



Dear Resident,

I am writing to ask for your help with an important survey that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is conducting, called the National Immunization Survey (NIS). It is a survey about the vaccinations that people can get and other health topics. In the next few weeks, your home will be called to take part in the survey. I have included below answers to questions you may have. To learn more, you may also visit our website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nis>.

**Why should I take part in the survey?**

We want to help improve health and health services in the US. Your answers help local, state, and federal health officials reach these goals. For example, results from this survey will be used to develop programs to make it easier for people to get the flu shots and prevent illness from the flu. We need your answers so that policymakers can plan for important programs in the future.

**How do I participate?**

We work with the National Opinion Research Center at University of Chicago (NORC). Someone from NORC will call you in the next few weeks to conduct the survey. If you would like to take part in the study now or would like to learn more about the study and what you will be asked, you may call this toll-free number at 1-800-993-0495.

**How was my household chosen?**

Your phone number was picked using scientific procedures. We need to interview every chosen phone number to get a complete picture of the vaccinations received by people in your area and across the country.

**Who will see my answers?**

We are bound by law to keep information that would identify you confidential. Your answers are combined with answers given by many other people. Everyone working on this study has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both if ANY information is given out that could identify you or your household. Everything you tell us is used for vaccination research purposes only. If you have questions about your rights as a study participant you may call 1-800-223-8118, toll-free. Be ready to leave a message and say you are calling about protocol #2006-04.

**What information is available about immunizations and about places that provide them?**

You may call the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention toll-free at 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636) to learn more about vaccinations or the phone number of a doctor or clinic near you.

We need your help to make this study a success. Although taking part is voluntary, we hope you will answer the survey. Your answers will help improve the nation's health now and in the years ahead. We appreciate your taking the time to talk to us. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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