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**Attachment 3a  
Pretest Web-based Survey**

Pilot Test Study for the HIV Risk Reduction Educational Tool

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Consent

**Introduction and Purpose:**

You have been asked to take part in a research study. The purpose of this study is to learn your opinions about HIV prevention materials developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). RTI International, a nonprofit research organization in North Carolina, is conducting this CDC-sponsored study.

**Procedures:**

You will be asked to complete a brief survey so that we can learn more about you. After you complete the survey, you will be asked to review an online HIV prevention tool developed by CDC. You will then be asked to complete another brief survey so that we can learn your opinions about the online tool. The study will take about 45 minutes to complete.

**Risks/Discomforts and Right to Refuse or Withdraw:**

You might feel embarrassed or upset by some of the survey questions that ask about sexual behavior and alcohol and drug use or by the content of the tool. You can decline to answer any questions for any reason. You can also stop reviewing the tool (click the “Quit Exploring” button) or participating in the study (click the “Quit Study” button) at any time.

**Benefits:**

There is no direct benefit to you for being in this study. However, you may learn more about ways to prevent getting or giving someone else HIV.

**Privacy:**

Your responses will be kept private to the extent allowable by law. The survey does ask you for your email address. The survey vendor will send you a reminder email to complete the study if you stop participating before you finish the posttest survey. The survey vendor will also record participants’ IP addresses to help make sure people do not complete the study more than once. Email and IP addresses will be destroyed after all of the data are collected.

Only the survey vendor will know your email and IP address; neither RTI nor CDC will have access to this information. This means that RTI and CDC cannot link your survey answers to you as an individual. To help protect your privacy, we suggest that you participate in the study in a private location – either in your home and/or in a room with a door. Please also close your browser window once you are finished.

**Token of Appreciation:**

We will give you a $25 Amazon gift card as a token of appreciation. Instructions for redeeming the gift card will be provided after you complete the second survey.

**Persons to Contact:**

If you have questions about the study, you can call Jennifer Uhrig at 1-800-334-8571, extension 3311. She can be reached between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday–Friday. If you have questions about your rights as a participant, you can call RTI’s Office of Research Protection toll-free at 1-866-214-2043. If you have any questions about HIV, including how to locate services and ways to protect yourself, please contact CDC Info (http://www.cdc.gov/cdc-info/). To find local HIV testing sites, health centers, and other service providers, you can also visit AIDS.gov (<http://locator.aids.gov/>).

Please choose one to continue with the study:

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

2 I have read this consent form and do not want to participate in the study.

Section A: Background Information

First, we are going to ask you some questions to get to know you a little bit.

1. What is the highest grade or year of school you finished?

1. Never attended school or only attended kindergarten

2. Grades 1 through 8 (elementary)

3. Grades 9 through 11 (some high school)

4. Grade 12 or GED (high school graduate)

5. College 1 year to 3 years (some college or technical school)

6. College 4 years or more (college graduate)

7. Prefer not to answer

1. Which best describes your total personal income during the past year?

1. Less than $20,000

2. $21,000 to $30,000

3. $31,000 to $40,000

4. $41,000 to $50,000

5. $51,000 or more

6. Prefer not to answer

1. What is your marital status?

1 Married, civil union, or domestic partnership

2 Unmarried living with a partner or significant other

3 Divorced

4 Widowed

5 Separated

6 Single, never been married

9 Prefer not to answer

1. Before learning about this study, had you ever heard of CDC or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention?

1. Yes

2. No [Skip to Q6]

5. Prefer not to answer

1. How much do you disagree or agree with the following statement: I trust CDC as a source of information about HIV.
2. Strongly disagree
3. Disagree
4. Neither disagree nor agree
5. Agree
6. Strongly agree
7. Prefer not to answer

Section B: HIV Knowledge

In this section, we are going to ask you some questions about HIV.

1. Using a scale from 1 to 10, where 1=I know nothing and 10=I know everything I need to know, please rate your overall knowledge of HIV.
2. Tell me how risky you think each behavior is for [getting/transmitting] HIV if a person is not using any form of protection. Use a scale where 0 is lowest risk and 100 is highest risk. Please assign any number in that range to each of the behaviors listed.

