

Human Research Ethics Committee - Scientific and Ethical Review Ethical Approval – Granted

04 June 2020

Dr Aihua Wu
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Dear Aihua,

Study Title: Survey on Masking or De-Masking the Medical Staff amid COVID-19
Pandemic: A Patient's Perspective

Reference number: LR20/032

Principal Investigator: Dr Aihua Wu

Associate Investigators: Dr Alexander Ho, Dr Gregory Leverett

Eastern Health Sites: Box Hill Hospital, Maroondah Hospital

Approval Period: On-going - subject to a satisfactory progress report being submitted annually

Thank you for the submission of the above project for review. The project has been reviewed by the Eastern Health Human Research Ethics Committee. The project considered low risk in accordance with definitions given in the National Statement (2007). All queries have now been addressed and the project is **APPROVED**.

Documents submitted for review:

- Low Risk & Negligible Risk Research Application Form V1.2 dated 15 May 2020
- Eastern Health Participant Information Form V1 dated 05 April 2020
- Project Proposal V1 dated 05 April 2020
- Mask survey Handout V1.1

Conditions of Eastern Health Approval

- Any changes to the approved Protocol or other documents used in the conduct of the study must be submitted for ethical review and approval prior to use.
- Significant Safety Issues or unforeseen events should be notified to the Eastern Health Human Research Ethics Committee promptly for noting and reporting to hospital insurers.
- Continuing approval is subject to the timely submission of a satisfactory progress report. The progress report must be submitted every February for the preceding calendar year until project completion. The template (Progress Report – Project Form (HREC)) can be downloaded from our web-page: <https://www.easternhealth.org.au/research-ethics/guidance/quick-links-to-forms-and-templates>
- Report any change in personnel involved in the research project

- Research data stored on personal computers, USBs and other portable electronic devices must not be identifiable. No patients' identifiable information or UR numbers must be stored on these devices.
- Electronic storage devices must be password protected or encrypted.
- The conduct of research must be compliant with the conditions of ethics approval and Eastern Health policies
- It is very important that the role of Eastern Health is acknowledged in publications. Publications provide evidence of the contribution that participants, researchers and funding sources make.

Please quote our reference number **LR20/032** in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Flona', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Flona Yousif
Research Ethics and Governance Officer
Eastern Health Office of Research and Ethics

On behalf of:

1. Eastern Health Human Research Ethics Committee (Ethics Approval)
2. Executive Director Medical Services and Research (Site Authorisation)