



DETAILED CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY

You are being invited to take part in the following research study: Beliefs & Coping with COVID-19

Researchers:

The persons conducting this study are Cory J. Cascalheira, Yuxuan Zhao, Tracie Hitter, and Na-Yeun Choi

WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES AND PROCEDURES OF THIS STUDY?

The purpose of the study is to better understand people's perceptions and behaviors regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus, and to compare experiences from around the world. For example, we are interested in beliefs about the likelihood of catching the virus, and severity of the virus, and in behaviors people are taking to cope with the virus.

This project involves a survey and includes questions about the coronavirus, government attitudes, mental health, perceived risk, and quality of life.

WHY ARE WE ASKING YOU TO PARTICIPATE FOR THIS STUDY?

You are being asked to participate in this study because you are an adult over the age of 18.

ARE THERE REASONS WHY YOU WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR THIS STUDY?

Yes. If you are a minor under the age of 18 years old.

It is important to let the Researchers know if you are in another research study. You should discuss this with the Researchers before you agree to participate in another research study while you are in this study.

WHAT IS THE DURATION?

Your participation in this research will last 15–20 minutes for one online survey. It will involve an anonymous, secure survey administered through Qualtrics.

WHERE IS THE STUDY GOING TO TAKE PLACE?

The research procedures will be conducted at a location that you select with Internet access.

WHAT IF NEW INFORMATION IS LEARNED DURING THE STUDY THAT MIGHT AFFECT YOUR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE?

You will be informed if the Researchers learn new information that could change your mind about staying in the study. You may be asked to sign a new informed consent form if the information is provided to you after you have joined the study.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS, RISKS, COSTS, and COMPENSATIONS OF PARTICIPATION?



Benefits

The Researchers cannot know if you will get any personal benefit from taking part in this study. However, there may be potential benefits for the public, such as knowing that you have contributed to understanding how the COVID-19 coronavirus has impacted beliefs and coping. Your data may help us to create better interventions to keep people safe.

Risks

The anticipated risks of participating in this study are minor. Questions about mental health may elicit emotional discomfort. If you experience discomfort at any time, you may discontinue participation without penalty. Participation in this study is voluntary.

If you need additional assistance with COVID-19, consider these resources:

- [NAMI COVID-19 Resource and Information Guide](https://www.nami.org/Support-Education/NAMI-HelpLine/COVID-19-Information-and-Resources/COVID-19-Resource-and-Information-Guide): <https://www.nami.org/Support-Education/NAMI-HelpLine/COVID-19-Information-and-Resources/COVID-19-Resource-and-Information-Guide>
- [Find a counselor or therapist](https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists) today: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists>
- If you want to harm yourself, call the Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- If you live in Texas, consider this toll free COVID-19 24/7 Support Line: 833-986-1919
- If you live in New Mexico, consider this toll free crisis line: 1-855-662-7474

If you believe you are hurt, distressed, or if you get sick because of something that is due to the study, you should immediately contact the Researchers and/or the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance at New Mexico State University [575-646-7177](tel:575-646-7177) ovpr@nmsu.edu.

Costs

There are no costs associated with taking part in this study.

Compensations

Unless you are an NMSU student, there is no compensation for this study. NMSU student *may* be eligible for course credit, such as extra credit. The researchers, however, are not responsible for this possibility. Please check with your instructor about using your participation in this study as extra credit.

WILL YOU BE GIVEN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS FROM THE STUDY?

For this study, you will not be given individual results.

CONFIDENTIALITY

No personal information will be collected. Your responses are anonymous. We neither track IP addresses nor ask for any identifying information. Your data will be stored on password-protected, encrypted computers.

Initially, access to the data will be limited to the primary investigator and co-investigators of this study. It is possible that the consent process and data collection will be observed by research oversight staff responsible for safeguarding the rights and well-being of people who participate in research. Your data also will be stored on the Open Science Framework (OSF) for secondary analyses. Storing your data



on the OSF allows other researchers to verify our findings and claims, a key step in science. In other words, this is how scientists “grade” each other’s work.

The findings and results of the study may appear publicly as scholarly or creative works for books, journals, news articles, presentations, conferences or other places.

WHERE WILL INFORMATION BE STORED AND FOR HOW LONG?

The information will be stored at four locations. First, given that this study is a collaboration with Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), electronic copies of this survey will be stored on the secure computer network at PLU. Second, your data will be stored in the Qualtrics survey software, for which the Department of Psychology at PLU holds a license. Third, a digital copy of your data will be accessible to the Researchers listed on this informed consent and stored on password-protected computers at New Mexico State University. Finally, after initial analyses, all responses will be stored on the Open Science Framework for secondary analyses.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS OR WANT TO WITHDRAW:

Participation in this study is strictly voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. Any data that you have entered may or may not be used in the analysis. However, since the data are anonymous, your data cannot be linked to your identity whether you leave the study or complete it.

The Researchers conducting the study may need to remove you from the study. This may occur for a number of reasons. You may be removed from the study if you are not able to follow the directions, they find that your participation in the study is more risk than benefit to you, or the agency paying for the study chooses to stop the study early for a number of scientific reasons.

The Researchers at New Mexico State University, Department of Counseling & Educational Psychology in charge of this study is Cory J. Cascalheira who may be reached at coryjc@nmsu.edu or (575) 323-1272. The Researchers are students and their faculty supervisors are Tracie Hitter, who may be reached at tlhitter@nmsu.edu, and Na-Yeun Choi, who may be reached at choina@nmsu.edu or (575) 646-6497.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about your rights as a participant in this research study, contact the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance at New Mexico State University 575-646-7177 ovpr@nmsu.edu.

A copy of this form is available for you to keep.

INFORMED CONSENT SIGNATURE PAGE

By clicking “I Agree,” you provide consent to participate in this survey. Click “I Agree” also indicates that you have read this informed consent document in its entirety.

3 ____ participant’s initials