

**Appendix B**

**National Survey of Children's Health  
Longitudinal Cohort (NSCH-LC)  
Contact Materials Drafts**

**NSCH-LC – Screener Invitation Letters**

*\*Note: Bracketed text is used to reference the additional text needed within the letters based on various characteristics of the expected household.*

**Letter 1 – NSCH-LC-SE1**

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

Your household has been selected to participate in the **National Survey of Children’s Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. This survey measures the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, young adults, and families. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts this survey on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**The success of this survey depends on your participation.** The results will help our nation better understand and respond to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families across the country, following the COVID-19 pandemic. We have enclosed a small token of appreciation for your participation. If there are no children or young adults under the age of 24 in your household or for whom you or someone in your household are the parent or [previous] caregiver, we still want to hear from you.

Responding to this survey is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlc>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-#####

Your household was selected as part of this voluntary survey. We cannot replace your household with another one. If you are unable to complete the survey online, need assistance, or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

This survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number 0607-##### appears in the bottom left corner of the survey web page. If this number were not displayed, we could not conduct this survey.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*

**Letter 2 - NSCH-LC-SAC1**

Dear Resident,

Your household has been selected to participate in the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. This survey measures the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, young adults, and families. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts this survey on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**The success of this survey depends on your participation.** The results will help our nation better understand and respond to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families across the country, following the COVID-19 pandemic. We have enclosed a small token of appreciation for your participation. If there are no children or young adults under the age of 24 in your household or for whom you or someone in your household are the parent or [previous] caregiver, please complete and return the card at the bottom of this page.

Responding to this survey is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschl>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-####

Your household was selected as part of this voluntary survey. We cannot replace your household with another one.

This survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number 0607-#### appears in the bottom left corner of the survey web page and at the bottom right of this letter. If this number were not displayed, we could not conduct this survey.

If you or someone in your household are not a parent or [previous] caregiver of a child or young adult under the age of 24, please complete the form below and return it in the postage-paid envelope. If you are unable to complete the survey online, have questions or need assistance, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*

**If there is no one at this address who is a parent or [previous] caregiver of a child or young adult under the age of 24:**  
Please complete the form below and return it in the postage-paid envelope.

*(Detach along the perforated line)*

**Check this box and return this card ONLY if there is no one at this address who is a parent or [previous] caregiver of a child or young adult who is currently under the age of 24.**

**Mailing Instructions: Thank you. Place this card in the postage-paid envelope provided. If the envelope has been misplaced, please mail this card to:**

U.S. Census Bureau  
ATTN: DCB 60-A  
1201 E. 10th Street  
Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001



Public reporting burden for returning this card is estimated to average 1 minute per response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Paperwork Project 0607-####, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 8H590, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to [DEMO.Paperwork@census.gov](mailto:DEMO.Paperwork@census.gov); use "Paperwork Project 0607-####" as the subject.

OMB No. 0607-####: Approval Expires (date)

### Letter 3 – NSCH-LC-SS1

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

Your household has been selected to participate in the **National Survey of Children’s Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. This survey measures the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, young adults, and families. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts this survey on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**The success of this survey depends on your participation.** The results will help our nation better understand and respond to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families across the country, following the COVID-19 pandemic. We have enclosed a small token of appreciation for your participation. If there are no children or young adults under the age of 24 in your household or for whom you or someone in your household are the parent or [previous] caregiver, we still want to hear from you.

Responding to this survey is easy:

**To respond in Spanish**, complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. This questionnaire is the first part of the NSCH-LC. If you are selected for the second part, we will contact you again.

**To respond in English,**

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlc>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-####

Your household was selected as part of this voluntary survey. We cannot replace your household with another one. If you need assistance, or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

This survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number 0607-#### appears in the bottom left corner of the survey web page and in the upper left corner on the back cover of the paper questionnaire. If this number were not displayed, we could not conduct this survey.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance, call 1-877-749-4943.*

## Letter 4 - NSCH-LC-EP1

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

Recently we mailed you a letter requesting your participation in the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. The survey will help us understand the current health care needs of children, young adults, and their families. If you have already responded to the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not yet completed your survey, please do so right away.

