

## Research Participant Database Information Letter

### Introduction

The purpose of the Research Participant Database is to provide an easy way to connect people who are interested in taking part in research with local researchers. By joining, you'll receive information about research studies that may interest you. By participating in these studies you will contribute to scientific knowledge, learn about local research, and in some studies you may receive payment or other incentives

You are **never obligated** to take part in any of the study opportunities that are sent to you, and you're welcome to leave the participant database at any time. If you're interested in joining the participant database, please read the information below:

### How to join the database

You must be 19 years or older to join the participant database, or a university or college student. You may fill in the attached form or answer the questions free form and email it to [participate@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:participate@grenfell.mun.ca). You can also call 709-639-4872. Parents or guardians of minors who are interested in allowing their children to take part in research specific to their age group are asked to indicate this in the form below. Please only include the date of birth and gender, and not the name. If there is a research opportunity for your minor child, the researcher will contact you.

### How to leave the database

At any time, if you wish to no longer be in the participant database, you can contact us at [participate@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:participate@grenfell.mun.ca) or 709-639-4872 to be removed.

### Benefits

By being in the participant database, you will receive research opportunities that may be of interest to you. Taking part in these studies will help contribute to scientific understanding of different topics. You will learn more about the research process, and you may receive monetary or other incentives specific to each study you choose to participate in. Not all studies will provide incentives to participate, but each study will clearly lay out the benefits before you agree to participate.

### Risks

There are no anticipated risks for joining the participant database. Any risks for taking part in an individual study will be clearly explained before you agree to participate.

### Confidentiality and Storage of Data

By joining the participant database, you will provide contact information, and some personal information. This information will be securely stored on a password protected computer in a password protected file. It will only be accessible to the managers of the database, and, and to approved

researchers. A researcher must have their study approved by a research ethics board in order to receive your contact information. The researcher will destroy all files containing your contact information after they contact you, regardless of whether you choose to participate or not.

### **Length of Time**

Answering the questions to enter the participant database will take about five minutes of your time.

### **Questions**

If you have any questions you can contact us at **709-639-4872** or **participate@grenfell.mun.ca**.

### **Ethics Approval**

All research study opportunities will have been reviewed and approved by ethics boards acting in accordance with the Canadian Tri-Council Policy Statement for research involving human participants. This means that all projects have been examined to ensure that they're following ethical principles and procedures, such as informing participants of potential risks and benefits to the research.

The creation of this participant database has been reviewed and given ethics approval by **Interdisciplinary Committee on Ethics in Human Research**. If you have ethical concerns about this participant database, you may contact the **Ethics Office at 709-864-2561, or through Email at icehr@mun.ca**.

**Participant database**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOB (month and year)** \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)

**Gender** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location** \_\_\_\_\_ (municipality & postal code)

**Contact (only need to provide one form of contact)**

**Phone (cell)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (home)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (other)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred mode of contact:**

phone cell

phone home

phone other

email

**Do you have children (age 0-19) under your care who would be interested in participating in research?**

Yes

No

If yes, list their month/year of birth and gender(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please save & email this form to:** [participate@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:participate@grenfell.mun.ca)

**Call:** 709-639-4872 (please leave a message if no one answers)