

Committee on Accreditation of Academic Programs in Clinical Research (CAAPCR)

Issues relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Currently, there are no accreditation actions that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. There are no pending site visits and the face to face Board Meeting which was scheduled for May 2, 2020 will take place via videoconference (details will follow later). CAAPCR continues to function and will accept new Requests for Accreditation Services as well as self-studies from programs that have previously submitted requests. When it becomes relevant, the Board will decide on the potential of conducting virtual site visits.

Many universities and colleges have now moved their face-to-face classes to the online format. CAAPCR does not anticipate that academic clinical research programs moving to online formats will affect their meeting any of the CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Clinical Research. If an accredited program finds that modifications to their teaching format or availability of clinical sites impacts their meeting any of the Standards, please notify CAAPCR.

If there are any questions concerning the above statement or others relating to the accreditation process, please contact Stephen Sonstein, Chair, Committee on Accreditation of Academic Programs in Clinical Research (ssonstein@caapcr.org).