



July 2, 2021

Dear Prospective Participant,

I invite you and constituents in your organization to participate in a research study titled "*Perception and Preferences of Face Coverings by Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.*" My name is Katie Curry, and I am currently enrolled in the Doctor of Audiology program at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, AR.

The purpose of this research study is to explore the perception and preferences of face coverings by interpreters of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The COVID-19 pandemic over the past year has impacted communication for many people, and we would like to help shape future use and development of face coverings, especially for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals who use interpreter services. It is a goal of this study to publish this data.

Your participation in this research project is completely voluntary. You may decline altogether.

There are no known risks to participation beyond those encountered in everyday life. To ensure your confidentiality, we are not collecting any identifying information that could be used to identify you. Data are being collected via the online platform, REDCap, and in an anonymous manner. The raw data will only be viewed by the research team (Katie and Dr. Atcherson).

If you agree to participate in this project, please answer the questions on the questionnaire as best you can. It should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Please complete the online survey as soon as possible.

To access the online survey, please [click here](#).

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact Katelyn Curry at ktcurry@uams.edu or Dr. Sam Atcherson at sratcherson@uams.edu. Information on the rights of human subjects in research is available through the UAMS Institutional Review Board (<http://irb.uams.edu/>).

Thank you for your assistance in this important endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Katelyn Curry, B.S., Principal Investigator

Samuel R. Atcherson, Ph.D., Faculty Research Advisor