

California State University, Dominguez Hills

Consent to Act as a Research Subject

The influence of the COVID-19 pandemic on college students of color and their experience with returning to campus.

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Before you give your consent to volunteer, it is important that you read the following information and ask as many questions as necessary to be sure that you understand what you will be asked to do.

Investigators: Co-Investigator: Jeannicet Bello, Graduate Student, Department of Sociology, California State University, Dominguez Hills, (323)353-4395.
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Purpose of the Study:

This study will examine the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on college students of color, evaluate the importance of health protocols, and assess the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on everyday living, and mental well-being, and experiences of unfairness among college students from communities of color. This study will also examine the impact of returning to campus during the COVID-19 pandemic. Close to about 100 college students of color (18 years or older) currently attending a CSU university, a UC university, a private university, a trade/vocational school, or a community college will be interviewed through a survey.

Description of the Study:

You will be asked to complete an online survey about your experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic and your comfort in returning to campus. Questions are about your socio-demographic information, social relations, health, daily activities, feelings, moods, and comfortability with returning to campus. Your responses to the survey are completely voluntary, and you have the right to skip any questions you do not wish to answer. To be eligible for this, you need to be at least 18 years old, currently in college, and a student of color. If your responses indicate that you are not eligible, the information obtained during screening will be omitted from the study and removed to protect your privacy.

Risks or Discomforts: Because of the unique nature of the questions included in the survey, there could be occasions where you may recall unpleasant experiences or feelings. If you start to feel uncomfortable, you may discontinue your participation, either temporarily or permanently, and it will not impact your relationship with the researcher. The following community resources are available if you begin to sense discomfort:

Crisis Text Line- Text 741741

Benefits of the Study:

Findings from this study may help the research community and policymakers design appropriate policies to assist college students of color. However, there is no guarantee that you will receive any direct benefits from participating in this study.

Confidentiality:

We assure you that your information will only be used in academic research and kept confidential during this process.

Incentives to Participate: There is no incentive.

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Voluntary Nature of Participation: Participation in this study is voluntary. Your choice of whether or not to participate will not influence your future relations with California State University, Dominguez Hills. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and stop your participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled.

Questions about the Study: *If you have any questions about this study or your rights as a participant, you may call the principal investigator Kelin Li (310)-243-3457 or the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects at CSUDH, (310)243-2136.*

- By clicking this box indicates that you have read the information in this document and have had a chance to ask any questions you may have about the study. Your signature also indicates that you agree to be in the study and have been told that you can change your mind and withdraw your consent. You have been given a copy of this consent form. You have been told that by signing this consent form, you are not giving up any of your legal rights by signing this consent form.

Subject recruitment and data collection may not be initiated prior to formal written approval from the California State University, Dominguez Hills Institutional Review Board