Responding to this survey is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschl>
2. Enter your Login ID: ####-####

If you are unable to complete the survey online, need assistance, or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*

## Letter 5 - NSCH-LC-SP1

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

Recently we mailed you a letter requesting your participation in the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. The survey will help us understand the current health care needs of children, young adults, and their families. If you have already responded to the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not yet completed your survey online or returned the paper questionnaire we sent you, please do so right away.

Responding to this survey is easy:

**To respond in Spanish**, complete the first part of the NSCH-LC that was sent to you previously and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you are selected for the second part, we will contact you again.

**To respond in English**,

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlc>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-#####

If you need assistance with the survey or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

*For assistance, call 1-877-749-4943.*

## Letter 6 – NSCH-LC-SE2

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

Recently, we requested your participation in the **National Survey of Children’s Health - Longitudinal Cohort** (NSCH-LC). If you have completed the NSCH-LC prior to receiving this mailing, please accept our thanks. If you have not yet responded, we encourage you to complete the survey online. This survey collects information about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, young adults, and families.

**Your response is important to the success of this survey.** If there are no children or young adults under the age of 24 in your household or for whom you or someone in your household are the parent or [previous] caregiver, we still want to hear from you.

Responding to this survey online is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlc>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-####

If you would prefer a paper version of the survey, need assistance or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

The information gathered in this survey is critical to understanding children’s and young adult’s health care needs across the country. Your household was scientifically selected, and your response represents thousands of other households, including those in your community. The U.S. Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your household. By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses for statistical research.

Thank you again for your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*



**Letter 7 – NSCH-LC-SS2**

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

Recently, we requested your participation in the **National Survey of Children’s Health - Longitudinal Cohort** (NSCH-LC). If you have completed the NSCH-LC prior to receiving this mailing, please accept our thanks. If you have not yet responded, we encourage you to do so today. This survey collects information about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, young adults, and families.

**Your response is important to the success of this survey.** If there are no children or young adults under the age of 24 in your household or for whom you or someone in your household are the parent or [previous] caregiver, we still want to hear from you.

Responding to this survey online is easy:

**To respond in Spanish**, complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. This questionnaire is the first part of the NSCH-LC. If you are selected for the second part, we will contact you again.

**To respond in English**,

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlc>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-#####

If you need assistance with the survey or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

The information gathered in this survey is critical to understanding children’s and young adult’s health care needs across the country. Your household was scientifically selected, and your response represents thousands of other households, including those in your community. The U.S. Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your household. By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses for statistical research.

Thank you again for your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in English, call 1-877-749-4943.*

**Letter 8 – NSCH-LC-EP2**

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

We've attempted to reach you to ask for your help with the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. Your response will help us better understand the current health care needs of children, young adults, and their families.

If you have already responded to the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so right away.

Responding to this survey is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschl>
2. Enter your Login ID: ####-####

If you are unable to complete the survey online, need assistance, or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*

## Letter 9 - NSCH-LC-SP2

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

We've attempted to reach you to ask for your help with the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. Your response will help us better understand the current health care needs of children, young adults, and their families.

If you have already responded to the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not yet completed your survey online or returned the paper questionnaire we sent you, please do so right away.

Responding to this survey is easy:

**To respond in Spanish**, complete the first part of the NSCH-LC that was sent to you previously and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you are selected for the second part, we will contact you again.

**To respond in English,**

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlrc>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-#####

If you need assistance with the survey or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

*For assistance in English, call 1-877-749-4943.*

## Letter 10 - NSCH-LC-SE3

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

Recently, we wrote asking for your help with the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort** (NSCH-LC). If you have already responded, thank you. If you have not, we are asking you to complete this survey because your participation is important for its success. The survey period is ending soon.

Responding to this survey is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlc>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-#####

If you are unable to complete the survey online, please complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. This questionnaire is the first part of the NSCH-LC. If you are selected for the second part, we will contact you again.

