

ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Human Subjects Research Review Board

SAMPLE INFORMED CONSENT – To Be Used For Non-Exempt Research (It is not necessary to use this form for survey research in which return of questionnaire gives implied consent.)

The following suggestions are offered as guidelines. The exact language is the decision of the researcher. Keep in mind, however, that the Institutional Review Board must determine if the participants will be giving informed consent. (Note: that in the case of children, it is assent).

Dear (student, parent, sir, madam, etc.):

We are conducting a study to determine _____. In this study, you (your child/ward) will be asked to _____. Your participation should take about _____ minutes.

There are no risks to you (your child/ward). OR

The only risks to you (your child/ward) include _____.

All information will be handled in a strictly confidential manner, so that no one will be able to identify you (your child/ward) when the results are recorded/reported.

Your (your child’s/ward’s) participation in this study is totally voluntary and you may withdraw at any time without negative consequences. If you wish to withdraw at any time during the study, simply _____.

Please feel free to contact _____ (names(s), title(s) of principal researchers) at _____ phone) if you have any questions about the study. Or, for other questions, contact the Director of Institutional Research (815-224-0540).

If the participant is of age (18 years old or older), use:

I understand the study described above and have been given a copy of the description as outlined above. I am 18 years of age or older and I agree to participate.

Signature of Participant Date

If the participant is not of age, use:

I understand the study described above and have been given a copy of the description as outlined above. I agree to allow my child/ward to participate with his/her assent when possible.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

ASSENT format:

I understand what I must do in this study and I want to take part in the study.

Signature of Child/Ward Date

