SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
Center for Alcohol & Drug Studies & Services
Driving Under the Influence Program

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Dear Participant:

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has had a global, national, and statewide impact. Locally, many schools and businesses closed to mitigate the spread of this deadly virus and adhere to social distancing mandates. The latest direction from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is allowing for the provision of Remote Client Services, also referred to as "Virtual Remote Services."

The SDSU Central District DUI Program offers virtual remote services. These services will enable you to continue your DUI program activities with a licensed or certified counselor via the virtual meeting platform, Zoom. Participation in Virtual Remote Services is not mandatory. You have the option of participating via in person, Virtual Remote Services or a Hybrid or both.

To participate in Virtual Remote Services, you must:

- Sign and return the enclosed SDSU DUI Program Virtual Remote Informed Consent form.
- Provide the SDSU DUI Program with your individual (i.e. private) e-mail address for electronic communication and session registration.
- Register in advance for each session via an e-mail link that will be provided to you prior to the scheduled session.

Certain technology is required to participate in this program. You must have access to a computer, tablet, or phone with a working microphone, speakers, and a camera (for video conferencing). You will also need to be able to download and install the free Zoom platform onto a computer, tablet, or phone.

If you would like opt-in to engage in Virtual Remote Services, please complete the enclosed SDSU DUI Program Virtual Remote Informed Consent and return via mail at the address listed above, facsimile (858-467-6822), or e-mail (info@sdsuduip.com).
If you have any questions, please contact us at (858) 467-6810.

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INFORMED CONSENT FOR VIRTUAL REMOTE SERVICES

The San Diego State University Central District DUI Program will provide virtual remote services utilizing Zoom for Healthcare virtual meeting platform to assess, treat, and educate program participants through interactive audio, video, or telephone communication.

By signing this form, I understand the following:

- The SDSU DUI Program is providing Virtual Remote Services due to the Corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic and direct in-person services at 9245 Sky Park Court, Suite 101, San Diego, CA 92123.
- The laws protecting privacy and confidentiality of substance use treatment service information also apply to virtual remote, and no information obtained because of my use of virtual remote which identifies me will be disclosed to other entities without my consent (unless by legal mandate).
- Under the law, exceptions to confidentiality include mandatory reporting of child, elder, and dependent adult abuse and any threats of violence toward a reasonably identifiable person.
- If I am in such a mental or emotional condition to be a danger to myself or others, my DUI Program counselor may violate confidentiality to prevent the threatened danger.
- Virtual Remote Services differ from in-person services as the mode of service delivery is via information and communication technologies, specifically including the telephone and/ or internet.
- If my counselor believes that I would be better served by in-person services, I understand that I may request a leave of absence or attend in-person services offered by San Diego State University Central District DUI Program.
- There are risks unique and specific to Virtual Remote Services, including but not limited to the possibility that sessions could be disrupted or distorted due to interrupted or unauthorized access.
- I have the right to withhold or withdraw my consent to my use of Virtual Remote for DUI treatment services at any time without affecting my right to future care or treatment.

To receive credit for session participation, I also understand that I must:

- Attend the session in a private setting, free from any distractions (e.g., walking, driving, cooking, eating, drinking).
- Ensure my camera is on for the session duration and I may not use a virtual or blurred background.
- Protect the confidentiality of other program participants attending sessions with me.
- Remain present for the entire session and give my undivided attention.
- Adhere to program requirements, including Program Sobriety, as outlined in the SDSU DUIP Rules and Regulations.

I understand participation via Virtual Remote Services is optional and choosing this service delivery method may result in scheduling delays and may extend my time in program. If I fail to adhere to virtual remote service requirements, I may be removed from a session and will not receive credit for that session. If I repeatedly fail to adhere to virtual remote service requirements, I may be required to attend in-person sessions. If I violate program sobriety, I may be terminated from the program.

Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Phone#: _____

E-mail: _____

☐ By checking this box, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to Zoom's privacy policy (https://zoom.us/privacy)

Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____