## Eastern Illinois University

**Institutional Review Board (IRB)**

**Application for Review of Research Involving Human Subjects ADDENDUM: waiver of informed consent or assent**

Complete this form if you are requesting **not** to provide any or all required elements of informed consent in writing to potential adult participants or their parents/guardians.

This form is not to be utilized to request a waiver of **documentation of informed consent** (providing informed consent information but not collecting signed consent documents).

* Waivers of documentation of informed consent are requested on the Application for IRB Review.

The completed addendum should be included with the Application for IRB Review and e-mailed to [eiuirb@eiu.edu](mailto:eiuirb@eiu.edu).

For guidelines regarding the requirements for this addendum application, click [**here**](https://www.eiu.edu/grants/submissionguide.php#ConsentAssentWaivers)

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| Title of Project: |  |
| Principal Investigator: |  |

The IRB may waive the requirement to obtain informed consent and/or assent only in limited circumstances. The IRB may also approve a consent/assent procedure which does not include, or which alters, some or all elements of informed consent or assent.

Information and guidance regarding this waiver process is provided at the [**IRB Forms website**](https://www.eiu.edu/grants/COMP_IRB_Forms.php)

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| If your research involves minors or adults who are decisionally impaired, indicate in the space below which waiver you are seeking. If the waiver will be for both the parent/guardian informed consent and the subject assent processes, be sure to account for both processes in your responses. |
| Request is to waive the parent/guardian informed consent process  Request is to waive some required elements parent/guardian informed consent process  Request is to waive the assent process  Request is to waive some elements the assent process *that could otherwise be provided*, given the developmental level of the subjects |
| **1.** Explain in detail how the research involves no more than minimal risk to the subjects. |
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| **2.** Describe how the waiver or alteration will not adversely affect the rights and welfare of the subjects. |
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| **3.** Explain why the research could not practically be carried out without the waiver or alteration. |
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| **4.** Describe the process in which the subjects will be provided with additional pertinent information after participation, and what that information would entail. If providing additional information would not be appropriate, explain. |
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| If the research involves using identifiable private information or identifiable biospecimens:  **5.** Explain why the research could not be practicably carried out without using such information or biospecimens in an identifiable format. |
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| **6.** If your research involves more than one period of data collection (e.g., surveys and in-person interviews), indicate which process you are requesting the waiver for. |
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| **7.** If only a portion of the elements of informed consent/assent are to be waived, list the elements of informed consent/assent for which the waiver is being requested and a justification for each. |
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