



### **COVID-19 Study Information Sheet for Employees**

This form serves as an information sheet for potential participants and will be posted on the ICTR's website dedicated to COVID-19 related research opportunities for JHU/JHHS employees.

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**Title:** A proactive risk assessment to identify barriers to and strategies for appropriate social distancing among healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Sponsor**

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**Description**

This is a quality improvement study aimed at identifying how to best practice physical distancing in the healthcare setting by developing and implementing a physical distancing toolkit. The toolkit will be developed using data collected from Bluetooth monitoring and observations of physical distancing practices on the unit floor. Bluetooth monitoring will continue following toolkit implementation.

**Who Are the Participants in the Trial?**

Healthcare workers over 18 years of age who work in Nelson 3 at JHH.

**Are There Any Interventions?**

Bluetooth monitors will be made available to healthcare workers on Nelson 3, to be worn throughout their shifts to document physical distancing practices. PHI will not be collected. Observations of physical distancing practices will also occur on the unit floor by a human factors engineer on two separate occasions at five unit locations each. Results will lead to development of a physical distancing toolkit, which will be implemented on the unit floor. Bluetooth monitoring will continue after toolkit implementation.

**Will Any of My COVID-19 Test Results Be Available to Johns Hopkins Occupational Health or My Supervisor?**

Not applicable. COVID-19 tests will not be performed.

**Will I Be Paid for My Participation in the Study?**

No.

**Where Do I Have to Go for Study Visits?**

No.

**Contact Person**



If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to contact the study team directly at:

Alejandra Salinas ([asalina4@jhmi.edu](mailto:asalina4@jhmi.edu)). Please note all unit staff in Nelson 3 will be notified directly of the Bluetooth monitoring by their unit director and the study team. Observations will not require recruitment.