



**2017 Field Test of Proposed Changes  
to the 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)**

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**Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System  
2016 Field Test Questionnaire**

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## Questions by Section

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### Core Section 1: Health Status

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**1.1** Would you say that in general your health is—

**Read:**

- 1 Excellent,
- 2 Very good,
- 3 Good,
- 4 Fair, or
- 5 Poor.

**Do not read:**

- 7 Don't know / Not sure
- 9 Refused

### Core Section 2: Healthy Days — Health-Related Quality of Life

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**2.1** Now thinking about your physical health, which includes physical illness and injury, for how many days during the past 30 days was your physical health not good?

\_\_ Number of days  
88 None  
77 Don't know / Not sure  
99 Refused

**2.2** Now thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression, and problems with emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your mental health not good?

\_\_ Number of days  
88 None **[If Q2.1 and Q2.2 = 88 (None), go to next section]**  
77 Don't know / Not sure  
99 Refused

**2.3** During the past 30 days, for about how many days did poor physical or mental health keep you from doing your usual activities, such as self-care, work, or recreation?

\_\_ Number of days  
88 None  
77 Don't know / Not sure  
99 Refused

### Core Section 3: Demographics

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**3.1** What was your sex at birth?

Do not read:

1 Male  
2 Female  
9 Refused

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: WE ASK THIS QUESTION IN ORDER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS.**

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: PLEASE SAY THE NUMBER BEFORE THE TEXT RESPONSE. RESPONDENT CAN ANSWER WITH EITHER THE NUMBER OR THE TEXT/WORD.**

**3.2. Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?"**

**Read:**

- 1 1 - Straight
- 2 2 - Lesbian or gay
- 3 3 - Bisexual

**Do not read:**

- 4 Other
- 7 Don't know/Not sure
- 9 Refused

**3.3 Do you consider yourself to be transgender?**

**IF YES, ASK "DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE 1 MALE-TO-FEMALE, 2. FEMALE-TO-MALE, OR 3. GENDER NON-CONFORMING?"**

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: Please say the number before the "yes" text response. Respondent can answer with either the number or the text/word.**

**Read:**

- 1 1. Yes, Transgender, male-to-female
- 2 2. Yes, Transgender, female to male
- 3 3. Yes, Transgender, gender nonconforming
- 4 4. No, not transgender.

**Do not read:**

- 7 Don't know/not sure
- 9 Refused

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF ASKED ABOUT DEFINITION OF TRANSGENDER: SOME PEOPLE DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS TRANSGENDER WHEN THEY EXPERIENCE A DIFFERENT GENDER IDENTITY FROM THEIR SEX AT BIRTH. FOR EXAMPLE, A PERSON BORN INTO A MALE BODY, BUT WHO FEELS FEMALE OR LIVES AS A WOMAN WOULD BE TRANSGENDER. SOME TRANSGENDER PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR PHYSICAL APPEARANCE SO THAT IT MATCHES THEIR INTERNAL GENDER IDENTITY. SOME TRANSGENDER PEOPLE TAKE HORMONES AND SOME HAVE SURGERY. A TRANSGENDER PERSON MAY BE OF ANY SEXUAL ORIENTATION – STRAIGHT, GAY, LESBIAN, OR BISEXUAL.**

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF ASKED ABOUT DEFINITION OF GENDER NON-CONFORMING: SOME PEOPLE THINK OF THEMSELVES AS GENDER NON-CONFORMING WHEN THEY DO NOT IDENTIFY ONLY AS A MAN OR ONLY AS A WOMAN.**

**3.4** What is your age?

- Code age in years
- 07 Don't know / Not sure
- 09 Refused

**3.5** Are you Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin?

**If yes, ask: Are you...**

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: *One or more categories may be selected.***

- 1 Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano/a
- 2 Puerto Rican
- 3 Cuban
- 4 Another Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin

**Do not read:**

- 5 No
- 7 Don't know / Not sure
- 9 Refused

**3.6** Which one or more of the following would you say is your race?

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: Select all that apply.**

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: 40 (Asian) or 50 (Pacific Islander) is selected read and code subcategories underneath major heading.**

**Read:**

- 10 White**
- 20 Black or African American**
- 30 American Indian or Alaska Native**
- 40 Asian**
  - 41 Asian Indian
  - 42 Chinese

