

## Ahmed, Faruque (CDC/OID/NCEZID)

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**From:** Uscher-Pines, Lori <luscherp@rand.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 12:46 PM  
**To:** Ahmed, Faruque (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Schwartz, Heather; Burton, Tessa (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Zheteyeva, Yenlik A. (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Uzicanin, Amra (CDC/OID/NCEZID)  
**Subject:** IRB approval obtained: study declared exempt

Hello all,

We have obtained IRB approval for the study ahead of schedule. This email from the IRB (below) is the documentation required for deliverable 2.3 due on 11-21-16. RAND has declared the study exempt because our data collection efforts involve adult interviews/surveys with minimal risk.

We can proceed with OMB now which is wonderful given that the timeline can be unpredictable. We will send a draft focus group protocol for your review and inclusion in the package early next week. Please let us know if we can provide any additional materials on this. In a few minutes, I will also send Faruque the full IRB submission and supporting documents.

Best,  
Lori

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**From:** rhino@rand.org [mailto:rhino@rand.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 12:25 PM  
**To:** Uscher-Pines, Lori  
**Subject:** HSPC: 2016-0770 (Uscher-Pines) EXEMPT: Feasibility of Social Distanci...



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### NOTIFICATION - EXEMPT

**From:** Carolyn Tschopik  
**To:** Lori Uscher-Pines - PI  
**Cc:** Lori Uscher-Pines - Primary Contact  
Heather Schwartz - Study Team  
Jennifer Tamargo - Study Team  
**ID:** [2016-0770](#)  
**Title:** Feasibility of Social Distancing in U.S. Schools: A Qualitative Study

Description: This study appears to be minimal risk and is Exempt in Category 2.

The PI is responsible for carrying out appropriate informed consent and data safeguarding procedures without further HSPC guidance. Any changes in the protocol or new tasks require an amendment to be filed with and approved by the HSPC before work begins and any adverse events should be immediately reported to the HSPC. The HSPC is available to consult should questions arise.

Action Required: No action is required of you at this time.

Date of Determination: 10/6/2016

### CURRENT STUDY REVIEW STATUS

Project Number: There are no items to display

Funding Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Prime Recipient: RAND

RAND Unit(s): Health

Human Subjects: Yes

Type of Review: Exempt

Exemption Categories: Category Exemption Category  
2 - Adult Interviews and Surveys Exemption

Component Approvals:

Education stakeholders/representatives including teachers, local education agency officials, principals, and professional organizations representing school staff

Procedure	Approved	Motion	Category
Individual and group interviews	Thu Oct 6 00:00:00 PDT 2016	Exempt - Determination	<b>Exempt Category:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 - Adult Interviews and Surveys Exemption</li></ul>

Contingencies: Description Date Due Date Completed  
There are no items to display

Assurance number: FWA00003425

IRB number: IRB00000051

Administrator: Carolyn Tschopik

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