# Appendix A: Sample Study Participant COVID-19 Information Sheet

***Note to researchers****: The Cornell safety measures outlined below may change over time. Please regularly consult the* [*Cornell IRB COVID-19 FAQs webpage*](https://researchservices.cornell.edu/resources/irb-covid-19-faqs) *for the most up-to-date version of this document.*

Thank you for volunteering to be a part of this research study. We want you to know that your safety is very important to us, and we also want to make sure that you are fully informed when you agree to be part of a study. We do this by obtaining your consent after informing you about the risks and benefits related to the research you will be participating in.

Presently in our community, there is still an existing risk: The novel coronavirus 2019 (called SARS-CoV-2), which causes the disease COVID-19. Unless otherwise noted in the specific consent form for the study you are participating in, we believe that the risk to you for contracting COVID-19 by participating in this research is no more than your risk for contracting this disease from going to another indoor public location in this community.

Please know that we are continuously monitoring the number of COVID-19 cases in our local community. In addition to adhering to local, state, and federal guidelines, Cornell is taking additional steps to ensure the safety of all visitors, students, faculty, and staff:

1. Cornell requires all students, faculty, and staff to receive a primary series of an approved COVID-19 vaccination, or obtain a medical or religious exemption.
2. At present, high quality masks are required when riding public transportation and in healthcare and COVID-19 testing facilities. Masks are strongly encouraged but not required in classroom settings. Please refer to the Cornell [masking policy webpage](https://covid.cornell.edu/prevention/face-coverings/) for up-to-date requirements.
3. Visitors to the Cornell Ithaca, Geneva, and Tech campuses should stay home if they feel ill, and are strongly encouraged to take an antigen test in advance of visiting campus. The researchers running this study will give you more information about any vaccination, testing, and masking requirements before your visit to campus.