

INFORMATION SHEET
HOW TO HELP MODERATORS BETTER REGULATE COVID-19 MISINFORMATION?
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You are invited to participate in a research study that investigates ways that help Reddit moderators better regulate COVID-19 misinformation on Reddit. If you agree to be part of the research study, you will be asked to describe your moderation experience pertaining to COVID-19 misinformation, and support/tools that would be helpful to you. Additionally, we will also ask you about your demographic information including age, gender, occupation, and country of residence. Providing this information is completely voluntary.

Benefits of the research: Results from our study can help us better understand how Reddit moderators currently deal with COVID-19 misinformation, and what they need in order to better regulate COVID-19 misinformation.

Risks and discomforts: We will ask you to recall specific instances of encountering COVID-19 misinformation, which could result in some discomfort for you.

Compensation: You will receive a \$30 Amazon gift card for participating. We will need to collect your email address, which will not be shared, to send you this gift card. Compensation is also optional if you don't want it.

Participating in this study is completely voluntary. Even if you decide to participate now, you may change your mind and stop at any time. You may choose not to answer some of the interview questions and/or continue with the interview for any reason. Additionally, we will protect the confidentiality of our interview by storing all relevant data in storage approved by U-M safe computing (<https://safecomputing.umich.edu/>).

If you have questions about this research study, please contact Lia Bozarth and Ceren Budak.

As part of their review, the University of Michigan Institutional Review Board Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences has determined that this study is no more than minimal risk and exempt from on-going IRB oversight.