Information for research participants

1. Data controller

The University of Helsinki
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The data controller ensures that the research data are processed in accordance with data protection legislation and those assurances made by the researchers to research participants.

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You can contact the data protection officer at the University of Helsinki via email tietosuoja@helsinki.fi.

2. The aims of the study and how personal data will be collected

The research is conducted by a research team based at the University of Helsinki. The research is part of the Centre of Excellence for Ageing and Care and is based on its research plan. The study examines how English-speaking people who live Finland have experienced the exceptional circumstances caused by the Coronavirus pandemic in the Spring 2020. The data are collected in written from. The research team stores the written stories without personal identifiers and does not publish them in whole.

3. Lawful basis of processing of personal data

The processing of personal data is carried out on grounds of performing scientific research in the public interest (Article 6 point 1 e of the EU general data protection regulation).

4. The research team

The research project is led by PhD Antero Olakivi.

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The study is part of a broader programme of research that is being conducted by the Centre for Excellence in Ageing and Care. The Centre comprises research teams from the Universities of Helsinki and Jyväskylä and Tampere University. The Centre is funded by the Academy of Finland 2018–2025.

During 2019–2030, only the members of the research team based at the University of Helsinki and those researchers who have signed a confidentiality agreement will have access to the data.

5. The title and duration of the study

Title: Life in the time of corona – stories about the coronavirus pandemic by English-speaking people in Finland in the Spring 2020

The writings will be stored and managed by the research team until the end of 2030. After this, the writings will be archived by the data archive at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The writings will be anonymised before being archived so that the writers or anyone else mentioned in the writings cannot be identified. Anyone granted permission to use the data will sign a confidentiality agreement and abide by data protection legislation.

6. Safeguards to protect personal data during the study

Any research data containing personal information will only be accessible to the research team at the University of Helsinki and those researchers who have signed a confidentiality agreement with them. All parties who have access to the data will sign a confidentiality agreement and abide by data protection legislation.

7. Processing of personal data after the completion of the study

After 2030, the collected writings will be archived in the Finnish Social Science Data Archive. The writings will be made available solely for research purposes and upon application only. The application will include a signed agreement to abide by data protection legislation, good research ethics and the assurances given to the research participants. All parties who have access to the data will sign a confidentiality agreement and abide by data protection legislation.

8. Your rights as a data subject, and exceptions to these rights

The contact person for queries relating to the rights of research participants is the person named in section 1 of this information sheet.

Right of access to data (Article 15 of the EU general data protection regulation)
You have the right to find out whether your personal data, and which data, are being managed by the project. You can also request a copy of the personal data being managed by the project.
Right to erasure (Article 17 of the EU general data protection regulation)
You have the right to request the removal of your personal data in the following instances:
   a) the data are no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which they were collected;
   b) you withdraw your consent on which the collection of data was based; or
   c) personal data have been unlawfully processed.
You do not have a right to remove your personal data if the removal of these data would likely render impossible or seriously impair the achievement of the objectives of the processing (in this case, scientific research).

Right to lodge a complaint
You have a right to make a complaint to The Office of Data Protection Ombudsman if you feel that the processing of your personal data has contravened existing data protection legislation.

Contact details:

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