If there are no children or young adults under the age of 24 in your household or for whom you or someone in your household are the parent or [previous] caregiver, we still want to hear from you. If you need assistance with the survey or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

The results of this survey will help us better understand and respond to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families in the United States. Your household was scientifically selected, and your response represents thousands of other households. The U.S. Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your household. By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses for statistical research.

Thank you again for your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*

## Letter 11 - NSCH-LC-SS3

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

Recently, we wrote asking for your help with the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort** (NSCH-LC). If you have already responded, thank you. If you have not, we are asking you to complete this survey because your participation is important for its success. The survey period is ending soon.

Responding to this survey is easy:

**To respond in Spanish**, complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. This questionnaire is the first part of the NSCH-LC. If you are selected for the second part, we will contact you again.

**To respond in English**,

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlrc>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-#####

If there are no children or young adults under the age of 24 in your household or for whom you or someone in your household are the parent or [previous] caregiver, we still want to hear from you. If you need assistance with the survey or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

The results of this survey will help us better understand and respond to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families in the United States. Your household was scientifically selected, and your response represents thousands of other households. The U.S. Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your household. By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses for statistical research.

Thank you again for your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in English, call 1-877-749-4943.*

**Letter 12 - NSCH-LC-SE4**

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

In [insert month], we requested your participation in the **National Survey of Children’s Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. We are contacting you today one final time to ask for your help with this very important survey.

If you have already responded to the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not yet responded, please respond today. The information gathered in this survey is critical to understanding and responding to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families across the country. [insert appropriate benefit statement – previously “**It provides key insights about the health and welfare of the youngest members of our society and what they need to thrive.**”]

This is your last opportunity to ensure that the survey results reflect the characteristics of households like yours. If there are no children or young adults under the age of 24 in your household or for whom you or someone in your household are the parent or [previous] caregiver, we still want to hear from you.

Responding to this survey is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlrc>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-####

If you are unable to complete the survey online, please complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. This questionnaire is the first part of the NSCH-LC. If you are selected for the second part, we will contact you again.

If you have any questions about participating, please contact us at 1-877-749-4943 or by email at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*

## Letter 13 - NSCH-LC-SS4

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver,

In [insert month], we requested your participation in the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. We are contacting you today one final time to ask for your help with this very important survey.

If you have already responded to the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not yet responded, please respond today. The information gathered in this survey is critical to understanding and responding to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families across the country. [insert appropriate benefit statement – previously “**It provides key insights about the health and welfare of the youngest members of our society and what they need to thrive.**”]

This is your last opportunity to ensure that the survey results reflect the characteristics of households like yours. If there are no children or young adults under the age of 24 in your household or for whom you or someone in your household are the parent or [previous] caregiver, we still want to hear from you.

Responding to this survey is easy:

**To respond in Spanish**, complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. This questionnaire is the first part of the NSCH-LC. If you are selected for the second part, we will contact you again.

**To respond in English,**

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlrc>
2. Enter your Login ID: #####-#####

If you have any questions about participating, please contact us at 1-877-749-4943 or by email at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in English, call 1-877-749-4943.*

## **Screener Letter FAQs -**

### **FAQs**

#### **What is the National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort (NSCH-LC)?**

The NSCH-LC is a national survey that focuses on the physical and emotional health of children and young adults under the age of 24 in the United States. The 2023 NSCH-LC collects information related to the health and well-being of these children and young adults, including access to and use of health care, family interactions, mental health, school and after-school experiences, and family economic circumstances.

#### **Why is this survey important?**

The NSCH-LC is designed to measure the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on children, young adults, and their families. The results of the NSCH-LC will help inform the development of federal policies and programs aimed at improving the health and well-being of children and young adults.

#### **Why should I participate?**

This survey collects information used to improve the health of children and young adults across the country. Once a household has been selected for the survey, we cannot replace them.

#### **I have a child that I consider an adult. Do I still need to answer the survey?**

Yes. The NSCH-LC asks questions about both children and young adults under the age of 24. The survey also asks questions about their families and the experiences of young people as they transition into adulthood.

#### **I have a child or young adult that does not live with me. Do I need to include them in the survey?**

Yes, even if the child or young adult does not live with you, if they are under the age of 24, we still need you to include them when you respond to the survey.

