



LETTER OF INITIAL CONTACT

Dear Potential Participant,

Re: Research Study - Operation COVID - Canadians' Occupations during Viral Infection Days: A New Normal?

We are writing to inform you of a study and to invite you to participate in a technology based one-on-one interview regarding our research topic. The purpose of this study is to capture the changes in daily and social activities with the advent of COVID-19, how people are adjusting to these changes and to identify potential solutions to address issues moving forward.

You are a potential participant for this study if:

- You can speak and understand spoken and written English
- You are a Canadian over the age of 19
- You have access to technology and Internet

Participation in the study is voluntary. If you choose not to participate, your care will not be affected in any way. **If you choose to participate, you will be asked to participate in a survey and a 45-60 minute interview, with a researcher in an online platform called Zoom®.**

The principal investigator of the research study, Dr. Bill Miller is a Vancouver Coastal Health Research Scientist working at GF Strong and a professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of British Columbia. Co-investigator Dr. Ben Mortenson is an Occupational Therapist and Associate Professor in the department of OSOT at UBC. He has training in gerontology and rehabilitation science, with a specialization in qualitative methods. Co-investigator Dr. Jaimie Borisoff has a bachelor of applied sciences in engineering and sciences as well as a Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of British Columbia. He is also a adjunct professor for the department of occupational science and occupational therapy for the university of British Columbia. Co-investigator Holly Reid is an Occupational Therapist and recent graduate from UBC. She has experience working in the field of mental health, and has experience collecting and analyzing qualitative data.

For more information about the study or to arrange for your participation, contact **Dr. Bill Miller** or the study coordinator **Colleen O'Melinn at 604-734-1313 extension 6292 or by email at colleen.omelinn@ubc.ca.**

Sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Miller'.

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