**COVID-19 Information for In-Person Research at a McMaster University Location**

**[Instructions for Researchers: Highlighted text are sections of the letter where you will need to provide and/or revise information. Please make edits as required and be sure to delete any highlighted instruction language]**

**Study Title: [study title]**

COVID-19 Risks

There remains a risk of exposure to COVID-19 from in-person contact. This includes any contact resulting from attending a research study in-person, where you will be in proximity to researchers, and potentially other people while travelling to the study site. Depending on the study, you may be in proximity to other research participants. There is also the risk of contracting the virus and transmitting it to third parties, including family members.

COVID-19 Precautions

This study will be following the [recommended precautions](https://hr.mcmaster.ca/employees/health_safety_well-being/measures-to-protect-yourself-and-others/) provided by the University health and safety unit (EOHSS).

* Researchers and research participants will wear a face-covering or mask. A mask can be provided to you if you do not have one.
* Physical distancing (of 2 meters) will be maintained between researchers and participants.
* Any surfaces or equipment touched by participants will be disinfected before each new participant attends the study.
* Researchers will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home if necessary. Your study appointment will be rescheduled if needed (i.e., no other researcher available to conduct the study).
* [include any additional precautions unique to your study]

This study includes multiple people participating in the … [If your study includes more than one participant attending at the same time (e.g., focus group), then state that here and address if and how precautions will be maintained (e.g., focus group participants will be seated 2 meters apart)].

This study includes procedures that require … [If your study procedures require a limitation on the precautions, then outline that here (e.g., distance cannot be maintained while attaching monitoring equipment to the participant, mask must be removed during recording of facial movements for analysis, etc.)].

**On the planned day of your appointment, if you are feeling unwell, have a confirmed cased of COVID-19 or live with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19, then please use the** [**Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment**](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/) **tool to determine whether you should reschedule your appointment. If you are directed by the tool to self-isolate, please contact the researcher.**

To reschedule your appointment or ask any questions about this study’s COVID-19 precautions, please contact [researcher name] at [phone and/or email].

Note that precautions may change based on the current risk level of COVID-19. The researcher will inform you, prior to your appointment, if any of the above information has changed after this letter was sent to you.