- 43 Filipino
- 44 Japanese
- 45 Korean
- 46 Vietnamese
- 47 Other Asian

**50 Pacific Islander**

- 51 Native Hawaiian
- 52 Guamanian or Chamorro
- 53 Samoan
- 54 Other Pacific Islander

**Do not read:**

- 60 Other
- 88 No additional choices
- 77 Don't know / Not sure
- 99 Refused

**CATI NOTE: If more than one response to Q3.5; continue. Otherwise, go to Q3.6.**

**3.5** Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race?

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: If 40 (Asian) or 50 (Pacific Islander) is selected read and code subcategory underneath major heading.**

- 10 White**
- 20 Black or African American**
- 30 American Indian or Alaska Native**
- 40 Asian**

- 41 Asian Indian
- 42 Chinese
- 43 Filipino
- 44 Japanese
- 45 Korean
- 46 Vietnamese
- 47 Other Asian

**50 Pacific Islander**

- 51 Native Hawaiian
- 52 Guamanian or Chamorro

- 53 Samoan
- 54 Other Pacific Islander

**Do not read:**

- 60 Other
- 77 Don't know / Not sure
- 99 Refused

**3.6** Are you...?

**Read:**

- 1 Married
- 2 Divorced
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Separated
- 5 Never married, or
- 6 A member of an unmarried couple

**Do not read:**

- 9 Refused

**3.7** What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

**Read if necessary:**

- 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)

**Do not read:**

- 9 Refused

**3.8** Do you own or rent your home?

- 1 Own
- 2 Rent
- 3 Other arrangement
- 7 Don't know / Not sure
- 9 Refused



**INTERVIEWER NOTE: “Other arrangement” may include group home, staying with friends or family without paying rent.**

**NOTE: Home is defined as the place where you live most of the time/the majority of the year.**

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: We ask this question in order to compare health indicators among people with different housing situations.**

**3.9** Are you currently...?

**Read:**

- 1 Employed for wages
- 2 Self-employed
- 3 Out of work for 1 year or more
- 4 Out of work for less than 1 year
- 5 A Homemaker
- 6 A Student
- 7 Retired

**Or**

- 8 Unable to work

**Do not read:**

- 9 Refused

**3.10** In the past 12 months, have you or anyone in your household received food stamps, also called SNAP (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), or food benefits on EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know/ Not sure
- 9 Refused

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: Food Stamps or SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is a government program that provides plastic cards that can be used to buy food. In the past, SNAP was called the Food Stamp Program and gave people benefits in paper coupons or food stamps.**

**3.11** How many children less than 18 years of age live in your household?

- \_\_ Number of children
- 88 None
- 99 Refused

**3.12** Is your annual household income from all sources—  
**If respondent refuses at ANY income level, code '99' (Refused)**

**Read only if necessary:**

- 04 Less than \$25,000 **If “no,” ask 05; if “yes,” ask 03**  
 (\$20,000 to less than \$25,000)
- 03 Less than \$20,000 **If “no,” code 04; if “yes,” ask 02**  
 (\$15,000 to less than \$20,000)
- 02 Less than \$15,000 **If “no,” code 03; if “yes,” ask 01**  
 (\$10,000 to less than \$15,000)
- 01 Less than \$10,000 **If “no,” code 02**
- 05 Less than \$35,000 **If “no,” ask 06**  
 (\$25,000 to less than \$35,000)
- 06 Less than \$50,000 **If “no,” ask 07**  
 (\$35,000 to less than \$50,000)
- 07 Less than \$75,000 **If “no,” code 08**  
 (\$50,000 to less than \$75,000)
- 08 \$75,000 or more

**Do not read:**

- 77 Don't know / Not sure
- 99 Refused

**3.13** About how much do you weigh without shoes?  
**NOTE: If respondent answers in metrics, put “9” in column XXX.**

**Round fractions up**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Weight (*pounds/kilograms*)
- 7777 Don't know / Not sure
- 9999 Refused

**3.14** About how tall are you without shoes?

**NOTE: If respondent answers in metrics, put “9” in column XXX.**

**Round fractions down**

-- / --      Height  
(f t / inches/meters/centimeters)  
7 7/ 7 7      Don't know / Not sure  
9 9/ 9 9      Refused

#### Module Section 4: Depression/ Anxiety

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4.1 Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by having little interest or pleasure in doing things. Would you say this happens...

**Read:**

1 never,  
2 for several days,  
3 for more than half the days or  
4 nearly every day.

