

PHASE 1 RESPONDENT ADVANCE INTERVIEW LETTER—FTF & Multimode (English)

[FILL IF FTF: From the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics:] [FILL IF MAILED: Dear [RESPONDENT NAME],]

[FILL IF FTF: We are pleased that you were chosen to take part in the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG); FILL IF MAILED: You have been selected to take part in the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG). Your selection was based on answers you or another household member gave to a brief household screening survey]. This important study is being done by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), which is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within the United States Department of Health and Human Services. We have asked RTI International (RTI), a nonprofit research organization, to carry out the NSFG survey for us.

The NSFG survey asks questions about health and health care, plans and experiences related to having children, and other general health behaviors. It lasts about [FILL IF FEMALE: 75; IF MALE: 50; IF TEEN: 45] minutes depending on your answers, and you will only be asked questions that apply to you. The information is used to help understand health and health behaviors in the United States. **For your help, you will receive \$40 as a token of appreciation.**

[FILL IF WEB: You can complete your NSFG 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>>

If you are unable to complete your survey online by [DATE], one of our interviewers will try to contact you to complete it in person. However, your survey will still be available online if you prefer to complete it that way.]

Your participation in this study is voluntary but it is key to the success of the study. Saying yes or no to taking part in the study will not change any benefits you get now or in the future. The NSFG survey is interesting and enjoyable for most people. You were chosen for the NSFG survey and you represent thousands of others across the country. [FILL IF FTF: Your interviewer will arrange to do the NSFG survey at a time that works best for you. To schedule an appointment, please call RTI (toll-free) [CONTACT INFORMATION].]

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. You may choose not to answer any question at any time. You may have questions about your rights as a participant in this study. If so, please call the office of the Ethics Review Board at NCHS, toll free, at 1-800-223-8118. Please leave a brief message with your name and phone number. Say that you are calling about Study Number **2021-XX**. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

The enclosed brochure will help to answer your questions about the study and provides contact information for the NCHS study team. You can also learn more at the NSFG website: www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsfg.htm.

I thank you for your help with this influential 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 RESPONDENT INTERVIEW LETTER—FTF & Multimode (English)

[FILL IF FTF: From the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics:] [FILL IF MAILED: Dear [RESPONDENT NAME]],

[FILL IF FTF: We are pleased you were chosen to take part in the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG).; FILL IF MAILED: You have been selected to take part in the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG). **You will receive \$80 as a token of appreciation for your participation.** Your selection was based on answers you or another member of your household gave to a brief household screening survey.] This important study is being done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics.

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We are asking your help to find a convenient time for you to talk with the RTI interviewer working in your area. Interviewers work seven days a week, including evenings. Please help us by calling RTI's toll-free number, [CONTACT INFORMATION], to set up an appointment. **When the interviewer visits you to conduct the interview, you will receive \$80 as a token of appreciation.**

[FILL IF WEB: You also have the option to complete your NSFG survey online instead of having an interviewer visit you. **You will still receive \$80 as a token of appreciation if you choose to access your survey online.** You can complete your NSFG 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

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