

UniCoVac Interview guide

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General protocol:

The interviews:

- Interviews will last up to 1 hour.
- The interviews will be one-to-one, semi-structured.
- The focus will be on participants' narratives about their pandemic experiences.
- The interviews will be conducted on MS Teams.
- The interviews will be audio-recorded.

Participants:

- Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification throughout the interview.
- They will be reminded of their right to withdraw from the research at any time.
- They will receive an information sheet and sign a consent form prior to the interviews.
- Participants will be given information about support and counselling services should they require counselling in relation to their pandemic experiences.

It is anticipated that the interviews will cover three main topics:

- 1) Participants' immediate experiences of COVID-19. Questions will cover experiences of serious disease, vaccination, lockdown, loss of personal freedom and social distancing measures.
- 2) Participants' local experiences of COVID-19 in Leicester and/or alternative places of residence. Questions will cover personally encountered hostility (including hate crime), witnessing of tensions between student and other local communities and support received from the university during the pandemic (including pedagogical, pastoral, practical and material support).
- 3) Participants' engagement with media coverage of the pandemic. We will ask questions about students' use of specific media sources, including social media, to obtain information

and form opinions about the pandemic. Key themes will be perceptions of media messaging about the seriousness and extent of the pandemic, pandemic geopolitics, conspiracy theories and the rhetoric of vaccine nationalism.