

Attachment 24: AHS Phase IV Health Follow-Up Letters

24.1). AHS Phase IV Health Follow-Up Participant Invitation Letter

24.2). AHS Phase IV Health Follow-Up Next of Kin Invitation Letter

24.3). AHS Phase IV Health Follow-Up Website Letter



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«FirstName»«LastName», <<Suffix>>  
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Dear Mr./Mrs. «LastName» <<Suffix>>:

Thank you for your continued participation in the Agricultural Health Study (AHS). You are an essential member of this study. The involvement of people, just like you, helps us learn about how agricultural and environmental factors may affect the health of farmers and their families.

Occasionally, we contact everyone in the AHS to update information about their health. Enclosed is a brief questionnaire about your health as well as a contact update form for you to complete. These are separate documents to help us protect your privacy. If you have any questions or need assistance completing it please call us at 1-855-443-2692 or see our survey website, [www.aghealthsurvey.org](http://www.aghealthsurvey.org).

Also enclosed is a copy of the most recent AHS Study Update. We hope you enjoy it and learn something new about the study.

Even if you are retired or no longer farming, your involvement is very important to us. Your participation in this or any activity of the AHS is voluntary. You remain in the Agricultural Health Study even if you do not participate at this time.

Again, we want to thank you for your assistance in making the Agricultural Health Study an important and successful study in the agricultural community.

Sincerely,

Jane Hoppin, ScD



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Dear «FirstName/LastName»:

«FirstName/LastName, suffix of Deceased» was a member of the Agricultural Health Study (AHS), a large health study of farmers and their spouses in Iowa and North Carolina. As a participant of the AHS, «he/she» provided valuable information to help us learn how agricultural and environmental factors may affect the health of farmers and their families.

We want to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. We are hoping you are willing to honor «his/her» commitment to the AHS by providing some additional information about «his/her» health history. Please know that protecting this information is a priority for the AHS. Everything you provide will be kept confidential and only used in summary reports.

We have enclosed a brief questionnaire for you, or someone more knowledgeable about «him/her», to complete and return. This should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. If there is someone more appropriate for us to contact to obtain this information, please call us toll-free at 1-855-443-2692.

Also enclosed is a copy of the most recent AHS Study Update. If you have questions about the study as a whole, please visit our website, [www.aghealth.org](http://www.aghealth.org). If you have questions about this survey, visit the survey website, [www.aghealthsurvey.org](http://www.aghealthsurvey.org). We appreciate your help in providing us this important information.

Sincerely,

Jane Hoppin, ScD



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Thank you for your continued participation in the Agricultural Health Study (AHS). We recently sent you the latest AHS Study Update and a brief questionnaire. We have not heard from you yet and want to make sure you have the chance to participate. If you have already returned your questionnaire in the mail, we thank you. If you haven't, please read on for other ways you can participate in this important health study.

We understand that your time is important. We want to provide you with convenient options (paper, web, or phone) to complete the questionnaire. Enclosed is another copy, if paper is your choice.

If you prefer to complete the questionnaire on the internet, you may do so by going to our **secure** website and entering the username and password below. The username and password are unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. This is one of the many ways we protect your privacy.

Website:

Username:

Password:

If you prefer to complete the questionnaire by telephone, we will call you. We will begin telephone interviews in the spring. If you have any questions about the study or want to schedule your telephone interview, please call us at 1-xxx-xxx-xxxx.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jane Hoppin, ScD