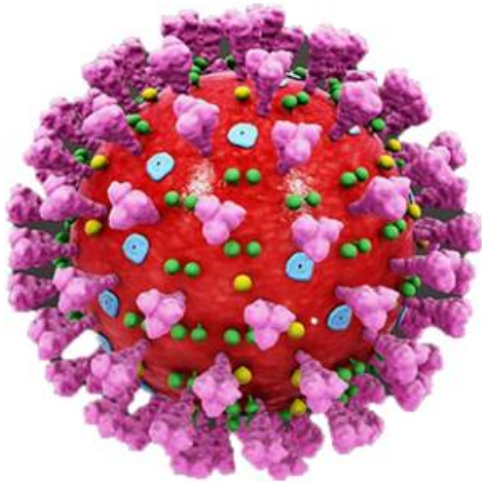
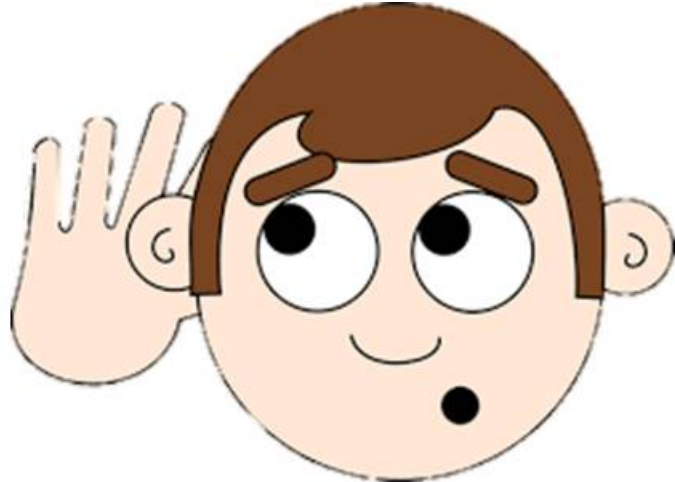


**Appendix 4: a. Recruitment Documents – Flyer**

Dalhousie University School of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the University of Ottawa are examining the effects of COVID-19 on hearing.



COVID-19 Virus



Your Hearing

**Did This...**

**...Make this Worse?**

Researchers around the world are investigating what the COVID-19 virus has done to the human body. Recent research shows some survivors experience a loss in some senses.

We know from history that viruses can cause damage to hearing.

We are interested in finding out if people who recover from COVID-19 have any additional hearing loss.

If you are interested in participating, please let your clinician know.

## **Attention - Research Study**

### **Severity of COVID-19 and Hearing Loss?**

#### **Appendix 4: b. Recruitment Documents – Information Sheet**

##### **Why conduct this study?**

Scientists know some viruses can affect a person's hearing. Researchers found that COVID-19 causes a loss in some senses. We would like to know if it also affects your hearing.

##### **Who can participate?**

Anyone over 18 years of age with normal hearing or sensorineural hearing loss who has recovered from diagnosed COVID-19 and has hearing tests annually.

##### **What is involved?**

After providing your consent by reading and signing a form, you give permission for your clinician to securely upload your anonymized (name and client ID removed) hearing tests prior to the COVID-19 outbreak for 2018 and 2019 to the researchers encrypted folder at Dalhousie University, as well as the hearing test conducted after recovery from the virus (in 2020 or 2021). You also agree to provide information about the severity of your COVID-19 infection by answering a short questionnaire.

##### **Location of research**

This research will take place at your hearing clinic. Your clinician will send your hearing tests to the researcher at:  
Dalhousie University, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Sir Charles Tupper Building, 2nd Floor, 5850 College Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 4H7

##### **Interested?**

To find out more information, please speak with your clinician.

## Attention - Research Study

### Severity of COVID-19 and Hearing Loss?

#### **Appendix 4: c. Recruitment Documents – Clinician script**

While reviewing your records, I noticed that you recovered from COVID-19. There are some researchers at Dalhousie University that would be interested in analysing your pre- and post-COVID-19 hearing tests. The researchers are investigating the possibility that COVID-19 affects people's hearing. The researchers would need two pre-COVID-19-hearing tests and one post-COVID-19 hearing test, and would need you to answer a couple questions about the virus. Would this be something you would agree to? If so, I will remove your name from your hearing tests before I upload them to the researchers encrypted folder. You would need to sign a consent form, but this will be kept separate from your hearing test. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and will in no way affect your treatment here, at this clinic, at your place of employment, at Dalhousie University or the University of Ottawa.

Do you think you might be interested in participating?

#### ***If yes...***

If you are interested, please read over this consent form and feel free to ask me any questions. The researcher includes her contact information if you have any additional questions you would like to ask. You do not have to identify yourself when you call. Please understand, the researcher will not be able to give you any specific information about your hearing tests because the researcher is not an audiologist and the researcher will not know which hearing test belongs to you.

#### ***If no....***

Thank you for allowing me the time to talk to you about the research.