to continue to meet our clients’ needs for planned and new projects, including work supporting COVID-19 research efforts.

For the latest business continuity updates, visit our COVID-19 web page. For continued learning, our digital education page has many helpful resources for researchers. If you have any other questions, please reach out to me or your usual Charles River contact.

Thank you for your continued trust and confidence,

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