

# The HREB Chair emailed the SUNY New Paltz community on September 16, 2019, announcing the implementation of the New Revised Common Rule.

*Dear Researcher,*

*Human Subjects Research Guidelines have changed. The Office of Human Research Protections has implemented the revised common rule. This can be found on the HREB website and in the PACS library. The rule provides more flexibility in some areas but calls for greater protections in others.*

*The quick highlights include: 1) new requirements for informed consent, 2) major changes to the Exempt review categories, 3) greater specification of what is and is not considered human subjects research, 4) for Expedited research, continued approval will only be required in a limited number of cases, and 5) specifications about the secondary use of data for research and greater protections for personally identifiable information and biospecimens.*

*We have adapted our procedures and forms and the revised documents are available on the [Human Research Ethics Board \(HREB\) website](#) and in the PACS IRB Library. Please be sure to use the new forms and follow these new guidelines.*

*If you have any questions or would like to discuss how these changes might influence your research and HREB submissions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [HREBchair@newpaltz.edu](mailto:HREBchair@newpaltz.edu) or give me a call at 845-257-3476. You may also contact Roseann Merrill at [HREBcoordinator@newpaltz.edu](mailto:HREBcoordinator@newpaltz.edu) or by phone at 257-3282.*

*Maryalice Citera, Chair, Human Research Ethics Board*