**Lab Safety Protocol  
  
I. Cleaning**

**Air filter will be running at all times.**

**All lab staff will use hand sanitizer upon arriving to the lab and as needed throughout their shift.**

**After each in-person experiment session, the following cleaning routine is followed:**

-wiped with alcohol-based sanitizing wipes:  
Leather chairs in waiting room and behind stage(s)  
Clipboards  
Pens/pencils/markers  
Desk surfaces  
Changing table pad and surrounding area    
  
-cleaned using EPA approved non-toxic toy cleanser:  
Waiting room toys and their bins  
  
**At the end of each in-person experiment session shift, the following cleaning routine is followed:**

-wiped with alcohol-based sanitizing wipes:  
Leather chairs chairs in waiting room and behind stage(s)  
Clipboards  
Pens/pencils/markers  
Desk surfaces  
Tablets  
Observer eyehole panels  
Observer chairs  
Experimenter chairs (fabric seats sprayed with Lysol)  
Computer keyboards/mice  
Observer videogame controllers  
Doorknobs  
Phones  
Changing table pad and surrounding area

-cleaned using EPA approved non-toxic toy cleanser:  
Waiting room toys and their bins

-other surfaces dusted

-carpets vacuumed

**Parents will be offered hand sanitizer upon arrival, as well as prior to choosing a book as a gift (if applicable), and can use more as needed throughout visit.**

**At the end of each remote work/data entry shift, the following cleaning routine is followed:**

-wiped with alcohol-based sanitizing wipes:  
Pens/pencils/markers  
Desk surfaces  
Phones  
Tablets  
Experimenter chairs (fabric seats sprayed with Lysol)  
Computer keyboards/mice  
Observer videogame controllers  
Doorknobs

**II. PPE**

**All lab students/staff will be required to mask in the building at all times regardless of reduced restrictions/mandates at the State or University level until participants are age-eligible for COVID vaccines.**

**All parents and participants aged 2 and older will be asked to follow current University guidelines as well as current Illinois mandate and mask in the building at all times.  The lab will have disposable masks in both adult and toddler sizes to offer visiting families if needed.**

**III. TESTING AND HEALTH MONITORING**

**All lab staff are fully vaccinated.**

**All lab staff have committed to voluntary weekly COVID testing to take place the day before their scheduled shift, and will only come to their shift if they have received a negative result.**

**All lab staff have committed to following our COVID health monitoring guidelines, including, but not limited to: staying out of the lab if they or a household member have any illness symptoms and following a testing protocol prior to being cleared to return to the lab, regardless of the presence of illness symptoms in the lab member.**

**All families invited to participate in the lab will be called the morning of their session (for evening appointments) or the evening before their session (for morning appointments) and asked health screening questions.  If there are illness symptoms in the participant or any of their household members, the lab will cancel the appointment and offer to contact the family to reschedule in the future.**

**III. COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES**

**A copy of this lab safety protocol will be made available for review to participant families as desired.**

**Families invited to participate in in-person sessions at the lab will be informed of our staff testing and health monitoring protocol. They will also be informed that, if scheduled for an appointment, they would be asked health screening questions the evening before or the morning of their appointment during our confirmation call. Families will be encouraged to self-monitor and initiate cancellation if anyone in their household is experiencing illness symptoms.**

**If families prefer to have consent forms and paperwork emailed in advance so that they may print, review and complete it to bring to their appointment and facilitate a quicker session in the lab, they may do so upon request.**

**If any member of the lab staff tests positive for COVID within 3 days of working an in-person appointment, any participant families present on that shift will be immediately notified by the lab director or lab manager.**