

PHASE 1 HOUSEHOLD ADVANCE SCREENER LETTER—FTF & Multimode (English)

From the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics:

My agency, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, needs your help.

We are doing an important study called the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG). This study asks questions about health and health care, plans and experiences related to having children, and other general health behaviors. The information is used to help understand health and health behaviors in the United States.

To prepare for this study, we are asking a scientifically selected sample of households to take part in a brief screening survey. Your household cannot be replaced in the sample. We have asked RTI International (RTI), a nonprofit research organization, to carry out the NSFG survey for us.

[FILL IF FTF: In a few days, an RTI interviewer will visit your home to complete the brief screening survey. The interviewer will be wearing an RTI ID badge indicating she is authorized to conduct the survey. The visit will only take about 5 minutes, and any adult who lives in the home can answer the screening questions. Based on the answers to the screening questions, you or someone else in your household may be asked to complete the main NSFG survey, which is described in the enclosed brochure. **The selected person will receive \$40 as a token of appreciation.**]

[FILL IF WEB: Any adult who lives in the home can answer the brief screening survey. Your household is welcome to keep the enclosed \$2 as a token of appreciation for completing the screening survey. You can complete your household's screener questions online using any internet-enabled device; however, use of a computer or tablet is recommended.

Go online:

- [FILL SURVEY LINK]
- Log in using your
username: <<FILL username>>
password: <<FILL password>>

If your household is unable to complete the brief screening survey online by [DATE], one of our interviewers will try to contact you to complete it in person. However, your screening survey will still be available online if you prefer to complete it that way. Based on the answers to the screening questions, you or someone else in your household may be asked to complete the main NSFG survey, which is described in the enclosed brochure. **The selected person will receive \$40 as a token of appreciation.**]

Your help in completing this screening survey is voluntary but is key to the success of the NSFG survey. By Federal law*, the answers you give are confidential and we will take all possible steps to protect your privacy. Your answers will be used for statistical research only. Information is only presented in summary form. Individuals or families cannot be identified.

I thank you for your help with this important study.

Sincerely,

Director, National Center for Health Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>

*One important law that protects your confidentiality is Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m(d)). The other two laws are the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA, Title III of Public Law 115-435) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a). Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k) allows us to carry out this survey. Transmissions across the internet into Federal information systems may be monitored for cybersecurity purposes in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. §§ 151 and 151 note).

PHASE 3 ADVANCE HOUSEHOLD SCREENER LETTER—FTF & Multimode (English)

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We are doing an important study called the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG). This study asks questions about health and health care, plans and experiences related to having children, and other general health behaviors. The information is used to help understand health and health behaviors in the United States.

To prepare for this study, we are asking a scientifically selected sample of households in the United States to take part in a brief screening survey carried out by RTI International (RTI), a nonprofit research organization. In a few days, [FILL IF WEB: if you do not complete the survey online,] an RTI interviewer will visit your home to see if you or someone in your household is eligible for the study. The visit will only take about 5 minutes, and any adult who lives in the home can answer. If you would like to set up a time for the interviewer to visit you, please call RTI (toll-free) at: [CONTACT INFORMATION]. Based on the answers given in the screening survey, you or someone else in your household may be selected for the main NSFG survey, which is described in the enclosed brochure. The selected person **will receive \$80 as a token of appreciation.**

[FILL IF WEB: We encourage you to complete this brief screening survey online instead of having an interviewer visit you. You can complete your household's survey online using any internet-enabled device; however, use of a computer or tablet is recommended.

Go online:

- [FILL SURVEY LINK]
- Log in using your
username: <<FILL username>>
password: <<FILL password>>

OR

If you prefer to complete in person:

- Help your interviewer by scheduling a visit.
- Please call toll-free: XXX-XXX-XXXX

] We have enclosed \$5 as a token of our appreciation for your help. It is yours to keep.

Your help in completing this brief screening survey is completely voluntary but it is key to the success of the NSFG survey. By Federal law*, the answers you give are confidential and we take all possible steps to protect your privacy. Your answers will be used for statistical research only. Information is only presented in summary form. Individuals or families cannot be identified. We look forward to speaking with you soon about this nationally recognized and highly respected study of people in America.

On behalf of the National Center for Health Statistics, I thank you for your help with this important study.

Sincerely,

Director, National Center for Health Statistics
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>

**Please call toll-free:
[PHONE
NUMBER] to**

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