

# Attachment 4a: Informed Consent Form

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<b>Risks</b>	The risks of your participation are expected to be minimal. This means that the risks are not expected to be greater than the risks persons may normally find in their daily life.
<b>Benefits, Freedom to Withdraw, &amp; Ability to Ask Questions</b>	This project is not designed to help you personally. It is intended to help CDC understand how to best communicate certain health-related information to different audiences. You do not have to answer questions that you do not want to answer. You may stop at any time. You will receive \$50 as a token of appreciation for your completed participation.
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My signature confirms that I have read the information on this page. I am at least 18 years of age and understand my rights as a participant. I agree to take part in this discussion group. I agree to have audio recordings made of the discussion. I realize that only the people working on this project will listen to the recordings and that they may also listen during the discussion groups. I understand that my name will NOT be used in the report. No other information that could identify me will be used either.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **Attachment 4b: Informed Consent Form: Participant Copy**

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