Information and Consent Sheet for Participants: COVID-19 Procedures

To ensure that you and our staff are as safe as possible, we have put in place extra precautions in line with the UCL and Government guidelines to protect against the transmission of COVID-19. This means that during your visit to the Birkbeck/UCL Neuroimaging Centre, you will be asked to follow some simple, additional procedures – if you have visited us before, your experience might be a little different from last time.

This information sheet will explain the procedures we will ask you to follow, as well as what we are doing to help keep you safe. Whilst these procedures will help minimize the risk of COVID-19 infection, they will not abolish the risk completely. It is therefore important that you carefully consider this information, together with the ‘Participant Information Sheet’ relating to the research procedures, before deciding whether you would like to participate. Please contact the researchers if you have any questions after reading this information.

Before your appointment:
- We will contact you to make sure you have no symptoms of COVID-19 using the NHS COVID-19 symptom questionnaire, and that you and members of your household are not at greater risk from COVID-19, following NHS criteria.
- When scheduling the appointment, please consider government advice on non-essential travel: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-level-high#travel.
- You will need to provide us with contact details, including a mobile phone number, address and email address, which we will use to contact you 24 hours before your appointment for a health screening and to provide extra information about your visit. We may also share these contact details with government officials if contact-tracing is necessary. This information will be kept secure, adhering to General Data Protection Regulation (2018) requirements and will be safely deleted on completion of the project.
- Please prepare to arrive on time, and no earlier than 5 minutes before your appointment in order to minimize contact with other visitors. We will be happy to help plan your visit so that you can follow travel guidelines.
- Strict cleaning procedures will ensure that the experimental room and equipment are disinfected before your arrival.

During your appointment:
- We will meet you on arrival and will provide you with a face mask if you don’t have your own. We will ask you to wear this throughout your visit, though you can take this off whilst inside the scanner if you wish to. All research staff will also wear masks at all times, as well as visors when entering the scanning room.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for you to wash your hands with on arrival and when leaving, as well as whenever you require it. Research staff will also use this to wash their hands regularly during your visit.
After your appointment:

- If either you test positive for COVID-19 within 1 week of your visit, it is your responsibility to contact us to let us know.

Potential risks

Immediate risk: These procedures are designed to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infection, however it is important to understand that a certain level of risk is unavoidable. We encourage you to carefully consider whether you would like to participate, especially if you fall within an at-risk group.

Secondary risks:
- You will be asked to wear a mask during your visit, which you might find uncomfortable.
- If required, your contact information will be shared with the Government contact tracing service.

Please contact t.dekker@ucl.ac.uk if you would like more information or if anything is unclear. Once you have read and carefully considered this information, please complete then following form by ticking the appropriate boxes.

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<td>I confirm that I understand that by ticking each box below I am consenting to this element of the study. I understand that it will be assumed that unticked boxes mean that I DO NOT consent to that part of the study. I understand that by not giving consent for any one element, I may be deemed ineligible for the study.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>I confirm that I have read, understood and had the opportunity to consider the information on this sheet. I understand what will be expected of me, and have also had the opportunity to ask questions which have been answered to my satisfaction.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Personal Information: I understand that for purposes of Government-led contact tracing, I will need to supply my mobile phone number, address and email address. These data will be stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (2018) that protects the privacy of personal information. No one other than the researchers (and authorized government officials, if necessary) will have access to this data, which will be safely deleted on completion of the project.</td>
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<td>Right to withdraw: I understand that my participation in this study is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw without giving a reason.</td>
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<td>COVID-19 transmission risk: I understand that whilst every reasonable effort is made to reduce COVID-19 transmission risks, the risk cannot be abolished completely.</td>
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<td>My responsibility: I confirm that I will adhere to the instructions detailed above, including those that relate to face covering, hand sanitizing and social distancing, and will inform the researcher in the event that I test positive for</td>
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COVID-19 within 1 week of today’s date. I understand that my contact details will be shared with Government officials in case contact tracing is necessary.

7. I am aware of who I should contact if I wish to lodge a complaint.

8. I voluntarily agree to take part in this study.