JHU Homewood COVID-19 Surveillance Study
September 2020

Participant Consent Information

You are being asked to participate in a research study. The purpose of this study is to measure the prevalence of infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in Johns Hopkins affiliates who live or work on the Homewood campus.

This study will enroll approximately 300 Johns Hopkins University affiliates who are accessing the Homewood Campus. Participants will complete a short questionnaire and have a nasal swab and a saliva specimen collected and tested for SARS-CoV-2 positivity (NAT) and the presence of antibodies to SARS-CoV-2. Participants will have access to their results through EPIC MyChart. Participants will be asked to provide 2 nasal samples a week and one saliva sample per week at Shriver Hall on the Homewood campus.

Undergraduate students living on campus will not have to provide nasal samples beyond the ones they are required to provide for mass-testing to live on campus. We will use the results from those tests in this study.

The risks for this study are minimal. The risks of taking a nasal swab include minor discomfort and a rare risk of infection. There is no additional risk associated with providing a saliva sample. There is a risk of being inconvenienced by having to go to Shriver Hall to provide samples twice each week. There is also a risk of feeling uncomfortable about answering questions and that information may become known to people outside of the study.

You are being asked to take part in this study because you are a Johns Hopkins University affiliate who is planning to come to the Johns Hopkins Homewood campus. We are asking your permission to access your prior and future COVID-19 test results and any data you enter into Prodensity for symptom reporting. By participating in this study, we may store your biospecimens and link your information for future COVID-related research.

The decision to participate in this research study is voluntary. You do not have to answer any questions you do not wish to, and you may stop at any time. You may refuse to answer any question(s) that make(s) you feel uncomfortable or upset(s) you. You may refuse to provide samples for research purposes. Your job or student status will not be jeopardized if you decided not to participate.

There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this study beyond routine testing data. However, the information obtained in this research may lead to a better understanding of the risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 at Johns Hopkins University and may help us make decisions on how to safely reopen the campus. For your participation in this study, you will be

given $50.00 in Amazon gift cards. Neither you nor your insurance company will be billed for lab costs associated with this study.

We will collect information about you in this study through a questionnaire and from the information you enter into Prodensity. The questionnaire collects demographic, job and residential location, symptoms, and COVID exposure information. People at Johns Hopkins who are involved in the study or who need to make sure the study is being done correctly will see the information. Because your order for the NAT and antibody test will be entered into your medical record or a medical record created for the purposes of this study, the study team will be accessing your medical record to both enter and to later view your test results. Your results may be reported (or reportable) to the Johns Hopkins COVID19 Call Center and city or state health departments.

We will continue to collect samples and information about you until the end of the study unless you tell us that you have changed your mind. If you change your mind and do not want your information to be used for the study, you must contact the Principal Investigator by using the contact information provided in this document. Your cancellation will not affect information already collected in the study, or information that has already been shared with others before you cancelled your authorization.

We try to make sure that everyone who needs to see your information uses it only for the study and keeps it confidential - but we cannot guarantee this.

If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to contact the Principal Investigator: Lauren Sauer at 410-735-6469 or lsauer2@jhmi.edu. You can also contact the study team directly at COVID19Study@jhu.edu.

The IRB can help you if you have questions about your rights as a research participant or if you have other questions, concerns, or complaints about this research study. You may contact the IRB at 410-502-2092 or jhmeirb@jhmi.edu.

By clicking on the “agree” button below you are indicating that you consent to participate in this study and have authorized access to your medical records for research purposes.

Please print out a copy of this consent page for your records.

Thank you for your time.

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