a. Deep kissing \_\_\_\_\_

b. Receptive anal sex (“bottom”) with a condom \_\_\_\_\_

c. Receptive anal sex (“bottom”) without a condom \_\_\_\_\_

e. Receptive oral sex (“giving a blow job”) with a condom \_\_\_\_\_

f. Receptive oral sex (“giving a blow job”) without a condom \_\_\_\_\_

g. Insertive anal sex (“top”) with a condom \_\_\_\_\_

h. Insertive anal sex (“top”) without a condom \_\_\_\_\_

i. Insertive oral sex (“getting a blow job”) with a condom \_\_\_\_\_

f. Insertive oral sex (“getting a blow job”) without a condom \_\_\_\_\_

k. Prefer not to answer

1. Please drag and drop the behaviors below into a box based on how risky you think each behavior is for [getting/transmitting] HIV. Please assume that a person is not using any form of protection from HIV.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Little to no risk |  |  |  |  | High risk | Highest risk |

a. Deep kissing \_\_\_\_\_

b. Receptive anal sex (“bottom”) with a condom \_\_\_\_\_

c. Receptive anal sex (“bottom”) without a condom \_\_\_\_\_

e. Receptive oral sex (“giving a blow job”) with a condom \_\_\_\_\_

f. Receptive oral sex (“giving a blow job”) without a condom \_\_\_\_\_

g. Insertive anal sex (“top”) with a condom \_\_\_\_\_

h. Insertive anal sex (“top”) without a condom \_\_\_\_\_

i. Insertive oral sex (“getting a blow job”) with a condom \_\_\_\_\_

f. Insertive oral sex (“getting a blow job”) without a condom \_\_\_\_\_

k. Prefer not to answer

1. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statements.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Prefer not to answer |
| a. I know all I need to know about HIV. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| b. I know about how to prevent getting or transmitting HIV. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| c. I know whether and how often I should be tested for HIV. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

1. Please indicate whether the following statements about HIV are true, false, or if you don’t know the answer.

|  | True | False | Don’t Know | Prefer not to answer |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| The window period is the time between when a person gets tested for HIV and when they get back the results. |  |  |  |  |
| HIV can be transmitted through tears, saliva, or sweat. |  |  |  |  |
| Antiretroviral therapy (ART) reduces the amount of HIV virus in blood and body fluids. |  |  |  |  |
| ART reduces the chance of an HIV positive person transmitting HIV to a partner who is negative. |  |  |  |  |
| When an HIV positive person’s viral load is “undetectable”, they are cured. |  |  |  |  |
| Withdrawal or pulling out is an effective way to prevent HIV. |  |  |  |  |
| Heterosexual men who are circumcised are less likely to get HIV from their female sexual partners compared with men who have not been circumcised. |  |  |  |  |
| Having a sexually transmitted disease (STD) does NOT increase a person’s risk for getting or transmitting HIV. |  |  |  |  |
| Condoms protect people from every type of sexually transmitted disease. |  |  |  |  |
| Vaginal sex is riskier for transmitting HIV than anal sex. |  |  |  |  |
| The chance of getting HIV from oral sex is lower than vaginal sex. |  |  |  |  |
| Having anal sex without using a condom is the riskiest type of sex for getting or transmitting HIV. |  |  |  |  |
| People who are HIV negative can take medications (called pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP) to prevent getting infected with HIV if they have sex with someone who is HIV positive. |  |  |  |  |
| A person who has been exposed to HIV can take medications (called post-exposure prophylaxis or PEP) to lower their chances of getting HIV. This only works if they take the medication within 72 hours of being exposed. |  |  |  |  |

1. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statements.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Prefer not to answer |
| 1. When you live in a community where many people have HIV, the chances of having sex with someone who has HIV are higher. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. Sexually active gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men may benefit from HIV testing every 3 to 6 months. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. Having multiple sex partners may increase a person’s risk for HIV. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. All people between the ages of 13 and 64 should get tested for HIV at least once. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. Looking for sexual partners with the same HIV status as you can prevent getting or transmitting HIV. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. Using your HIV status and your partner’s HIV status to determine which *sexual activities* (i.e., oral, vaginal, anal sex) you engage in can help reduce the risk of getting or transmitting HIV. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. Using your HIV status and your partner’s HIV status to determine which *sexual roles/positions* (i.e., insertive/top or receptive/bottom) you engage in can help reduce the risk of getting or transmitting HIV. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Section C: Sexual Behavior

Next, we are going to ask you some questions about your sexual partners and behaviors.

1. **In the past 12 months,** have youhad oral sex (mouth on the penis or vagina), vaginal sex (penis in the vagina), or anal sex (penis in the butt)?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Prefer not to answer

1. Do you currently have a ***main sexual partner***—that is, a partner you would call your boyfriend, girlfriend, spouse, significant other, or life partner?

