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Description automatically generatedCOVID-19 PhD Work Impact Statement**

I Click or tap here to enter text. (please enter your full name), would like to declare that my PhD work was impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In particular, the following elements of my PhD work were impacted (tick all that apply):

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|  | Change in main research question |
|  | Change in research direction (e.g., explain why a finding may not have been followed up) |
|  | Change from planned methodology |
|  | Change in planned population |
|  | Smaller data sample than planned |
|  | Other |

Briefly outline the impact that Covid-19 had on your thesis and how this was mitigated (500 words)

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Student signature:  Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Supervisor name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Supervisor signature:  Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

**Section 2 – Information for examiners**

As a College, we put mitigating measures in place to support PGR students whose work was impacted by the COVID-19 epidemic (e.g., blanket extensions to submission deadlines), but we recognise that for some research plans still had to change.

The ‘COVID-19 PhD Work Impact Statement’ is a document that our students can complete voluntarily if they consider that their research plan and/or work due to be carried out was impacted by the pandemic, sufficiently so that it needs explaining alongside the final submitted thesis. It allows our students to make their examiners aware of how their work has been impacted, and where plans may have differed had there not been a pandemic.

Importantly, as an examiner, you are expected to assess this thesis according to the criteria set out in our [Research Degree Regulations](https://intranet.royalholloway.ac.uk/students/study/our-college-regulations/attendance-and-academic-regulations.aspx) (section 13).

For any queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact the Doctoral School ([doctoralschool@royalholloway.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralschool@royalholloway.ac.uk)).