What do I need to do to get approval for off-campus human participant (at risk populations) research under the MQ COVIDSafe Plan for Research?

What is considered off-campus human participant research?

- Any of the above forms of research that involve, as researchers or participants, people aged over 70, residents or staff in aged care facilities, people with certain medical and chronic health conditions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged over 50 and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in rural and remote areas. These groups are considered at higher risk and require approval following risk assessment. This research may conducted by individuals or teams, MQ staff or HDR students.
- Research in these areas remains on pause.

What is the process I need to follow?

- **Recommendation**: If adjustments can be made to the project or human interactions so these activities can be conducted on-campus (or virtually), this falls under the MQ COVIDSafe Plan for Research (on campus human participant) and MQ COVIDSafe Plan for Research (on campus research meetings). Contact your *Department Manager* for advice.

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