

# **PREVENTION BEHAVIORS RELATED TO COVID-19 IN RURAL WASHINGTON**

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## **What You Should Know About This Study**

You are being asked to join a research study. The following information will tell you more about the purpose of the study, its risks and benefits, and your rights as a research participant. Please feel free to print out a copy of this page to keep. You may also contact the research team to ask any questions at any point during the study. You are free to choose if you will take part in the study, and you may quit the study at any time.

## **Purpose of the Study**

Researchers from Central Washington University (CWU) are interested in gathering information about the what people know, believe, and are doing to protect themselves from the “novel coronavirus”, which causes the COVID-19 disease. The goal of this research is to gain a better understanding of how to help individuals and families stay health during this disease outbreak. The results of this research will be used by the research team to share best practices to support rural communities through this outbreak.

## **What Will Happen if I Join the Study?**

If you agree to participate in this study, we will ask you a set of questions through this online survey form. It will take about 20 minutes of your time and will discuss things like your current knowledge and behaviors around COVID-19. We may ask you some questions about whether or not you or someone in your life has experienced symptoms of the COVID-19 disease. This information will not be shared outside of the research team in a form that can identify you. You will have the opportunity to share your email or mailing address so we can share more information about COVID-19 disease with you, if you choose. Participation in this study involuntary; you do not have to participate. You will not be compensated for participating in

this study but participants who complete a survey may be entered in a drawing for a gift card worth \$25. If you choose to participate and change your mind later, you may quit at any time, and we will ask you if we can use the information gathered up to that point.

### **What Information About Me Will Be Kept Private and What Information May Be Given Out?**

All information collected for this study is confidential and everything you share with us will be held in a locked file. If we report the results of this study, the people who participated in this study will not be named or identified in any way. We will not provide individual information to anyone outside of the research team unless we are compelled to disclose this information by law.

### **What Are the Potential Risks I Can Expect from This Study?**

The possible risks involved in studies like this one are a potential loss of confidentiality or privacy. We will make every effort to prevent this loss, by keeping information in locked or password protected electronic files. Some participants may feel uncomfortable discussing COVID-19 experiences, especially if the experience was particularly stressful; you may choose to skip any question you do not wish to discuss or to end your participation at any time without any penalty.

### **Will I Get Any Benefits from This Study?**

Although we cannot offer direct payment for joining this study, we hope that your participation will give us a better understanding of the experiences of individuals and families during a major pandemic event in order to build better support services and systems for future critical events.

### **Who Should I Contact for More Information?**

If you would like more information about this study, please contact:

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