

Recruitment Script

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is researching the feasibility of various school practices to promote social distancing among students in the event of a communicable disease outbreak like pandemic influenza as an alternative to school closure. Social distancing consists of strategies to increase the physical space and reduce the number of contacts among people to help reduce disease transmission. This is a nationwide study that will engage dozens of stakeholders including individuals from state education agencies, school districts, and non-governmental health organizations across all U.S. regions. What we learn in this study will help inform official U.S. government guidance on school responses to disease outbreaks.

RAND Corporation is working with CDC and will host group interviews via webinar to learn about the feasibility of various practices schools could implement in a disease outbreak, including barriers and facilitators to implementing them.

I work for RAND and am writing to invite you to participate in a group interview to discuss this topic. Are you available to participate?

Group interviews will last approximately 90 minutes. We will offer several date options in 2017 for you to join *one group interview* at a time that is most convenient for you. We also offer a \$50 gift card to participants as a token of appreciation for your time. If you can accept it, a gift code will be emailed to you immediately after the interview. Participation in the interview is voluntary and we keep individual answers confidential.

I appreciate your time and consideration in helping with this effort. I look forward to hearing from you.