



CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY

You have been asked to participate in a NIOSH research study.
We explain here the nature of your participation, describe your rights,
and specify how NIOSH will treat your records.

I. DESCRIPTION

1. *Title:* Experimental and Theoretical Study of Early Detection and Isolation of Influenza
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3. *Project Purpose and Benefits:* The purpose of this study is to measure the size and number of small droplets that people with influenza release into the environment. The information we get in this study will help us learn how to keep diseases like influenza from spreading. You will receive a test for influenza and the results will be provided to you. Aside from this, the results of this study do not tell anything about your own health, and will not directly benefit you.

II. CONDITIONS OF THE STUDY

1. *Test procedures:* At the beginning of the session, you will be asked to answer a few questions about your health, including any respiratory problems or illnesses you may have. Your oral temperature will be taken, and a nasal swab will be taken from you to test you for the influenza virus. If you have flu-like symptoms or test positive for the flu, you will not be able to participate in the study at that time. Next, you will be outfitted with a small pump and a sampling device that collects airborne material while you work. The pump weighs 2 lbs.

and is in a pouch worn at the waist, while the sampler weighs 5 oz. and is clipped to your shirt or lab coat near your chin. You will be asked to wear the sampler and pump through your entire work shift. At the end of the shift, we will remove the sampler and pump and analyze the collected material.

2. *Risks or discomforts:* You should not be at any risk or experience any discomfort during this study. If you have any comments or problems because of the test procedures, you should call William G. Lindsley at 304-285-6336.

3. *Alternative procedures:* There are no different tests or procedures that will provide the information we need for our study.

4. *Possibility of injury:* It is very unlikely that you will be hurt as a result of these tests. However, if you are hurt, we will not provide medical care other than emergency treatment. If you are injured through negligence of a NIOSH employee you may be able to obtain compensation under Federal Law. If you want to file a claim against the Federal government you should contact the Public Health Service Claims Office at 301-443-1904. If you are injured or harmed through the negligence of a NIOSH contractor, your claim would be against the contractor, not the federal government. If an injury or harm should occur to you as the result of your participation, you also should contact William G. Lindsley at 304-285-6336. You can also contact Cheryl F. Estill, Chair, NIOSH Human Subjects Review Board, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45225, 513-533-8591.

5. *Questions:* If you have questions about this research, you can contact William G. Lindsley at 304-285-6336. If you have questions about your rights as a member of this study, you can contact Cheryl F. Estill, Chair, NIOSH Human Subjects Review Board, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45225, 513-533-8591.

6. *Participation is voluntary:* Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may withdraw your consent and end your participation in this study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You will receive \$25.00 to reimburse you for your time and inconvenience while participating in this study. If you decide to stop participating before completing the study, you will be reimbursed at a rate of \$3.00 per hour for the time you spend in the study.

7. *Notification of results:* You will receive a test for influenza and the results will be provided to you at the end of each session. Aside from this, the results from this study don't tell anything about your own health. For this reason, we will not send you a copy of the test results.

III. USE OF INFORMATION

This study is being done by The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). NIOSH is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a government agency in the Department of Health and Human Services. We collect this information in order to learn about various kinds of work hazards that may influence the health of the American worker.

NIOSH is allowed to collect and keep information about you, including your results from this study, along with your social security number (if applicable), because of three laws passed by Congress. These laws are:

1. The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C 241)
2. The Occupational Safety and Health Act (29 U.S.C. 669)
3. The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 951)

You will decide whether you want to provide us with this information by being in this study. You are free to choose not to be in this study. It is up to you. If the information we are collecting is maintained and retrieved by personal identifiers, such as your name and social security number, it will become part of the CDC record system and we will protect it to extent allowed by law. You should know, however, that there are conditions under the Privacy Act when we could be authorized to release this information to outside sources. These conditions under which we might release this information are listed in Appendix A (the Privacy Act).

IV. SIGNATURES

I have read this consent form and I agree to participate in this study.

PARTICIPANT _____ AGE _____ DATE _____
(signature)

I, the NIOSH representative, have accurately described this study to the participant.

REPRESENTATIVE _____ DATE _____
(signature)

Appendix A

The Information you provide will become part of the CDC Privacy Act System, 09-20-0147, "Occupational Health Epidemiological Studies and EEOICPA Program Records" and may be disclosed to

- Appropriate state or local health departments to report communicable diseases;
- Private contractors assisting NIOSH;
- Collaborating researchers under certain circumstances to conduct further investigations;
- One or more potential sources of vital statistics to make determinations of death, health status or to find last known address;
- The Department of Justice or the Department of Labor in the event of litigation;
- Congressional offices assisting an individual in locating his or her records;

You may request an accounting of the disclosures made by NIOSH. Except for these and other permissible disclosures authorized by the Privacy Act, or in limited circumstances required by the Freedom of Information Act, no other disclosures may be made without your written consent.

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