

# **The Emotional Impact of COVID-19 on BC Respiratory Therapists: Mitigating Factors.**

## **ONLINE PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM**

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You are invited to participate in a research study examining the factors that influence the emotional impact of COVID-19 on respiratory therapists. I am conducting this study as a partial requirement to complete my Master of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies through Athabasca University.

Participation in this study consists of completing an online questionnaire that asks about your job satisfaction, stress levels, and experience with public gratitude and recognition from March 15—May 31, 2020. Participation will take approximately 10 minutes of your time.

The intention of this research is to increase the understanding of the experience of respiratory therapists. It will add to the body of knowledge around psychological health, resilience and meaningful work. Participation in this study has the potential to increase feelings of stress and anxiety. If you are experiencing stress and anxiety or would like support for your mental wellness, please access free psychologist support for frontline workers provided by the Canadian Psychological Association at <https://cpa.ca/coronavirus/psychservices/>.

Involvement in this study is entirely voluntary and anonymous. You may refuse to answer any questions or share information if you feel uncomfortable with doing so. You will not be asked to provide any personal or identifiable information or data. No identifying data or IP addresses will be collected. This study is NOT affiliated with the BCSRT.

You may withdraw from the study at any time by simply closing out of your browser. Once you submit your completed survey, data cannot be removed as the survey is entirely anonymous. Please print a copy of this consent form for your records.

*Please note that the survey data may be initially collected and stored on a server in the U.S. and is subject to access under the U.S. Patriot Act until it is transferred from that server to the researcher's computer.*

All electronic data will be kept in a password-protected computer at my office and will be encrypted. All information and records will be destroyed by confidential shredding;

electronic records will be deleted when all project requirements have been met by November 2020.

The results of this study may be published in the CSRT Journal of Respiratory Therapy or may be presented at a BCSRT Roadshow. The existence of this research will be listed in an abstract posted online at the Athabasca University Library's Digital Thesis and Project Room, and the final research paper will be publicly available.

If you have any questions about this study or require further information, please contact Danielle McDonagh or Dr. Angela Specht using the contact information above.

The Athabasca University Research Ethics Board has reviewed this study. Should you have any comments or concerns regarding your treatment as a participant in this study, please contact the Office of Research Ethics at 1-800-788-9041, ext. 6718 or by e-mail to [rebsec@athabascau.ca](mailto:rebsec@athabascau.ca).

Thank you for your assistance in this project.

**CONSENT:**

**The completion of this survey and its submission is viewed as your consent to participate.**

[Begin Survey](#)