

## **Mobile App – Privacy Policy**

This privacy policy governs your use of the mobile application Spit for Science (“the App”) that was created by Intellware Inc. on behalf of The Hospital for Sick Children (“SickKids”). The App was designed to obtain additional questionnaire information about your or your child’s mental health and physical well-being as a continuation of your informed consent to participate in the Spit for Science project while at the Ontario Science Centre (“OSC”). Spit for Science is a study approved by SickKids’ Research Ethics Board. Your privacy is very important to us, and we have designed the App to meet or exceed industry standards of privacy protection.

### **What information does the App collect and how is it used?**

#### *User Provided Information*

The App only collects your responses to questionnaires that you enter into the App. These responses are directly and automatically uploaded to the SickKids’ protected server. None of yours or your child’s personal health information – such as name, contact information – will be collected. The data will be used for academic research purposes as described in the Spit for Science study consent form. The questionnaire data will be combined with yours or your child’s genetic data and other questionnaire data collected at the OSC. This data will be analyzed to investigate the role of genetic and environmental factors in mental and physical health.

#### *Automatically Collected Information*

The App collects no information automatically. This includes, but is not limited to, the address of your mobile device, any information about your mobile device (e.g., operating system, software, type of device) or the way that you use the App.

### **Does the App collect precise real time location information of the device?**

This App does not collect precise information about the location of your mobile device.

### **Do third parties see and/or have access to information obtained by the App?**

Data will not be sent to the App developer (Intellware Inc.) and will not be shared with any commercial third-parties. We may disclose user provided information as required by law, such as to comply with a subpoena, or similar legal process.

### **What are my rights?**

You can stop all collection of information by the App easily by uninstalling the App. You may use the standard uninstall processes as may be available as part of your mobile device or via the mobile application marketplace or network. If you wish to revoke your consent for us to use your data and have it deleted, please contact Avalon Henry ([avalon.henry@sickkids.ca](mailto:avalon.henry@sickkids.ca)) or the research team *before* you delete the App. Once the App is deleted from your device, we cannot remove your data from our database since it is anonymous and we will no longer be able to view your research ID through the App.

### **Data Retention Policy, Managing Your Information**

Following completion of the research study the data will be kept for 7 years post final publication and then destroyed as required by SickKids’ policy. The responsibility for the study and its data housed at SickKids will remain with the Principal Investigator, Dr. Jennifer Crosbie. If Dr. Crosbie is no longer available, she will designate one of the co-investigators at SickKids site

to retain responsibility for the study data. This decision will be made in consultation with the SickKids Research Ethics Board and the Chief of Psychiatry at SickKids.

### **Security**

The App and our data-management practices were designed to ensure the privacy of participants. The SickKids Spit for Science research staff will access questionnaire data on the server via a password protected web portal system. All data collected as part of this study will be stored in a highly secure manner and will never be released with any identifying information. Using the participant's unique ID number, the questionnaire data will be kept in our local research database. The data will be housed on a restricted access drive on the SickKids network that can only be accessed on password-protected computers in locked offices. This de-identified questionnaire data may be shared with academic collaborators with approval from their research ethics board through the SickKids Healthy Kids Biobank.

### **Changes**

This Privacy Policy may be updated from time to time for any reason. We will notify you of any changes to our Privacy Policy by posting the new Privacy Policy here. You are advised to consult this Privacy Policy regularly for any changes, as continued use is deemed approval of all changes.

### **Contact us**

For more detailed information about who sees your information and about your choices contact the Privacy Office.

SickKids Privacy Office:

Telephone: 416-813-7474

Email: [privacy.office@sickkids.ca](mailto:privacy.office@sickkids.ca)

### **Complaints**

If you have complaints about SickKids' compliance with this privacy policy, please contact SickKids's Privacy Office at the above contact information. Further questions and concerns can be directed to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario at: 2 Bloor Street East Suite 1400 Toronto, ON M4W 1A8 Phone: 1 800 387 0073 Website: [www.ipc.on.ca](http://www.ipc.on.ca)