#### **How long will this survey take?**

For most households, both parts of the survey should take, on average, 40 minutes to complete in total. If there are no children or young adults under the age of 24 that you or someone in your household are a parent or [previous] caregiver for, then the survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

#### **Will my response be confidential?**

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information. We are not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your household. The Census Bureau is conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 8(b) (13 U.S.C. § 8(b)) and Section 501(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 701). Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential under Title 13, U.S.C., Section 9 (13 U.S.C. § 9). Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data. This survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-####.

#### **¿Cómo puedo responder la encuesta u obtener ayuda?**

Puede completarla en español por teléfono o solicitar un cuestionario impreso por correo. Llame al 1-877-749-4943 para recibir ayuda o para completar la encuesta por teléfono.



**NSCH-LC – Paper Topical Invitation Letters**

*\*Note: Bracketed text is used to reference the additional text needed within the letters based on various characteristics of the expected household.*

**Letter 14 - NSCH-LC-TE1**

Dear [respondent name] or [parent or [previous] caregiver of [child name]],

A few weeks ago, you responded to the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. We greatly appreciate your participation.

The second and final step of this survey is to answer some follow-up questions about:

A [male/female] [child/person] referred to as [first name] who is [age] years old

This voluntary survey should be filled out by a parent or [previous] caregiver who is familiar with this [child's/person's] health and health care. We ask for your response regardless of where this [child/person] currently lives. For most households, it usually takes, on average, 35 minutes to complete. Please return your completed questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided.

**The success of this survey depends on your participation.** The results will help our nation better understand and respond to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families across the country, following the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have questions or need assistance with the survey, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you once again for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*

**Letter 15 - NSCH-LC-TS1**

Dear [respondent name] or [parent or [previous] caregiver of [child name]],

A few weeks ago, you responded to the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. We greatly appreciate your participation.

The second and final step of this survey is to answer some follow-up questions about:

A [male/female] [child/person] referred to as [first name] who is [age] years old

This voluntary survey should be filled out by a parent or [previous] caregiver who is familiar with this [child's/person's] health and health care. We ask for your response regardless of where this [child/person] currently lives. For most households, it usually takes, on average, 35 minutes to complete. Please return your completed questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided.

**The success of this survey depends on your participation.** The results will help our nation better understand and respond to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families across the country, following the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have questions or need assistance with the survey, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you once again for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in English, call 1-877-749-4943.*

**Letter 16 - NSCH-LC-TE2**

Dear [respondent name] or [parent or [previous] caregiver of [child name]],

We recently contacted you to ask for your participation in the final step of the **National Survey of Children's Health – Longitudinal Cohort**. The final step is to answer some follow-up questions about:

A [male/female] [child/person] referred to as [first name] who is [age] years old

To the best of our knowledge, we have not yet received your response. If you have already responded, please accept our thanks. If you have not, we encourage you to complete and return the enclosed paper questionnaire today. This survey should be filled out by a parent or [previous] caregiver who is familiar with this [child's/person's] health and health care, even if this [child/person] does not live at this address.

**Your response is important** and will help us understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the educational experiences of children and young adults.

If you have questions or need any assistance with the survey, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Your responses to this questionnaire are kept confidential. The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are required by law to protect the confidentiality of your responses.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*

**Letter 17 - NSCH-LC-TS2**

Dear [respondent name] or [parent or [previous] caregiver of [child name]],

We recently contacted you to ask for your participation in the final step of the **National Survey of Children's Health – Longitudinal Cohort**. The final step is to answer some follow-up questions about:

A [male/female] [child/person] referred to as [first name] who is [age] years old

To the best of our knowledge, we have not yet received your response. If you have already responded, please accept our thanks. If you have not, we encourage you to complete and return the enclosed paper questionnaire today. This survey should be filled out by a parent or [previous] caregiver who is familiar with this [child's/person's] health and health care, even if this [child/person] does not live at this address.

**Your response is important** and will help us understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the educational experiences of children and young adults.