**Do not read:**

7 Don't know/ Not sure  
9 Refused

4.2 Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by feeling down, depressed or hopeless? Would you say this happens...

**Read:**

1 never,  
2 for several days,  
3 for more than half the days or  
4 nearly every day.

**Do not read:**

7 Don't know/ Not sure  
9 Refused

4.3 Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by feeling nervous, anxious or on edge? Would you say this happens...

**Read:**

1 never,  
2 for several days,  
3 for more than half the days or  
4 nearly every day.

**Do not read:**

7 Don't know/ Not sure

9 Refused

4.4 Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by not being able to stop or control worrying? Would you say this happens...

**Read:**

1 never,

2 for several days,

3 for more than half the days or

4 nearly every day.

**Do not read:**

7 Don't know/ Not sure

9 Refused

Module Section 5: Indoor Tanning and Excess Sun Exposure

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**5.1** Not including spray-on tans, during the past 12 months, how many times have you used an indoor tanning device such as a sunlamp, tanning bed, or booth even one time?

**Do Not Read:**

Enter number (0-365) \_\_ \_\_ \_\_

777 Don't know/ Not sure

999 Refused

**5.2** During the past 12 months, how many times have you had a sunburn?

**Do not read:**

Enter number (0-365) \_\_ \_\_ \_\_

777 Don't know/ Not sure

999 Refused

**5.3** When you go outside on a warm sunny day for more than one hour, how often do you protect yourself from the sun (for example, using sunscreen, wearing a wide-brimmed hat, or wearing a long-sleeved shirt)? Is that....

**Read**

1 Always

2 Most of the time

3 Sometimes

4 Rarely

5 Never

**Do not Read**

6 Don't go out in the sun

7 Don't know/ Not sure

9 Refused

5.4 In the summer, on average, how long are you outside per day between 10am and 4pm on weekdays?

**Do not read:**

1 Less than half an hour

2 (more than half an hour) up to 1 hour

3 (more than 1 hour) up to 2 hours

4 (more than 2 hours) up to 3 hours

5 (more than 3 hours) up to 4 hours

6 (more than 4 hours) up to 5 hours

7 Up to 6 hours

77 Don't know/ Not sure

99 Refused

5.5 In the summer, on average, how long are you outside per day between 10am and 4pm on weekends?

**Do not read:**

1 Less than half an hour

2 (more than half an hour) up to 1 hour

3 (more than 1 hour) up to 2 hours

4 (more than 2 hours) up to 3 hours

5 (more than 3 hours) up to 4 hours

6 (more than 4 hours) up to 5 hours

7 Up to 6 hours

77 Don't know/ Not sure

99 Refused

Module Section 6: Colorectal Cancer Screening (2 Options/ Randomized)

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**Option 1**

6.1.1 A blood stool test is a test that may use a special kit at home to determine whether the stool contains blood. Have you ever had this test using a home kit?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [Go to Q3]
- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to Q3]
- 9 Refused [Go to Q3]

6.1.2 How long has it been since you had your last blood stool test using a home kit?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Within the past year (anytime less than 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 year but less than 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 3 years (2 years but less than 3 years ago)
- 4 Within the past 5 years (3 years but less than 5 years ago)
- 5 5 or more years ago
- 7 Don't know / Not sure
- 9 Refused

6.1.3. A sigmoidoscopy uses a flexible tube that is inserted in the rectum to look for problems. Have you ever had a sigmoidoscopy?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [Go to Q5]
- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to Q5]
- 9 Refused [Go to Q5]

6.1.4 How long has it been since you had your last sigmoidoscopy?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Within the past year (anytime less than 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 year but less than 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 3 years (2 years but less than 3 years ago)
- 4 Within the past 5 years (3 years but less than 5 years ago)
- 5 Within the past 10 years (5 years but less than 10 years ago)
- 6 10 or more years ago
- 7 Don't know / Not sure

## 9 Refused

6.1.5 A colonoscopy uses a flexible tube that is longer than a sigmoidoscopy. For this test, you are usually given medication through a needle in your arm to make you sleepy and told to have someone else drive you home after the test. Have you ever had a colonoscopy?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [Go to Q7]
- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to Q7]
- 9 Refused [Go to Q7]

