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Consent for Exempt Research
The Pennsylvania State University

Title of Project: Research collaboration and transparency within the Cuban Immigration and Health Study (CIHS): Community Research Updates and participant feedback

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You are being invited to volunteer to participate in a research study. This summary explains information about this research.

- The purpose of this study is to collect feedback, emotional responses, and interpretations of the results of the Cuban Immigration and Health Study (CIHS) through hosting periodic Community Research Updates. During this event, you will be shown the results of the CIHS and participate in a variety of activities to collect your interpretations, feedback, and emotional responses to the project.
- For this research, you will be asked to participate in activities where you share your interpretations of the study and any feedback you may have about the results. This may occur through a think-pair-share activity, where you will work in a group to interpret results and provide your feedback using a large sticky note or through a virtual platform, like Google Slides. You will also be asked to submit responses to questions using Mentimeter, which you can access through your phone. Lastly, you will be asked to complete a short online survey on Qualtrics, which can also be accessed through your phone. Photos and videos will be taken during the event that will be used for research purposes and for sharing the event through Margarita's website and social media. By participating in this community event, you consent to have your photos and videos used in this capacity.
- Your photo will be taken, and all events will be video recorded during both in-person and virtual events. Photos and videos will be used for research purposes and for sharing the event through Margarita's website and social media. By participating in this community event, you consent to having your photos and videos used in this capacity.
- If you would not like to have your feedback, photos, or videos recorded, you may not participate in this study.
- If you begin participating in the event and you change your mind and would like to withdraw consent, please contact Margarita directly at (954) 696-3502 or through email at mzh235@psu.edu.
- There is a risk of loss of confidentiality if your information or your identity is obtained by someone other than the investigators, but precautions will be taken to prevent this from

happening. The confidentiality of your electronic data created by you or by the researchers will be maintained as required by applicable law and to the degree permitted by the technology used. Absolute confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.

- All records for this study are protected with Penn State's firewall and will be saved on Margarita's Penn State OneDrive account. Data will be accessed through Margarita's personal computer, which is password protected.
- Information collected in this project may be shared with other researchers, but we will not share any information that could identify you.
- This research is covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. This means that the researchers cannot disclose information that identifies you to anyone not connected with the research. This protection also prevents this information from being used or disclosed for legal proceedings, such as being accessed through a court order. The Certificate of Confidentiality, however, does not prevent disclosures required by law, such as information about child abuse or neglect and harm to yourself or others. Also, your information may be disclosed in accordance with any consent you provide, including for your medical treatment or use in other research. Additionally, the Certificate of Confidentiality does not prevent your information from being disclosed to the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) in order for it to evaluate or audit the research, or prevent disclosures required to meet FDA requirements. For additional information ask the principal investigator or a member of the study team or contact the Human Research Protection Program at (814) 865-1775.

If you have questions, complaints, or concerns about the research, you should contact Margarita Hernandez at (954) 696-3502 or George Perry at (814) 863-7654. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject or concerns regarding your privacy, you may contact the Human Research Protection Program at 814-865-1775.

Your participation is voluntary and you may decide to stop at any time. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to answer.

Your participation implies your voluntary consent to participate in all research activities during the event and to permit the use of your photos and video recording for public use (e.g., website).