If you have questions or need any assistance with the survey, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Your responses to this questionnaire are kept confidential. The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are required by law to protect the confidentiality of your responses.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in English, call 1-877-749-4943.*

**Letter 18 - NSCH-LC-TE3**

Dear [respondent name] or [parent or [previous] caregiver of [child name]],

Recently we wrote to request your participation in the final part of the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. If you have already completed the survey prior to receiving this mailing, please accept our thanks. If you have not yet responded, we encourage you to complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and send it back as soon as possible. The information gathered in this survey is critical to understanding access to and use of health care since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. **Your response is important to the success of this survey.**

We have some follow-up questions to ask about:

A [male/female] [child/person] referred to as [first name] who is [age] years old

Your responses to this questionnaire are kept confidential. The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are required by law to protect the confidentiality of your responses. By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses for statistical research.

If you need assistance with the survey or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you in advance for your continued participation in this important survey.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosures

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*

**Letter 19 - NSCH-LC-TS3**

Dear [respondent name] or [parent or [previous] caregiver of [child name]],

Recently we wrote to request your participation in the final part of the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. If you have already completed the survey prior to receiving this mailing, please accept our thanks. If you have not yet responded, we encourage you to complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and send it back as soon as possible. The information gathered in this survey is critical to understanding access to and use of health care during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. **Your response is important to the success of this survey.**

We have some follow-up questions to ask about:

A [male/female] [child/person] referred to as [first name] who is [age] years old

Your responses to this questionnaire are kept confidential. The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are required by law to protect the confidentiality of your responses. By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses for statistical research.

If you need assistance with the survey or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth-lc@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth-lc@census.gov).

Thank you in advance for your continued participation in this important survey.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosures

*For assistance in English, call 1-877-749-4943.*

**Letter 20 - NSCH-LC-TE4**

Dear [respondent name] or [parent or [previous] caregiver of [child name]],

In recent months, we have contacted you regarding the final part of the **National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort**. We conduct this important survey for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The survey will help identify gaps in education and health care among children and young adults in the U.S.

**The survey is ending soon and this is your last opportunity to help.** If you have already completed the survey prior to receiving this mailing, please accept our thanks. If you have not yet responded, we encourage you to do so today. The success of this survey depends on your response.

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Thank you again for your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosures

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**Letter 21 - NSCH-LC-TS4**

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Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

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## **Topical Letter FAQs**

### **FAQs**

#### **What is the National Survey of Children's Health - Longitudinal Cohort (NSCH-LC)?**

The NSCH-LC is a national survey that focuses on the physical and emotional health of children and young adults 3- to 24-year-olds in the United States. The 2023 NSCH-LC collects information related to the health and well-being of children and young adults, including access to and use of health care, family interactions, mental health, school and after-school experiences, and family economic circumstances.

#### **Why is this survey important?**

The NSCH-LC is designed to measure the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, young adults, and their families. The results of the NSCH-LC will help inform the development of federal policies and programs aimed at improving the health and well-being of children and young adults.

#### **Why should I participate?**

This survey collects information used to improve the health of children and young adults across the country. Once a child or young adult has been selected as the subject for the second part of the survey, we cannot replace them.

#### **I consider this child an adult. Do I still need to answer the survey?**

Yes. The NSCH-LC asks questions about both children and young adults ages 3- to 24-years old. The survey also asks questions about their families and the experiences of young people as they transition into adulthood.

#### **This child or young adult does not live with me. Do I still need to answer the survey?**

Yes, even if the child or young adult does not currently live with you, we still need you to respond.

#### **How long will this survey take?**

For most households, this final part of the survey should take, on average, 35 minutes to complete.

#### **Will my response be confidential?**

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information. We are not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your household. The Census Bureau is conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 8(b) (13 U.S.C. § 8(b)) and Section 501(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 701). Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential under Title 13, U.S.C., Section 9 (13 U.S.C. § 9). Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data. This survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-####.

#### **¿Cómo puedo responder la encuesta u obtener ayuda?**

Puede completarla en español por teléfono o solicitar un cuestionario impreso por correo. Llame al 1-877-749-4943 para recibir ayuda o para completar la encuesta por teléfono.