ASPIRE: Activity Safety Planning and Infection Risk Estimator for COVID-19

Informed Consent Form

This consent form is written for any user interested in measuring the risk of their activities in the Philippines and is of 18 years of age or older. No other criteria will be required from the participants. Their voluntary participation will be significant to the research study.

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The researchers' names and email addresses are listed above. If you have any questions or issues about the study, please contact the researchers. If a participant does not understand particular concepts or terminology, the researchers will take the time to explain them. Rest assured that you can take time to consider whether or not you wish to participate.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide to participate in this study, it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what your participation will involve. Please read the following information carefully and feel free to ask the researchers if there is anything that is not clear or if you need more information.

The purpose of the study is to provide Filipinos a website where they can estimate the risk of getting COVID-19 during activities that they would like to do in the pandemic. For example, the risk of getting the virus in activities such as buying in the mall and eating in a fast food place can be estimated on the website. You can experiment with adding different safety measures in the estimation to understand how each measure helps reduce the risk. You have been chosen to participate in this study as we entrust you the role of simply testing the website and providing feedback to the researchers. This will help the website become better and easier to use.

STUDY PROCEDURES

Respondents of this study will be asked to answer a survey using Google Forms after navigating through the website. The survey contains questions relating to the usability, accessibility, and inclusivity of the website. Additional requirements in answering the survey would be their age, the device used, and location for activity analysis. Rest assured that the obtained data from the survey will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Selected participants who agreed to be interviewed for this study will be asked to perform a software test in a call with the researchers. During the test, the participants will be given a set of tasks to perform on the website. The participants need not to turn on their cameras but only share their screen. Once the participants have completed the tasks they may continue to explore the website, otherwise the session will move to the interview.

Participants will be asked to share their experiences during the website in order to gain insight on possible improvements.

DURATION

The test time and interview time are estimated to take approximately 1-2 hours combined.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

Your participation in this study is voluntary. It is up to you whether or not you decide to participate. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to sign this consent form. After you sign this consent form, you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason. Withdrawing from this study will not affect the relationship you have, if any, with the researcher. If you withdraw from the study before data collection is completed, your data will be destroyed.

You can withdraw from the study at any time. You will not receive any sanction if you decline participation. At the end of the data collection, you can review all the data you have provided and can edit anything before submitting.

RISKS

The study shall be conducted completely online and there will be no contact or special equipment besides the device used to connect to the website. As such, physical risks to you are kept to a minimum.

You may decline to answer any or all questions and you may withdraw your participation at any time if you choose.

BENEFITS

There will be no direct benefit to your participation in the study. However, your valuable feedback will help improve future users' experiences in using the website. As a result, you and many other users will be able to use a complete and finalized version of the website, allowing you to self-examine and assess whether your planned activities are safe and not susceptible to the COVID-19 virus. This may also increase your awareness of their day-to-day plans and to exercise caution.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Your responses in this research will be anonymous. Every effort will be made by the researcher to preserve your confidentiality, including the following:

- The data we will collect from you will not include any personal information that can be used to identify you. Through that, we can ensure confidentiality of your information.
- Any recordings, transcripts and notes from the interview will be kept confidential by the researchers and only they have access to them.
- Interviews that the researchers will conduct will not require you to turn on your camera. However, we will require you to share your screen as we will monitor your interaction with the website.

CONTACT INFORMATION

This study was approved by the Research Ethics Review Committee of De La Salle University. If you have any questions at any time about this study, or if you experience any non-normative sensations as a result

of participation, you may contact the researchers whose contact information is on the first page. If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, or if problems arise which you do not feel you can discuss with the Principal Investigator, please feel free to contact the Director of the Research Ethics Office, Dr. Nelson B. Arboleda, Jr., at REO@dlsu.edu.ph or by calling (632) 524-4611 local 513.

CONSENT

[This section is mandatory]

I have read the provided information, or it has been read to me. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about it and any questions I have been asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that I will be given a copy of this form, and the researcher will keep another copy on file. I consent voluntarily to be a participant in this study.

Print Name of Participant_____

Signature of Participant _____

Date _____

Day/month/year

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[If the participant is illiterate [1]]

I have witnessed the accurate reading of the consent form to the potential participant, and the individual has had the opportunity to ask questions. I confirm that the individual has given consent freely.

Print name of witness_____

Signature of witness _____

Date _____

Day/month/year

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[1] A literate witness must sign (if possible, this person should be selected by the participant and should have no connection to the research team