



## CENTER FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

**TO:** University of Massachusetts Medical School Faculty and Staff

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**RE: CRC Protected Unit Opening Today**

In collaboration with our UMMHC colleagues, the UMCCTS has created dedicated space in the Clinical Research Center (ACC-1) for COVID-19+ patient research and oncology clinical visits.

This unit is located on ACC 1 in the rear half of the CRC Clinic Space. The rear door from the glass hallway on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, near the freight elevators, is now labeled “CRC Protected Unit” – this is the entry that clinicians and patients will be using to access the Protected Unit. Patients/Research Subjects will be met outside the building, masked and escorted into the building and unit by trained clinical/research staff members.

The rest of the CRC will be used to see COVID negative study participants; additional space is also available on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of ACC. Access to the regular CRC area has also been significantly restricted and closely monitored. Research personnel who plan to use the CRC to conduct research activity essential to the study subjects wellbeing must notify Anne Roussel at least 24 hours in advance.

As we work to address the constantly evolving need for resources necessary to combat this pandemic, we are appreciative of your efforts and patience. Every effort will be made to communicate changes to the research community in a timely manner in the days and weeks to come.