



**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET FOR OLDER CHILDREN
AND TEENAGERS (10-15 YEARS)**

COVID-19 Infection Survey

We'd like to invite you to take part in a survey about the new coronavirus. Taking part is your decision. We would like you to read this leaflet with a parent or someone who looks after you and ask them or us any questions you want.

What are we doing?

In this survey, we are trying to find out how many people are still getting the coronavirus infection as many people go back to school and work. We also want to find out how many people might have had coronavirus in the past without realising it.

We hope that lots of people from about 240,000 homes all over the country will take part over a year. This is so we can see what happens to the virus over this time. The survey is important because the information we get will help us and the government work out how to manage coronavirus better.

Why have I been asked to take part?

For this survey, we are asking everyone in your home aged 2 years or older if they would like to take part. We are not just testing people who have signs of having the virus, like fever or cough, or loss of taste or smell, because we know that sometimes people can get the virus without symptoms.

Do I have to take part?

Taking part in this survey is entirely your choice. You are free to change your mind at any time. You can stop taking part even if your Mum, Dad or others who look after you want you to continue. Everyone in your home can make a different choice.

What will happen if I decide to take part?

Someone from the survey team will come to your home. They will chat to you and everyone else there to find out who is happy to join the survey. If you are 12 years or older, they will show you how to take a swab from your throat and nose that we will use to test for the virus. The swab is a soft sponge on a stick and doesn't hurt. If you aren't 12 yet, one of your parents or carers will help do this. The survey team will ask you some short questions.

We will also ask you whether you would mind having more visits just like this one in the

future. This is to see how the number of people still getting infected with coronavirus changes over the next few months. You could agree to

- A: the first visit only
- B: the first visit and a visit every week for one month (5 visits in total)
- C: the first visit, a visit every week for one month, and then 11 monthly visits (16 visits in total over 1 year)

You do not have to agree to any more visits after the first one.

What are the bad things about taking part?

It may be uncomfortable for a minute while the throat and nose swab is being taken. The survey also includes some questions which takes extra time, about 5 minutes in all, each visit.

What are the good things about taking part?

You will be helping us find out how many people across the UK still have the coronavirus now and how many are still getting it over the next few months. What we find out from this survey will help scientists and the government work out the best way to manage the virus in the UK over the next year.

What will happen to the samples I give?

Your throat and nose swabs will be tested at a national laboratory using the standard test to find out if someone currently has coronavirus.

What will happen to my information?

We will use your name, address, date of birth and sex to get information about you from the NHS.

Will anyone else know I am in the survey?

No – only the people running the survey will know.

What happens at the end of the survey?

The results are already being shared so that everyone knows what we are finding (<https://www.ndm.ox.ac.uk/covid-19/covid-19-infection-survey/results>) – we aren't waiting until the end of the survey for everyone to learn from it. None of this information identifies you or your family.

I want to take part. What should I do?

If you want to take part in the survey, let your parents or those who look after you know, and they will let the survey team know.

Thank you for thinking about helping us.