

2021 Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey

Attachment O4

Letter to Teachers in Participating Schools (In-person instruction)

Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey

To prepare for the ABES administration, please:

Review the enclosed Summary of School Arrangements form, which **confirms the classes that were randomly selected to participate and the date(s) of survey administration.**

Go to and watch “Pre-Survey Teacher Video.” This 2-minute video will help you be prepared for survey administration.

Distribute a parental permission form to each student in your selected class as soon as possible, **at least 10 days prior** to the survey administration date. We have provided “Instructions to be Read When Distributing Permission Forms.”

Follow the directions on the Data Collection Checklist and use it to track and record the return of all permission forms. Distribute a reminder slip and/or another parental permission form, **three days prior** to the survey administration date, to students who have not yet returned a signed form.

On the day of the survey, **log back into** and watch “Day of Survey Video” and follow the instructions.

Distribute student sign in cards and encourage their timely participation.

Dear Teacher:

We appreciate your classroom hosting the Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey (ABES), sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Adolescent and School Health. To assess student risk behaviors during the pandemic, and to help understand the pandemic’s impact on youth, the CDC will conduct the ABES in spring 2021. A report summarizing the results will be published the following year and your school will be notified when the report is available for download.

You play a very important role in the survey. Your support and encouragement are necessary to ensure a high rate of participation among your students, which is essential to produce valid national data. Your class was randomly selected and cannot be replaced.

The survey will be administered electronically on an internet-connected device. The survey will take approximately 20-35 minutes to complete and can be done outside of class. **Please follow the instructions on your left in order to prepare for the survey administration.**

Survey procedures have been designed to protect your students’ privacy and allow for anonymous participation. Attached is a summary fact sheet about the study. A copy of the questionnaire is available with your school’s contact person, if you would like to view it. **Please do not log into the ABES website to see the survey, as information you enter will be counted as a student’s response.**

The participation of your students in the ABES will help the CDC, educators, and public health officials assess health risk behavior and experiences during, and related to, COVID-19. If you have any questions, please call me toll-free at 1-800-675-9727 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. eastern time. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Alice Roberts, Project Director
Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey