

Information Sheet

Title of Study: Web-based Innovations Targeting Health (WITH)

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Introduction: MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions at St. Michael's Hospital is conducting research in order to understand how health and safety strategies have changes in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of this research is to obtain feedback from participants to better understand how physical distancing measures have impacted health and safety planning, as well as the best ways to modify strategies so that they are useful during this and future public health emergencies. We will be interviewing a variety of healthcare providers, content experts, and community members. We hope you will provide your input.

Before agreeing to take part in this study, please read the information in this information sheet. It includes details we think you need to know to help you decide if you wish to take part in the study. If you have any questions, please ask a member of the research team (contact information can be found at the end of this sheet).

Background/Purpose of the Research: The aim of this project is to study how health and safety planning strategies have changed during COVID-19-related physical distancing measures in order to develop new strategies that are relevant during these kinds of public health emergencies.

Description of Research: If you agree to participate, you will be asked to provide feedback about potential new strategies people might use to plan for their health and during the pandemic. No information that could identify you will be collected. We are asking you to take part as we are interested in gaining feedback from a diverse range of participants. We anticipate that the interview will last no longer than 15 minutes. You will receive a \$10 gift card to reimburse you for your time.

All participants will be reminded to keep the discussion confidential; but the investigators cannot guarantee that your information or responses will not be shared by other participants."

Potential Risks: This app will touch upon potentially sensitive issues related to relationships, substance use, conflict, and other health-related topics. However, we are not asking about your personal experiences, only your general opinions and perceptions. As such, we know of no direct risks to you.

Potential Benefits: While we know of no direct benefits to you of participating in the interview apart from the reimbursement for your time, your knowledge about these issues will help inform the development of modified health and safety strategies that may benefit people and help them improve their overall well-being.

Confidentiality and Privacy: The Research Team is committed to respecting your privacy. No information that reveals your identity (e.g. name) will be collected or published without consent unless required by law.

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All collected data will be securely stored at St. Michael's and accessible only to members of the research team and the St. Michael's Research Ethics Board, who may look at study records for the purpose of monitoring the study to ensure we are in compliance with privacy regulations. While we will be asking you to complete a demographic sheet which asks you to provide personal information such as your age, location of birth, Indigenous status, and experiences with partner violence, we will not be able to link this information to the answers you provide in the interview.

Participation and Withdrawal: Participation in this research study is voluntary. You can refuse to participate in this study, or leave this study at any time. If you decide to participate in this study you can change your mind without giving a reason, and you may decline to answer any question during that interview.

Research Ethics Board Contact: If you have any questions as a research participant you may contact Dr. David Mazer, Chair of the St. Michael's Research Ethics Board at 416-864-6060, extension 2557.

Study Contacts: If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Patricia O'Campo at patricia.ocampo@unityhealth.to or Phone: 416-864-5403 or Pearl Buhariwala at pearl.buhariwala@unityhealth.to or Phone: 416 864 6060 x 77474

Your consent to participate in this study is implied if you continue to take part in this interview.

Please keep a copy of this document for your records.

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