**UNCG iGROW STUDY:   
COVID 19 INFORMATION SHEET FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS**

Coronavirus disease (COVID 19) is a contagious illness that can spread from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

The research team on the iGROW Study is still taking precautionary measures to keep you safe during your research visit to campus. We want you to feel comfortable and safe during your research visit and we want to remind you that your *participation in any research project is completely voluntary and you have a right to withdraw from the research study at any time*.

We have modified many research protocols and added procedures to address COVID-19 specific issues. *Our goal is to minimize the amount of time that you need to spend in the lab and to follow CDC guidance in protecting you and the research staff while you are in the lab*. Whenever possible, you will complete forms online prior to your lab visit and you will interact with only 1-3 staff members during each visit. Below we have outlined all the research-specific procedural changes that have been implemented in our research labs in response to COVID-19. Please let us know if you have any questions about any of these items.

1. All research staff completed an online training about COVID 19 provided by UNC Greensboro and were required to submit their quiz grades to the project manager.
2. All research staff are screened daily for COVID 19 symptoms and possible exposures. If any report symptoms or exposure(s), they will not come to campus until they have met the specifications provided by the CDC regarding when they can be around others.
3. All research staff will wear a surgical grade disposable face mask while interacting with participants. A fresh mask will be used for each visit.
4. If the staff member on the visit, or you as the participant prefers, the staff member will also wear a face shield, a disposable protective gown and/or disposable gloves. Fresh masks, gowns, and gloves will be used for each visit in this case. The face shield will be sanitized between each use.

*Initial below for each item, if you would prefer your experimenter to wear one of the following (in addition to their face mask and gloves when colleting biospecimens)*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Face Shield \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Disposable Protective Gown \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gloves*

1. All research participants are screened for COVID 19 symptoms and possible exposures prior to entering our research areas. Individuals that have COVID 19 symptoms, are feeling unwell, or have known exposures will be asked to leave and their visit will be rescheduled.
2. Non-participating children may accompany participating mothers and children on data collection visits if childcare by one of our staff members is needed. The COVID-19 screener must be completed about these children and if they are older than 3 they must wear a mask. We can provide one if needed. The staff member who babysits will wear a mask and the items noted above in number 4 if desired by either party.
3. Participating mothers and children 3 and older must wear a mask during the visit. Mothers will be asked to wear clear masks so we can see facial expressions during the video-taped interactive tasks. We will provide disposable masks for other children, if needed. If mothers refuse to wear a mask, the visit will be terminated in the parking lot.
4. Signs are posted on all entry doors and restroom doors in our building that state: research with human subjects is conducted in this building, including children under 2 years who cannot wear masks. Please help us keep them and you safe by wearing a mask in hallways, restrooms, and other shared areas.
5. Your visit will involve a total of 4-5 people: you, your baby, and 2-3 staff members, depending on the type of your visit. Only one participating family will be in any of our observation rooms at a time; we do not schedule overlapping visits. There is no group waiting area.
6. Hand washing facilities and/or hand sanitizer are available in all lab spaces. All research staff will wash/sanitize their hands before and after procedures requiring touching your child (i.e. measuring skinfolds), and procedures requiring wearing gloves (i.e. urine specimen collection). Hand washing/sanitizing hygiene is posted in the lab in numerous locations and strict adherence to these policies is required by all research staff.
7. You will be asked to wash/sanitize your hands and your infants’ hands upon arrival to the lab space.
8. We have altered our standard toy set to only include hard/vinyl surfaces (no plush toys; board books replaced by vinyl bath books) to facilitate effective cleaning. We use freshly laundered blankets and covers/pads on child restraint buckles for each visit.
9. All data collection equipment and hard surfaces are disinfected using EPA approved solutions known to kill COVID 19 *after every research participant*. Specific products depend on availability. This includes items such as pens, toys, keyboards, chairs, iPads in sleeves, as well as specialized equipment used in research (i.e. heart rate monitors etc). There is a 1-hour buffer between scheduled visits to allow ample time for cleaning.
10. You may ask us to re-disinfect/sanitize study materials in front of you if you wish.
11. If any specific procedure makes you uncomfortable, you can ask to opt out of that procedure.

As part of this process, we are asking you to pledge to help us keep everyone safe. By initialing these statements, you agree to adhere to these behaviors and expectations. A similar form has been completed by each research staff member.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to monitor my health; and if I or my baby/children are diagnosed with COVID-19 within the next 2 weeks, I will contact the research staff.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that while UNCG research staff are able to mitigate risk by using these procedures, they cannot reduce the risk of me contracting COVID-19 while at UNCG to zero. I accept this risk and acknowledge my risk category.

By signing this form, you agree that you have read this information, been allowed to ask questions and had these questions answered by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (research staff member).

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Participant Signature Date