**ADULT INFORMED CONSENT TEMPLATE:**

**General Format for ONLINE Surveys**

Revised: June 2024

Please complete the information inside the [brackets] and edit the text below the blue line to best suit your study's needs. If you have any questions, please contact the IRB Office at IRB@jcu.edu.

**[Insert Title of Study]**

This is a survey being conducted by [student/staff/faculty] researchers from John Carroll University [and other institutions, if applicable]. In this study, [I/we am/are] trying to [hypothesis or purpose of your study]. You will be asked to complete the following survey, which should take approximately [number] minutes. During this survey, you may [experience possible risks or discomforts, if applicable.] If at any time you [experience any negative reaction or] do not want to participate anymore, you may close your browser and leave the survey.

[If concealment is being used, you may add, “Some information about the study's purpose is being withheld from you to improve data quality. You will be fully debriefed at the end of the survey on the purpose of the study.”]

Your name or any other identifier will not be collected in this survey, and your personal data will not be identified in the results. All responses will be kept completely confidential. [Include one of the following two statements: “Your de-identified data could be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without your additional informed consent.” or “Your de-identified data will not be used or distributed for future research studies.”]

[The next paragraph is optional and suggested for surveys of private, sensitive, or potentially embarrassing information.]

Please realize that there are risks to participating in internet-based research regarding potential breaches of privacy or anonymity. Be aware that some employers monitor employee internet usage. Please be sure to close your internet browser once you have finished the survey to protect your privacy. In addition, you can further safeguard your privacy by deleting the webpage history from your browser after closing the survey link.

Although participation in this study may not benefit you directly, we believe that the information obtained will [describe the knowledge or understanding you anticipate gaining]. Participants in this study will receive [describe compensation, such as payment or an entry into a drawing, if applicable. If no compensation is offered, say “no compensation.”]

Your participation is completely voluntary. You may quit the survey or skip any question at any time without penalty. [If your survey has forced responses, delete the phrase “or skip any question at any time.”] There is no loss of benefits if you choose to leave the survey [, but compensation will only be provided upon completion, if applicable].

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, please contact [name of the researcher(s)] at [email or phone number(s) of the researcher(s)]. If you have questions or concerns about the rights and welfare of research participants, please contact the John Carroll University Institutional Review Board Administrator at irb@jcu.edu or (216) 397-1527.

By continuing with this survey, you confirm that you have read and understand the information above, that you are at least 18 years of age [and other possible inclusion/exclusion criteria], and that you consent to participate. If you do not consent to participate, please exit this survey or close your browser.

[Insert a page break here so participants must “click” to enter the survey.]