6.1.6 How long has it been since you had your last colonoscopy?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Within the past year (anytime less than 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 year but less than 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 3 years (2 years but less than 3 years ago)
- 4 Within the past 5 years (3 years but less than 5 years ago)
- 5 Within the past 10 years (5 years but less than 10 years ago)
- 6 10 or more years ago
- 7 Don't know / Not sure
- 9 Refused

6.1.7 There are several new colorectal cancer screening tests. One is the multi-targeted stool DNA test. It is similar to the blood stool test and looks for blood in the stool. It also looks at changes in DNA, which may be a sign of cancer. Have you ever had a multi-targeted stool DNA test?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [Go to Q9]
- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to Q9]
- 9 Refused [Go to Q9]

6.1.8. How long has it been since you had your last multi-targeted stool DNA test?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Within the past year (anytime less than 12 months ago)

- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 year but less than 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 3 years (2 years but less than 3 years ago)
- 4 Within the past 5 years (3 years but less than 5 years ago)
- 5 Within the past 10 years (5 years but less than 10 years ago)
- 6 10 or more years ago
- 7 Don't know / Not sure
- 9 Refused

6.1.9. The other new test is a CT colonography and uses a series of X-rays to take pictures of the inside of the colon. Have you ever had a CT colonography?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [End module]
- 7 Don't know / Not sure [End module]
- 9 Refused [End module]

6.1.10 How long has it been since you had your last CT colonography?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Within the past year (anytime less than 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 year but less than 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 3 years (2 years but less than 3 years ago)
- 4 Within the past 5 years (3 years but less than 5 years ago)
- 5 Within the past 10 years (5 years but less than 10 years ago)
- 6 10 or more years ago
- 7 Don't know / Not sure
- 9 Refused

**Option 2:**

6.2.1. There are several kinds of tests for colorectal cancer including a stool test, a flexible sigmoidoscopy, a colonoscopy, and a virtual colonoscopy. Stool tests include using a special kit at home to determine whether the stool contains blood. A flexible sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy view the inside of the rectum and colon for signs of cancer or other health problems. The colonoscopy includes getting medication through a needle in your arm to make you sleepy and you were told to have someone else drive you home after the test. The virtual colonoscopy uses x-rays so that a doctor can see images of the colon on a computer screen. Have you ever had a test for colorectal cancer screening?



**Do not read:**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [Go to next module]
- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to next module]
- 9 Refused [Go to next module]

6.2.2. How long has it been since you had your last test for colorectal cancer screening?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Within the past year (anytime less than 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 year but less than 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 3 years (2 years but less than 3 years ago)
- 4 Within the past 5 years (3 years but less than 5 years ago)
- 5 5 or more years ago
- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to next module]
- 9 Refused [Go to next module]

6.2.3. Was that colorectal cancer screening test a:

**Read:**

- 1 Blood stool test (FIT, gFOBT) [go to Q4]
- 2 Blood stool test that tested for DNA (multi-targeted stool DNA test; FIT-DNA test) [go to next module]
- 3 Flexible sigmoidoscopy [go to Q6]
- 4 Colonoscopy [Go to next module]
- 5 Virtual colonoscopy [Go to next module]

**Do not read:**

- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to next module]
- 9 Refused [Go to next module]

6.2.4. A sigmoidoscopy uses a flexible tube that is inserted in the rectum to look for problems. Did you also have a flexible sigmoidoscopy with the blood stool test?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [Go to next module]

- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to next module]
- 9 Refused [Go to next module]

6.2.5. How long has it been since you had your last sigmoidoscopy?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Within the past year (anytime less than 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 year but less than 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 3 years (2 years but less than 3 years ago)
- 4 Within the past 5 years (3 years but less than 5 years ago)
- 5 5 or more years ago
- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to next module]
- 9 Refused [Go to next module]

6.2.6. Did you also have a blood stool test with the flexible sigmoidoscopy? A blood stool test is a test that may use a special kit at home to determine whether the stool contains blood.

**Do not read:**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [Go to next module]
- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to next module]
- 9 Refused [Go to next module]

6.2.7. How long has it been since you had your last blood stool test?

**Do not read:**

- 1 Within the past year (anytime less than 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 year but less than 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 3 years (2 years but less than 3 years ago)
- 4 Within the past 5 years (3 years but less than 5 years ago)
- 5 5 or more years ago
- 7 Don't know / Not sure [Go to next module]
- 9 Refused [Go to next module]

Closing statement



Thank you for your participation. Your answers will be combined with others to determine the best way to understand health risk behaviors and preventive practices.