**COVID-19 Sample Language for Informed Consent**

**Risk & Precautions for COVID-19**

Due to (*the need for your physical presence at the research site, face to face interaction with the researcher or others, etc*.) there is a risk that you may be exposed to COVID-19 and the possibility that you may contract the virus. For most people, COVID-19 causes only mild or moderate symptoms. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness. Current information suggests that about 2% of people who are infected with COVID-19 might die as a result. You will need to review the Information on COVID-19 for Research Participants that is attached to this consent document. To minimize your risk of exposure we will (*describe precautions such as screening/rescreening of participant(s)/researcher(s), personal protection equipment for participant(s)/researcher(s), decontamination of surfaces, location configuration, ventilation, and distance between persons, etc*.). You will need to follow any precautions or procedures outlined by Auburn University and, when applicable, offsite locations.

**Additional Statement – Allowing Participants to Keep Face Masks Following Research Sessions**

*If you provide face masks to participants and will allow the participants to keep the masks after the research session is complete, please include the following statement in the consent document:*

You may keep the face mask provided to you by the study team. However, it is important to note that this face mask is primarily to protect others from you and does not protect you from others that may be infected with the virus.