**PCORI COVID-19 Citizen Science Study – Data Collector (Volunteer)**

**Position Summary**

The PCORI COVID-19 Citizen Science study team is looking for data collectors for a national study investigating patient-reported impact of COVID-19 shelter-in-place policies and containment and mitigation strategies on a national cohort of patients recruited from health systems across seven states. [Click here to read more about the PCORI funded COVID-19 Citizen Science study.](https://www.pcori.org/research-results/2020/comparing-patient-reported-impact-covid-19-shelter-place-policies-and-access)

To inform analysis, the study will collect COVID-19 policy data over time from a selected sample of counties across the United States. This will include policies such as mask mandates, restaurant and business closures, and stay at home requirements. Data collectors will work independently with guidance and oversight from members of the study team. Individuals will be assigned counties to research online using county websites, news articles, government press releases, etc. Data collectors may also leverage existing partnerships between the study team and policy makers to gather data. Policy information and sources will be entered into an online data collection form. To track changes in policy over time, data collection for each county will be repeated regularly.

This is a short-term, work-from-home volunteer position. Data collectors can choose to work between 5 and 10 hours per week and are asked to commit to volunteering for at least 3 months. This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience in policy research and contribute to vital information related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Primary Duties and Responsibilities**

* Complete orientation to study, data collection tools, and data collection process (virtual)
* Use online search tools to research county-level COVID-19 related policies for 1-2 assigned counties
* Enter policy data for each assigned county into an online data collection form using REDCap
* Conduct data collection for assigned counties weekly
* Provide timely updates on progress/completion on a shared tracking sheet
* Communicate with the study team via email, phone or virtual meeting platforms, as needed, to share progress and troubleshoot any challenges

**Qualifications**

* Self-starter who can work independently with minimal supervision
* Proficient at use of online applications, such as search engines
* Strong organizational skills and excellent attention to detail
* Demonstrated ability to deliver quality work and meet deadlines
* Interest in public health, research, and/or policy
* Access to an internet-connected device such as a personal computer or tablet, as well as reliable internet service
* Available to work 5-10 hours per week for a minimum of 3 months (weekly hours can be worked at any time or day)

**How to Apply:** Send a brief email of interest (approximately 200 words) to [ejohnson@lphi.org](mailto:ejohnson@lphi.org) with the subject line “Volunteer Data Collector”