Is the activity **a systematic inquiry** to develop or contribute to **public knowledge and understanding**?

This activity **is research involving human subjects** and must go through the UMass –Amherst IRB.

No

Yes

Yes

No

Does the research **involve intervention or interaction** with the individuals? (Interaction includes observation)

**You do not need to file with the UMass-Amherst IRB**, but other Federal, State, or Local laws and/or regulations may apply.

No

Yes

No

Yes

Is **private information** being collected? (Private means information was provided for specific purposes by an individual, which they can reasonably expect will not be made public, or is about behavior occurring in a context that an individual can reasonably expect will not be recorded or observed)

Activity is research. Does the research involve obtaining information **about living individuals**?

**The research may meet criteria for EXEMPT review**, but this review and determination must be carried out by the UMass Amherst IRB

No

Yes

Is the information **individually identifiable**? Can the researcher link information to specific individuals either directly or indirectly through coding systems?

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