1 Yes

2 No **(SKIP TO Q18)**

9 Prefer not to answer **(SKIP TO Q18)**

1. [If YES – currently have a main sexual partner] How long have you been in a sexual relationship with your main sexual partner?

Please enter start date: (MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9 Prefer not to answer

1. Do you know the HIV status of *your main sexual partner*?

1 Yes

2 No **(SKIP TO Q17)**

9 Prefer not to answer **(SKIP TO Q17)**

1. [If YES] What is your main sexual partner’s HIV status?

1 My main partner is HIV negative.

2 My main partner is HIV positive.

3 My main partner has not been tested for HIV.

4 My main partner has not told me his/her HIV status.

9 Prefer not to answer

1. Have you had sex with another person during the time you have been with your current main sexual partner?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Prefer not to answer

1. ***SCRIPT: We’d now like to ask you some questions about casual sexual partners. A non-main or casual sexual partner is someone who you do not consider to be a spouse, significant other, or life partner.*** In the **past 12 months**, how many ***casual (non-main), sexual partners*** did you have vaginal, anal or oral sex with?

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9 Prefer not to answer

**[PROGRAMMER: If Q18=0, skip to Q21.]**

1. Do you know the HIV status of your most recent casual (non-main) sexual partner?

1 Yes

2 No (SKIP TO Q21)

9 Prefer not to answer (SKIP TO Q21)

1. [If YES] What is the HIV status of your ***most recent*** ***casual (non-main) sexual partner***?

1 My most recent casual (non-main) sexual partner is HIV negative.

2 My most recent casual (non-main) sexual partner is HIV positive.

3 My most recent casual (non-main) sexual partner has not been tested for HIV.

4 My most recent casual (non-main) sexual partner has not told me his/her HIV status.

Section D: Perceived Risk and Risk Behavior/Personal Prevention Strategies

1. Thinking about the sex you’ve had over the past 12 months, do you consider yourself to be low, medium or high risk for getting HIV?

1 Low risk

2 Medium risk

3 High risk

9 Prefer not to answer

1. In the past 12 months, how often did you use condoms for vaginal or anal sex with your current main sexual partner?

1 Always

2 Usually

3 Occasionally

4 Never

9 Prefer not to answer

1. In the past 12 months, how often did you use condoms for vaginal or anal sex with casual (non-main) sexual partners?

1 Always

2 Usually

3 Occasionally

4 Never

9 Prefer not to answer

1. Are you currently taking antiretroviral medicines to treat your HIV infection?

1 Yes (SKIP TO Q26)

2 No

9 Prefer not to answer

1. What is the main reason you are not currently taking any antiretroviral medicines?

1 Not currently going to a health care provider for my HIV infection

2 CD4 count and viral load are good

3 Don't have money or insurance for antiretroviral medicines

4 Don't want to take antiretroviral medicines

5 Other [Specify:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]

9 Prefer not to answer

1. Have you **ever** had an HIV viral load test?

1 Yes

2 No [SKIP TO 28]

8 Don’t know [SKIP TO 28]

9 Prefer not to answer [SKIP TO 28]

1. What was the result of your **most recent** viral load test?

1 Undetectable

2 Detectable copies/ml

8 Don’t know

9 Prefer not to answer

1. Before today, have you ever heard of people who do **not** have HIV taking HIV medicines (PrEP or Truvada) ***before sex***, to keep from getting HIV?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Prefer not to answer

1. In the past 12 months, have you taken HIV medicines (pre-exposure prophylaxis, PrEP or Truvada) ***before*** sex because you thought it would keep you from getting HIV?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Prefer not to answer

1. Before today, have you ever heard of people who do **not** have HIV taking HIV medicines (post-exposure prophylaxis, nPEP, or PEP) ***after sex***, to keep from getting HIV?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Prefer not to answer

1. In the past 12 months, have you taken HIV medicines (post-exposure prophylaxis, nPEP or PEP) ***after*** sex because you thought it would keep you from getting HIV?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Prefer not to answer

Section E. Substance Use

In this section, we are going to ask you some questions about your use of alcohol and illicit drugs.

1. Think specifically about the past 30 days up to and including today. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you drink one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage? A drink is a can or bottle of beer; a wine cooler or a glass of wine, champagne; a shot of liquor or a mixed drink or cocktail.

Number of days \_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Don’t know

2. Prefer not to answer

1. On the days that you drank during the past 30 days, how many drinks did you usually have each day? A drink is a can or bottle of beer; a wine cooler or a glass of wine, champagne; a shot of liquor or a mixed drink or cocktail.

