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Dear Colleagues,

We are conducting the *CougContact Study*, which collects information on how WSU employees interact with other people within and outside WSU. The first version of this survey provided us with a valuable picture of how the WSU community was responding to COVID-19 prior to the vaccine, and while classes were still being taught remotely. We are now hoping to update this information considering the vaccine, classes being back in-person and more work sites being open. This study is part of our efforts to help control the spread of COVID-19 within the WSU community, as well as keep as much of the university operating as possible. This study will give us important information to help understand an important aspect of the pandemic:

Are there individuals whose patterns of contact, especially with other members of the WSU community, put them at higher risk for contracting COVID-19?

What This Study Involves:

Participating in this study will involve filling out a “contact diary”, detailing the individuals you came into contact with (only in general terms such as “Partner”, “Coworker”, “Retail Employee”) and some details about those interactions for a single day. Details also include if you were recently diagnosed with COVID-19, or if you experienced symptoms of COVID-19, and whether or not you have been vaccinated for influenza. All information is self-reported, **please do not provide any identifiable information about yourself or your contacts such as full name or WSU ID**. We estimate participation in this study should take no more than half an hour, though individual times will vary based on how many people you come into contact within a given day.

These questions are essential for understanding what parts of the campus community are at risk of COVID-19 or might need special consideration, what parts of the community have relatively little contact with other individuals during their day-to-day job activities, etc. We will also be asking you to try and recall, in a general sense, the same type of questions from this time last year. This will help us understand how work-from-home policies, social distancing guidelines, etc. have impacted you, as well as how things might change as we discuss bringing back certain aspects of on-campus life.

You Are Eligible for This Study If You:

- Are 18+ Years of Age
- Have a computer, tablet or phone capable of connecting to the internet
- Are employed at Washington State University
- Are not a student of Washington State University

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To participate, simply click the link or go to

<https://redcap.spo.aws.wsu.edu/surveys/?s=LMLEJ7K73HFRAJ3L>

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and no identifying information is requested. Should any identifiable information be inadvertently provided it will be deleted and will not be retained as part of the final data set. We strongly encourage you to participate, especially if you have been tested for COVID-19, regardless of the results of that test, to help WSU make the most informed decisions possible as to how to continue to operate during this time.

Thank you, in advance,

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