



A message from the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics:

You have been invited to participate in a very important national survey, the National Immunization Survey (NIS). The NIS collects information about children's health and vaccinations. Information from the survey is used by federal, state, and local governments to improve healthcare programs. Your participation is critical to make this study a success, even if you do not have children.

If you have access to the internet, you may complete the survey online using this log in information:

Survey URL: <https://nis.norc.org/go/nis>

Personal Identification Number: [PIN]

If you choose not to complete the survey online, a NORC interviewer will call you in a few weeks to complete the survey by telephone.

If you would like to learn more about the National Immunization Survey, please refer to the frequently asked questions on the back of this letter, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website (www.cdc.gov/nchs/nis.htm), or call our survey partner, NORC at the University of Chicago, toll free at 877-267-8154.

Thank you for your cooperation. I am grateful for your help.

Sincerely,

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Frequently Asked Questions

How was I selected to participate?

Your household was randomly selected by a computer.

What types of questions will you ask?

The NIS asks about a variety of topics including children's vaccination history, children's health, and general information about your household. We also ask for permission to contact your child's immunization providers (e.g., your child's doctor) to collect some additional information.

I don't have any children. Do I still need to complete the survey?

Yes, please. The survey will ask only the questions that are relevant to you. It is important for us to interview every household selected.

I don't want to complete the NIS online. Is there another way to participate?

Yes. An interviewer from NORC at the University of Chicago will call you in a few weeks to conduct the survey by telephone. Want to get started immediately? Call NORC toll-free at 877-267-8154 and get started now.

Who is NORC at the University of Chicago?

NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC) is an independent research organization that conducts the National Immunization Survey on behalf of the CDC. Additional information on NORC can be found on its website (www.norc.org).

How can I be sure that this survey invitation is not a scam?

Check out the CDC's NIS website (www.cdc.gov/nchs/nis.htm) where you will be able to confirm NORC's involvement and their toll-free number (877-267-8154).

Is it safe to provide NIS information online?

Yes. Information collected in the National Immunization Survey is encrypted at all times. Our secure servers use "HTTPS" to ensure encrypted transmission of your data between your browser and our servers. <https://nis.norc.org/go/nis> is also independently verified by Network Solutions as a secure website.

Who will see my answers?

Only a few people who work on the NIS ever see any personal information. Answers that could identify you or your family in any way are separated from your other answers. Everyone who works on the survey must sign an oath that promises they will never give out anyone's personal information. Survey findings are put into summary reports that contain no names or other information that identifies you.

Will you ever sell my name, address, telephone number, or other information?

No. Your information is kept confidential, and your answers are used for health research purposes only. We conduct this survey under the Public Health Service Act. It and other strict U.S. laws require that we protect your family's information and keep it confidential. More information about these laws is available at www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/policy/confidentiality.htm.

How do I find more information about immunizations and places to get them?

You may call toll free 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636) for more information about vaccinations or to get the phone number of a doctor or clinic near you.

If you prefer to use a TTY



Please call the AT&T Relay Service at 1-800-855-2880 and request that NORC be called at 877-267-8154.