Number of drinks \_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Don’t know

2. Prefer not to answer

1. Have you ever, even once, used a needle to inject any drug that was not prescribed for you or that you took only for the experience or feeling it caused?

1. Yes

2. No

3. Don’t know

4. Prefer not to answer

1. In the past 12 months, have you used a needle to inject any drug that was not prescribed for you or that you took only for the experience or feeling it caused?

1. Yes

2. No

3. Don’t know

4. Prefer not to answer

1. In the past 12 months, have you been drunk or high during sex?

1. Yes

2. No

3. Prefer not to answer

SECTION F: INFORMATION SEEKING

1. In the past 12 months, how often have you looked for information about…

|  | Very often | Often | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | Prefer not to answer |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. HIV? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 1. HIV risk of different sexual activities (i.e., oral, vaginal, anal sex)? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 1. HIV testing? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 1. condoms? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 1. taking medicines to treat HIV infection (e.g., antiretroviral therapy or ART)? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 1. taking medicines daily to reduce the chance of being HIV infected (e.g., Truvada, pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP)? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 1. taking medicines ***after sex*** to reduce the chance of being HIV infected (e.g., post-exposure prophylaxis, nPEP or PEP)? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 1. how to talk to my sexual partner(s) about HIV? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |

1. In the past 12 months, how often have you…

|  | Very often | Often | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | Prefer not to answer |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. searched online for HIV information? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 1. called an HIV hotline? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 1. texted your zip code for a location to get an HIV test? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 1. visited a Centers for Disease Control website for HIV information? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |

Section G. Norms

1. Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Most of my friends and other people close to me… | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Prefer not to answer |
| 1. talk to someone they are thinking about having sex with about using condoms. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. always use condoms with their sex partners. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. talk to someone they are thinking about having sex with about different options to prevent HIV | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. talk with someone they are thinking about having sex with about sexually transmitted infections (STIs) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. talk to someone they are thinking about having sex with about number of prior sex partners | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. tell someone they are thinking about having sex with their HIV status | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. ask someone they are thinking about having sex with about their HIV status | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. get tested for HIV as often as they should. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. take their HIV medication (ART) correctly as prescribed by their doctor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Section H: Self-efficacy for HIV Prevention Behaviors and Informed Decision-Making

1. Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| I am confident that I can… | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Prefer not to answer |
| 1. talk to someone I’m thinking about having sex with about using condoms. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. always use condoms correctly with my sex partners. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. talk to someone I’m thinking about having sex with about different options to prevent HIV | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. talk with someone I’m thinking about having sex with about sexually transmitted diseases | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. talk to someone I’m thinking about having sex with about my number of prior sex partners | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. tell someone I’m thinking about having sex with my HIV status | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. ask someone I’m thinking about having sex with about their HIV status | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. get tested for HIV as often as I should. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. take my HIV medication (ART) correctly as prescribed by my doctor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

1. How confident are you that you can…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Not at all confident | Somewhat confident | Very confident | Prefer not to answer |
| 1. Find information about the risks of different sexual behaviors for getting and transmitting HIV | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 1. Understand how risky different sexual behaviors are for getting and transmitting HIV | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 1. Use information about HIV risk to make decisions about how to protect yourself from getting or transmitting HIV | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 1. Use information about HIV risk to make decisions about how to protect your partner from getting or transmitting HIV | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 1. Find information about the HIV prevention options available to you | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 1. Find information about the benefits of each HIV prevention option available to you | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 1. Find information about the risks of each HIV prevention option available to you | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 1. Understand HIV information enough to choose the prevention option that best suits you | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 1. Handle unwanted pressure from others in choosing an HIV prevention option | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |

Section I. HIV Prevention Behavioral and Informed Decision Making Intentions

Next, we will ask you a few questions about your plans to do or discuss doing various things.

1. Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| I plan to… | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Prefer not to answer |
| Talk to someone I’m thinking about having sex with about using condoms. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Always use condoms correctly with my sex partners. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Talk to someone I’m thinking about having sex with about different options to prevent HIV | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Talk with someone I’m thinking about having sex with about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Tell someone I’m thinking about having sex with my HIV status | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Ask someone I’m thinking about having sex with about their HIV status | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Get tested for HIV as often as I should. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Take my HIV medication (ART) correctly as prescribed by my doctor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Find information about the risks of different sexual behaviors | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Use information about the risks of different sexual behaviors to protect myself from getting or transmitting HIV | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Use information about the risks of different sexual behaviors to protect my partner from getting or transmitting HIV | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

1. In what zip code do you currently live? \_\_\_\_\_