

ATTACHMENT 4:

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FOR FOCUS GROUPS

Research: Opinions about Public Health Issues and Messages

Sponsored by: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Purpose of this research:

You are being asked to participate in a focus group discussion being done by the U.S. Government's Department of Health and Human Services, with the assistance of the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. In the discussion, you will be asked: (1) your opinions about some messages and materials that the Department is developing to inform people about a public health issue; (2) your knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about the issue; and (3) related issues. Your answers can help us develop materials to better inform the public. The discussion will be recorded (audio only) to be sure we get all the information.

Please remember that:

- This session should last about 90 minutes.
- Participation is voluntary and you are not required to answer the questions.
- You will receive a cash incentive for participating in the discussion.

The risks of taking part in the discussion are the same as those encountered in daily life.

You may benefit from participation by getting more informed about an important public health issue. You may have a sense of satisfaction from civic participation. Your answers may help better inform the public and others about a public health issue. You will receive a cash incentive for your time.

Confidentiality: We will keep the information you give us private and secure to the extent allowed by law. Your name will not be used in any report. No statement you make will be linked to you by name. Only members of the research staff will be allowed to look at the records. When we present this study or publish its results, your name or other facts that point to you will not show or be used.

Persons to Contact: If you have questions about this study in general or about taking part in it, you may call:

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If you need more information about your rights as a study participant, you may contact the Chair of the Oak Ridge Site-Wide Institutional Review Board, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117, (865) 576-1725.