

**Tarrant County College District
Institutional Review Board
Implied Consent Format**

Under certain circumstances (surveys that do not involve sensitive matters) an investigator may choose to use a Letter of Invitation and implied consent. A letter of invitation contains the following:

- a. Statement of study purpose and inclusion and exclusion criteria of participants,
- b. Identification of investigators (Who are the investigators and what their affiliation with TCCD is?),
- c. Explanation of exactly what you are asking the participants to do,
- d. Explanation of the measures taken to ensure confidentiality,
- e. Assurance that participation is voluntary and participants are free to discontinue participation without penalty if they wish to do so and
- f. The end of the letter should contain the following statement:

Your completion of this (survey, interview, etc.) implies your consent to participate in this study. If you choose to withdraw your consent to participate at a later time, please notify_____ (name of primary investigator or designee).