

I am a healthy adult: Should I join a COVID-19 research study?



People who do not have COVID-19 can help researchers learn more about the disease.

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- Collects new information about health and disease.
- Tries to answer new questions that researchers have.
- Needs volunteers to sign up.

COVID-19:

- Is a new disease caused by a type of virus called coronavirus.
- May cause some people to have symptoms like cough, fever, weakness, muscle and other pains, and breathing problems.
- Can be mild, but it can also make some people very sick.

Being in a
COVID-19
research study
is your choice.

Why are there research studies about COVID-19 right now?

COVID-19 is a new virus so it is important to understand more about:

- How the virus spreads.
- Why some people get very sick, and some people do not.
- Which treatments work best, and if they work for everyone.
- How to prevent new infections

What else should I know about being in a COVID-19 research study?

- You can talk to people you trust about whether to join the study.
- You can change your mind at any time.

What should I ask the research team before joining a COVID-19 research study?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Why is the study being done? | <input type="checkbox"/> How will my personal information be protected? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What will happen if I agree to join? | <input type="checkbox"/> How long will the study last? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Could the study help me? Could it help others? | <input type="checkbox"/> Can I leave the study at any time? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Could the study cause risks to me? | <input type="checkbox"/> What will happen if I get hurt in the study? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do I have to pay money to be in the study? | <input type="checkbox"/> Who should I call with questions about the study? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Will I be paid to be in the study? | <input type="checkbox"/> Will I get to see the study results? |

**Being in a study might help other people.
More can be learned about COVID-19 if you
join a research study.**



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I am a child with COVID-19: Should I join a COVID-19 research study?



Kids who have COVID-19, or might have COVID-19, may be able to join a COVID-19 research study.

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Why should I be more careful around people?

- This virus spreads from a sick person to a healthy person very quickly.
- Being too close to your friends can pass the virus around.
- You sit and stand close to your friends when you are at school and when you play.

What else should I know about being in a COVID-19 research study?

- You can talk to your doctor, your parent, or any adult you trust to help you decide if you want to be in the research study.
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COVID-19 is a new virus so it is important to understand more about:

- How the virus spreads.
- Why some people barely get sick and other people get very sick.
- Which treatments work the best.
- How to stop spreading it.

There are more adult research studies right now because adults seem to get sicker from COVID-19 than children.

It is very important to conduct studies with children to find treatments and prevention methods that are right for them.

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My child has COVID-19: Should they join a COVID-19 research study?



If your child has COVID-19, or might have COVID-19, they may be able to join a COVID-19 research study.

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You can choose whether to allow your child to join a COVID-19 research study.

Why are there research studies about COVID-19 in children right now?

COVID-19 is a new virus so it is important to understand more about:

- How the virus spreads.
- Why some people get very sick, and some people do not.
- Which treatments work best, and if they work for everyone.
- How to prevent new infections.

What else should I know about before my child joins a COVID-19 research study?

- You and your child can talk to people you trust about whether to join the study.
- You and your child can change your minds at any time.

What should I ask the research team before my child joins a COVID-19 research study?

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Giving samples for COVID-19 research



Researchers study samples from the human body (like blood, tissue, or urine) to learn about disease and how the body works. These samples are called biospecimens. We are looking for volunteers to donate their samples to a biobank for COVID-19 research.

What is a biobank?

A biobank:

- Collects and stores biospecimens.
- Contains samples that researchers can study.
- Is sometimes called a biorepository or tissue repository.

Benefits/risks

- You will not directly benefit from giving samples or information to a biobank, but it may help researchers develop new treatments or ways to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Researchers will work hard to protect your privacy but there is a risk that your information or that some of your information could be accidentally shared.

Questions to ask

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| <input type="checkbox"/> How will you collect my sample or information? | <input type="checkbox"/> Will I learn the results of research on my sample? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Who will see my sample or information? | <input type="checkbox"/> Will I learn about results that might affect my health or family member's health? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How will researchers use my sample? | <input type="checkbox"/> Can I take my samples out of the biobank later? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How will researchers protect my privacy? | |

Why am I being asked to participate?

Researchers want to learn more about COVID-19, so they can understand how to diagnose, treat, and prevent it.

What will I be asked to do?

- Read and sign a consent form to allow researchers to use your samples and health information.
- Give a sample of your blood or saliva.
- Complete a health questionnaire.

Thank you for thinking about joining a COVID-19 biobanking research study. Please ask the research team ANY questions you have.

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