

Parent Consent for Youth 11-17 INFORMED CONSENT

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Participant Study Title

EXCITE Program Evaluation

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY?

To test the effect of the EXCITE One Health curriculum in increasing 4-H youths' understanding and trust in immunization.

WHY AM I BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THIS RESEARCH?

You are being asked to participate in this study because you are involved in a 4-H program in Routt or Larimer County and are between the ages of 11-18 years old.

WHERE IS THE STUDY GOING TO TAKE PLACE AND HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

The study will take place during your regular 4-H program. During this time, you would complete one survey at the beginning of the One Health curriculum and two surveys afterwards. Each survey should only take 5-10 minutes to complete.

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED TO DO?

You will be asked to complete 3 brief online surveys asking questions about your opinions on immunization immediately before and after a new 4-H curriculum on animal and human immunization. These surveys will include questions about how youth think and feel about immunization, a few background questions (e.g., sex, ethnicity, health problems that would make immunization difficult or dangerous), and a few questions regarding your immunization-history, including whether or not you have received the human papillomavirus (HPV) and COVID-19 immunizations. Your name will not be collected, so no one else will know how you answered.

ARE THERE ANY BENEFITS FROM TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?

There may be no direct benefit to you as a participant in this study, but we hope to learn more about how youth receiving the 4-H One Health curriculum feel about immunization. This will help researchers better understand interventions and strategies to help youth feel that immunization is safe and important.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS?

While the level of risk is minimal, you may feel uncomfortable answering survey questions around immunization and immunization history.

It is not possible to identify all potential risks in research procedures, but the researcher(s) have taken reasonable safeguards to minimize any known and potential, but unknown, risks.

WILL I RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION FOR TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?

You will not be compensated for participating in this research.

WHO WILL SEE THE INFORMATION THAT I GIVE?

All information gathered in this study will be kept as confidential as possible. Your privacy is very important to us and the researchers will take every measure to protect it. Your information may be given out if required by law; however, the researchers will do their best to make sure that any information that is released will not identify you. No reference will be made in written or oral materials that could link your name to this study. For this study, we will assign a code to your data so that the only place your name will appear in our records is on the consent form. Only the research team will have access to the link between you, your code, and your data. All records will be stored in a restricted access folder on a restricted access drive at CSU for three years after completion of the study. After the storage time, information gathered including your name (e.g., consent forms) will be destroyed. While any information linking you to this study (e.g., consent form) will be destroyed at this time, the information you give could be used for future studies or distributed to another research project for future research studies without your permission. We may be asked to share the research files with the sponsor or the CSU Institutional Review Board ethics committee for auditing purposes. We may publish the results of this study; however, we will keep your name and other identifying information private.

The research team works to ensure confidentiality to the degree permitted by technology. It is possible, although unlikely, that unauthorized individuals could gain access to your responses because you are responding online. However, your participation in this online survey involves risks similar to a person's everyday use of the internet.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART IN THE STUDY?

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate in this study or in any part of this study. If you choose to participate in the study, you may withdraw without penalty to your experiences at 4-H. You will be encouraged to ask questions about this study at the beginning or any time during the research study.

