Villanova University

Environmental Health and Safety Department

In-Person Human Subjects Research COVID-19 Safety Plan

**Form Instructions:** Answer the following questions related to COVID-19 safety during your human subjects research activities. If you have not already received general permission to “return to research” from the Environmental Health & Safety Department, you may refer to your Department plan and address general lab safety considerations in this document as well. Once completed, submit to Matthew Pollart ([matthew.pollart@villanova.edu](mailto:matthew.pollart@villanova.edu)).

**PI Name:**

**IRB Protocol #:**

1. Please provide a brief overview of study procedures:
2. Describe physical interaction between individuals:
3. How will social distance be maintained between the subjects and between the researcher and the subjects?
   * 1. Will there be any contact within 6 feet? If so, please describe duration and provide a justification (subject to evaluation):
     2. Duration of session in total:
     3. Portion of session time where researcher and participant will be in the same room:
     4. What PPE will be used by the researcher and by the subjects?
     5. How will PPE be provided for the subjects?
4. What equipment (if any) will be used:
   1. How will equipment be sanitized:
5. How will the subjects and researchers be monitored for Covid-like symptoms before arriving to the research location?
6. What room(s) will be used (if on campus) and what are the posted capacities of those rooms if known?
7. How many subjects and researchers will be in the space at the same time?
8. How will proper mask wearing be ensured for researchers and participants?
9. How will you document subjects’ interactions in the event contact tracing is required in the future?
10. What are the hand washing/hand sanitizing arrangements for the subjects and the researchers?
11. What are the arrangements for eating/drinking (if applicable)?
12. What are the bathroom arrangements?
13. Will waste be generated by the subjects and if so, how will that waste be managed to protect the researcher and other members of the Villanova community?
14. What cleaning protocols will be used between subjects and at the end of the day?

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