

Institutional Review Board  
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**Title of Project:** Health Outcomes and Behaviors in Transgender, Non-Binary, and Gender Non-Conforming People Living in Florida

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**Purpose of the Study:** To describe health outcomes and health behaviors among a sample of transgender, nonbinary, and gender non-conforming people living in Florida. This study will also identify information to provide better healthcare services to transgender individuals.

**Procedures to be followed:** You will be asked to answer questions in a survey about socio-demographics, emotions, sexual behaviors, substance use, HIV prevention, technology use, COVID-19, gender identity, disclosure, access and use of medical care, and gender-related discrimination.

**Duration:** It will take about 15-20 minutes to complete the survey.

**Research Benefits:** There is no direct benefit to you for being in this study. However, this study may provide a significant indirect benefit to participants and researchers alike via knowledge gained. Knowledge gained will help inform future healthcare and interventions to improve care for this population. There may be a benefit to others, particularly other people in the LGBTQA+ community depending on the results of this study.

**Research Risks:** The primary risks of participation in this study are related to the confidentiality of the information and the collection of research data. We are not collecting any identifiable confidential information, but we are collecting data about sensitive topics such as gender identity and discrimination, potential exposure to COVID-19, COVID-19 vaccination, and illegal substance use history. Some people can experience discomfort with some types of questions. You will always have the option to stop participating in the study or choose not to answer any question on the survey that could make you feel uncomfortable.

**Statement of Confidentiality:** Your participation in this research is confidential. The survey does not ask for any information that would identify who the responses belong to.

**Right to Ask Questions:** Please contact our study team at 352-888-4375 with questions or concerns about this study.

**Payment for Participation:** Participants will receive a \$20 gift card upon completion of the survey.

**Privacy Authorization:** Your anonymous survey data is put into a deidentified secure database where only authorized people including the research team, the Institutional Review Board, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Human Research Protections, or other Government agencies can see it.

**Voluntary Participation:** Your decision to be in this research is voluntary. You can stop at any time. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to answer. If you choose not to take part, this will not affect your current or future health care. If you have any questions about your rights as a research subject, you can phone the Institutional Review Board on 352-273-9600.

Completion and return of the survey imply that you have read the information in this form and consent to take part in the research. Please keep this form for your records or future reference.