

May 22, 2025

«motherfirstname» «motherlastname»
«address1»
«address2»
«City», «State» «zip»

Dear Ms. «motherlastname»:

On behalf of the Birth Defects Study To Evaluate Pregnancy exposureS (BD-STEPS) team, I want to thank you for returning the BD-STEPS Informed Consent for Release of Reportable Infectious Disease Results form <NC only: and the NC Division of Public Health Communicable Disease Branch release form> to us. The information will be used to help us better understand how an infection before or during pregnancy might play a role in why some pregnancies are affected by birth defects or other pregnancy problems. Enclosed is a \$10 gift card as a token of appreciation for your time and interest.

Please feel free to call one of our study staff at 1-888-743-7324 or <Insert Local PI or study coordinator Name> at [**insert local contact number**] if you have any questions about the study.

Also, we may invite you in the future to participate in other parts of BD-STEPS. You are free to decline to participate in any future parts of BD-STEPS. If you do not want us to contact you about any other parts of BD-STEPS in the future, please contact us at «local email address» or «local telephone number».

We publish an electronic newsletter yearly that updates participants on the progress of the study. You can access this newsletter at www.bdsteps.org.

Thank you again for your contributions to BD-STEPS.

Sincerely yours,

<Insert Local PI or study coordinator Name and local contact>