HostSeq COVID-19 DATABANK

Participant Informed Assent Form

Study Title: HostSeq – Canadian COVID-19 Human Host Genome Sequencing Databank

Principal Investigator: Insert name, department and contact information

Co-Investigator(s):

Manager/Coordinator:

Study Funder:

Why do you want to talk to me?
We want to tell you about a research study we are doing. A research study is a way to learn more about something. We would like to find out more about COVID-19 (the corona virus disease).

You are being asked to join the study because you were diagnosed with COVID-19.

If I join the study, what will I be asked to do?
If you agree to join this study, you will be asked to have your information kept in a bank, called databank, this information will be used by scientists to learn more about the COVID-19 and in future research.

Data bank is like a library that stores books and uses them, but instead, stores information (data) for research.

We will ask you, your doctors and other places that already have information about you for data. That includes some personal information about yourself and your health, as well information such as your age, where you come from, and your family’s health.

This data bank is keeps its data in Canada, on computer servers that are on the internet.

Will any part of the study hurt?
This study will not hurt because we are only collecting information.

There is a small risk that someone may see information about you that are not supposed to, but the research staff has taken all possible steps to try to make sure that this doesn’t happen.
Will the study help me?
Being a part of this study may not make you feel better directly, but we hope that the information that we learn from this study can help doctors and scientists to help other people in the future.

Do I have to join the study?
You do not have to join this study. It is up to you. You can say okay now and change your mind later. All you have to do is tell us you want to stop. No one will be mad at you if you don’t want to be in the study or if you join the study and change your mind later and stop. We are talking to your parents/guardians about the study and you should talk to them about it too.

Do my parents/guardian know about this study?
This study was explained to your parents/guardian and they said that we could ask you if you want to be in it. You can talk this over with them before you decide.

What if I have questions?
Before you say yes or no to being in this study, we will answer any questions you have. If you join the study, you can ask questions at any time. Just tell the researcher that you have a question.

If you have any questions about this study please feel free to ask [Insert Study Contact name and contact #].

Assent (for the study team to complete):

I have discussed this research study with ___________________________ using language which is understandable and appropriate for the participant. I believe that I have fully informed him/her of the nature of the study and its possible risks and benefits. I believe the participant understood this explanation and assent to participate in this study.

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