

Attachment 14: Phase IV Buccal Cell Pre-Contact Letters

14.1). Phase IV Buccal Cell Pre-Contact Letter for Iowa

14.2). Phase IV Buccal Cell Pre-Contact Letter for North Carolina



Attachment 14.1: Phase IV Buccal Iowa

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To: *Agricultural Health Study Participant*

From: Charles Lynch, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, Agricultural Health Study-Iowa

Thank you for continuing to participate in the Agricultural Health Study, which is designed to learn about how occupation and environmental factors affect an individual's health. Thanks to your participation, this now is the largest one of its kind in the United States.

The main goal of this study is to look at pesticide exposures and chronic health conditions. Now that we are learning more about possible links between various cancers and pesticide use, we would like you to consider participating in an additional research effort. You are one of about 5,000 members of the Agricultural Health Study who have been selected to be contacted about this study. Because you have already contributed a tremendous amount of information about your pesticide exposure in previous interviews and questionnaires, this new study will have a head-start in understanding the relationship of cancer to these exposures.

We would like you to collect a sample of loose cells from your mouth. You may have done so for us in a previous effort, but this sample will be reserved specifically for later laboratory analysis that will involve genetic testing. Your participation will take only a few minutes and will provide important information for the study.

We will be calling you within a few days to explain the procedure and answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call us at **1-800-217-1954**. We will be glad to assist you.

Thank you once again for your time and support.

Attachment 14.2: Phase IV Buccal North Carolina

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To: *Agricultural Health Study Participant*

From: Marsha Dunn, MPH
Director, Agricultural Health Study-North Carolina

Thank you for continuing to participate in the Agricultural Health Study, which is designed to learn about how occupation and environmental factors affect an individual's health. Thanks to your participation, this now is the largest one of its kind in the United States.

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Thank you once again for your time and support.