Consent Form

Cognitive Interviews for Measure of Effect of COVID-19 Social Distancing on Household Relationships

We are asking you to participate in an interview. The purpose of this interview is to help us review some of the questions included in a survey about the effects of social distancing on people’s relationships at home.

You may participate in the interview if: (1) you are or were practicing social distancing due to COVID-19; (2) you are/were living with at least one other person during the social distancing; and (3) you are 18 years of age or older.

By social distancing we mean reducing your physical contact with people outside of your home (e.g. in social, work, or school settings) to avoid transmission of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

If you agree to participate in this interview, you will be interviewed by a research assistant about your relationships with people in your home during social distancing. There are no right or wrong answers to the questions we will ask, we just want your opinion about some of the questions from the survey. The interview will take about 40 minutes. This interview can be conducted by phone or through an online web platform, Zoom.

Participation is voluntary and you may stop at any time. You may also choose not to answer any questions you would not like to answer. There are no expected risks to participating in this interview. Your participation will be kept confidential and the information you give us will be combined with the responses of others in a summary report that does not identify you as an individual.

We also request that you allow the interview to be audio-recorded. The audio-tape recording will only be heard by the research assistant working on the project. The only purpose of recording the interview is to allow us to review the interview. If you would rather that your interview not be recorded, or if any time during the interview you decide that you would like the recording to be stopped, please tell the research assistant and they will stop recording.

If you have any questions or comments about the research, please contact Victoria Behar-Zusman, PhD or Jennifer V. Chavez, MPH, CPH University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies, at 1- 305-284-1558 or elcentro@miami.edu. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact the University of Miami, Human Subject Research Office at hsro@miami.edu or 1- 305 243-3195.