**Mandatory Reporting Language for Adult Consent, Parental Permission Forms**

**and Assent Forms**

Examples from JHSPH Study Consent forms

* [Parent] Confidentiality will be maintained in all cases, with the exception of a report of child abuse, which will be disclosed to legal authorities, as mandated by the law.
* [Assent] All if what you say is strictly confidential with one exception, which is if you report a situation where you have been abused. In this case, we will report it to <<legal authorities, because it is required by the law [insert reporting plan depending on what is required locally]>>.
* [Adult and Parent] The only time we will not keep your answers from the interviews private is if we learn that there is child abuse occurring within the family, your child reports witnessing severe violence in the home, or if you tell us that you want to hurt or kill yourself or someone else. We will report this type of information to [insert person’s title] so they can help to keep you safe and get you any help you need. We will also report information about child abuse to the [Legally Required Gov’t Authority] as required by law.
* If you are experiencing violence in the home and would like help receiving services for this or would like us to help you report this violence to the police, we will help you do that. We will ask you about whether you would like our help doing this at every study visit.
* [Assent – studies with at risk children] Most important to us is that you are safe at all times. This means that if at any time you tell the [study team person] that you want to hurt yourself, someone else, or that you or someone else is being hurt we need to call our supervisor and we may also need to tell the police and your parent/caregiver. This is the only time we will not keep your answers secret. We have to tell the study director so they can work with you and your caregiver/parents to help keep you safe and get you any help you need. If you are being hurt we also have to tell <<the police, appropriate legal authority>>.
* [U.S. Studies with Certificates of Confidentiality] There are only a few reasons we would give out information about you. We will give information to local or state authorities:
* If we suspect abuse or neglect of a child or dependent adult;
* If certain communicable diseases are present; and
* If the team learns that you plan to harm yourself or others