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IRB Study Number: 2021029
Title of Protocol: The lived experiences of LGBTQ+ college students finding and using academic and personal supports amid the COVID-19 pandemic and remote learning: A photo elicitation and interpretative phenomenological study.

Type of Review: Expedited
IRB Approval Date: 3/9/2021
IRB Expiration Date: None; however modification and closure submissions are required (see below)

This protocol has been reviewed and approved by the University of Massachusetts Boston IRB, Assurance # FWA00004634.

This protocol does not require continuing review. When the research meets the criteria for study closure, you are to submit a completed Final Report form to the IRB.

Please review the current UMass Boston COVID-19 Research web section. Please also see the COVID-19 Supplement: IRB Guidance.

As Principal Investigator you are responsible for the following:

1. Following the requirements listed in the INVESTIGATOR MANUAL (HRP-103).
2. Submission in writing of any and all changes to this project (e.g., protocol, recruitment materials, consent form, staff changes, etc.) to the IRB for review and approval prior to initiation of the change(s).
3. Reporting any of the information items listed on the last page of the Reportable New Information form (including unanticipated problems involving risks to subjects or others or non-compliance with the regulations or the requirements or determinations of the IRB) within five business days.
4. Use of only IRB approved copies of the consent form(s), questionnaire(s), letter(s), advertisement(s), etc. in your research. It is no longer necessary to have recruitment materials or consent forms stamped by the IRB.
5. Ensuring that all study staff who are engaged in research involving human subjects have a current completed human research (CITI) training prior to conducting and for the duration of their engagement in this project.
6. Submission of a final report upon completion of this project.

The IRB can terminate projects that are not in compliance with these requirements. Contact (617-287-5374) or email (irb@umb.edu) if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

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