



## Action of the Institutional Review Board Letter: Research Involving Human Participants

October 20, 2021

Protocol Number: **20032**  
Principal Investigator: **Jerry Rudmann**  
Review Type: **Exempt**  
Exempt Category: **Surveys, interviews, educational tests, public observations**  
Project Title: **Psi Beta Research Project investigating the association between shyness, college connectedness, and social media use.**  
Approval Date: **October 20, 2021**

The above referenced research proposal has been **approved** by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) based on information provided solely during the application review process. It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to report the completion of the protocol to the IRB within 30 days.

It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to facilitate ongoing dialogue with the IRB throughout the research process. Please contact the IRB for consultation as soon as possible for the following situations:

### 1) Unforeseen circumstances

Unforeseen circumstances that required additional intervention due to potential risk/harm must be reported to the IRB promptly, based on the nature of the event, but always within 10 business days.

Unforeseen circumstances include but are not limited to:

- a. Unexpected psychological, physical or other harm to one or more study participants
- b. Loss or theft of computer, hard-drive, thumb-drive etc. which contained information on study participants
- c. Breach of confidentiality of one or more study participant

### 2) Deviations in practice

Any changes to the research process involving participants must be approved by the IRB prior to their implementation, except when necessary to eliminate immediate risk/harm to the participant. Any such exceptions must be reported to the IRB within 10 business days.

### 3) Amendments

Proposed changes to approved research must be reviewed and approved prospectively by the IRB. No changes may be initiated without prior approval by the IRB.

Please contact the IRB Chair, Loris Fagioli, for any questions and visit the Health and Human Services website for additional responsibilities (<https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/guidance/faq/investigator-responsibilities>).

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