

Dear Colleagues,

As many of you know, Boston Medical Center and Boston University are members of the Massachusetts Consortium on Pathogen Readiness (MassCPR). This initiative, led by Harvard Medical School, was convened one year ago with the mission to develop and invest in research projects and infrastructure to address the current global COVID-19 pandemic.

One of MassCPR's key initiatives has been their biological sample sharing platform, enabling members across the Consortium to access biospecimens to support their research. **All BMC and BU investigators are eligible to request samples for funded IRB-approved studies.** Samples are available at no cost. Samples include: PBMCs, plasma, serum, DNA, NP/OP swabs, saliva, sputum, urine, rectal swabs, stool, breastmilk, umbilical cord blood, placenta, and more. If you are interested in learning more about the MassCPR sample sharing platform, you may visit their webpage via the link below. If this is a resource you may be interested in using, we recommend that you [sign up for the MassCPR listserv and access to the intranet page](#), which includes information about research resources for MassCPR member investigators.

<https://masscpr.hms.harvard.edu/sample-sharing>

MassCPR requests that interested investigators inquire first with our internal **BMC/BU COVID-19 Biorepository** for sample needs *before* submitting a request to the MassCPR platform. We can help answer questions and discuss how your study can be supported with either BMC/BU samples or those from MassCPR. Our own BMC/BU COVID-19 Biorepository team can be contacted at [COVIDBiorepository@bmc.org](mailto:COVIDBiorepository@bmc.org) or you may learn more by visiting our website at:

<https://www.bmc.org/research/covid-biorepository>

We encourage our community to leverage this valuable resource to enable innovative COVID-19 research.

Sincerely,

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