

Conduct code proposal

The COVID Advocates Advisory Board (CAAB) is a group of civil society organizations and global health advocates committed to the principles of [Good Participatory Practice](#): that relevant stakeholders will be consulted in the design and conduct of the research in which they are invested—and that both ethical standards and scientific endpoints will be better served by doing so. This commitment comes from our engagement with human rights, social justice, and health equity.

To subscribe to the group, all you need to do is fill out a form. Participation is voluntary. However, it is necessary to adhere to the following standards, to defend and promote truthful information based on scientific evidence. Failure to adhere to the guidelines could result in an individual being removed from the group.

- The CAAB is intended to share information related to COVID response, research and development and access to health tools. We ask CAAB members to share messages that are of high interest to the entire group and/ or strictly related to COVID response.
- Our membership is based in mutual respect. We expect civility, supportive/constructive comments, and responses, etc. Although we are open to participants with a variety of opinions, this is not a forum for attacking others. **Personal attacks will not be tolerated.**
- We ask that you limit the number of emails you share. We all receive a lot of emails every day, and CAAB does not want to be an extra burden!
- Unless the message states otherwise, the CAAB emails cannot be shared outside our mailing list. Similarly, when appropriate, delete the email address from third parties, to preserve others' privacy.
- Rumors, unfounded information, or hoaxes with no scientific basis may not be spread. We work to address R&D hesitancy and ensure access to health tools, thus the information shared must be reliable and help us achieve this goal. If you doubt about the veracity of any information, you can:
 - o Use a Fact-Checker website,
 - o Check if the information comes from a reliable source (a peer reviewed publication, an organization working in science promotion, a team of researchers with a long experience and recognition in the field, etc.),
 - o Check the related bibliography,
 - o Ask other members of the CAAB, we will all love to help you!
- Do not spread publicity or marketing products.
- These rules may evolve or change from time to time as needed.

Again, we ask that everyone agree to abide by these guidelines. Violations of the rules of conduct or the purpose of the listserv may result in the exclusion from the group.