

My Coronavirus Survey – A Qualitative survey examining people’s perception of where and how they caught Covid-19

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish.

- You are invited to participate in a study on the perception of how you contracted Covid-19. The main purpose is to understand where people are being infected and whether infection changes their attitude towards precautionary measures.
- You will be asked to participate in a short (5 minutes) anonymised electronic survey.
- Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Please take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Thank you for reading this.

What is the purpose of the study?

The study aims to understand where people are being infected and whether infection changes their attitude towards precautionary measures

This research study will result in a paper in a respected medical journal.

Why have I been invited?

We are inviting you because you are over 18 years and have tested positive for Covid-19 in the UK.

Do I have to take part?

No, it is entirely up to you. If you would like to take part in the survey you will be asked to consent and respond to some brief questions Even after you consented and agreed to the study, you are free to withdraw from the study at any time.

What will happen if I take part?

You will be asked to take part in a short anonymised electronic survey which will take about 5 minutes to complete.

What do I have to do?

There are no added requirements or restrictions associated with this research other than completing the survey and interview

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

There are no risks associated as all the data collected will be anonymised and the confidentiality of all participants will be protected.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

The interview findings will be extremely helpful in shaping our understanding of what the general population thinks about how Covid-19 is spread.

What if something goes wrong?

If you are harmed by taking part in this research project, there are no special compensation arrangements. If you are harmed due to someone's negligence, then you may have grounds for a legal action. Regardless of this, if you wish to complain, or have any concerns about any aspect of the way you have been treated during the course of this study then you should immediately inform the Investigator (Austen El-Osta; a.el-osta@imperial.ac.uk). If you are still not satisfied with the response, you may contact the Imperial College, Research Governance and Integrity Team (RGIT).

WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW YOUR INFORMATION IS USED

You can find out more about how we use your information

- Participant Information Sheet
- by asking one of the research team
- by sending an email to a.el-osta@imperial.ac.uk

Transparency notice

HOW WILL WE USE INFORMATION ABOUT YOU?

Research Study Title: **My Coronavirus Survey – A Qualitative survey examining people’s perception of where and how they caught Covid-19**

Imperial College London is the sponsor for this study. Healthily is the data controller for this study. This means that Healthily is responsible for looking after your information and sharing it appropriately with. Imperial College London. Imperial will keep your personal data for:

- 10 years after the study has finished in relation to data subject consent forms.
- 10 years after the study has completed in relation to primary research data.

We will need to use information from you for this research project.

This information will include your;

- age
- city/location
- gender
- ethnicity

People will use this information to do the research or to check your records to make sure that the research is being done properly. We will keep all information about you safe and secure.

People who do not need to know who you are will not be able to see your name or contact details. Your data will have a code number instead.

Once we have finished the study, we will keep some of the data so we can check the results. We will write our reports in a way that no-one can work out that you took part in the study.

LEGAL BASIS

As a university we use personally-identifiable information to conduct research to improve health, care and services. As a publicly-funded organisation, we have to ensure that it is in the public interest when we use personally-identifiable information from people who have agreed to take part in research. This means that when you agree to take part in a research study, we will use your data in the ways needed to conduct and analyse the research study.

Health and care research should serve the public interest, which means that we have to demonstrate that our research serves the interests of society as a whole. We do this by following the [UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS

There may be a requirement to transfer information to countries outside the European Economic Area (for example, to a research partner). Where this information contains your personal data, Imperial College London will ensure that it is transferred in accordance with data protection legislation. If the data is transferred to a country which is not subject to a European Commission (**EC**) adequacy decision in respect of its data protection standards, Imperial College London will enter into a data sharing agreement with the recipient organisation that incorporates EC approved standard contractual clauses that safeguard how your personal data is processed.

SHARING YOUR INFORMATION WITH OTHERS

For the purposes referred to in this privacy notice and relying on the bases for processing as set out above, we will share your personal data with certain third parties.

- Other College employees, agents, contractors and service providers (for example, suppliers of printing and mailing services, email communication services or web services, or suppliers who help us carry out any of the activities described above). Our third party service providers are required to enter into data processing agreements with us. We only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our policies.

WHAT ARE YOUR CHOICES ABOUT HOW YOUR INFORMATION IS USED?

You can stop being part of the study at any time, without giving a reason, but we will keep information about you that we already have.

We need to manage your records in specific ways for the research to be reliable. This means that we won't be able to let you see or change the data we hold about you.

If you agree to take part in this study, you will have the option to take part in future research using your data saved from this study.

COMPLAINT

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, please contact Imperial College London's Data Protection Officer via email at dpo@imperial.ac.uk, via telephone on 020 7594 3502 and/or via post at Imperial College London, Data Protection Officer, Faculty Building Level 4, London SW7 2AZ.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not lawful you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO does recommend that you seek to resolve matters with the data controller (us) first before involving the regulator.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

The results of this study will be utilised as part of a dissertation project. If you are interested in obtaining the results do not hesitate to email a.el-osta@imperial.ac.uk. You will not be identified in any report/publication.

Who is organising and funding the research?

Imperial College London Department of Primary Care & Public Health is organising this research. There is no funding for this research which is being done as part of a Masters in Public Health (MPH) dissertation. Imperial College London is the main research Sponsor for this study.

Who has reviewed the study?

This study was given ethical approval by the Head of Department (Professor Azeem Majeed) and the Research Governance and Integrity Team (RGIT).

Contact for Further Information

Should you have any questions regarding this study please do not hesitate to contact Dr Austen El-Osta at a.el-osta@imperial.ac.uk.

Thank you for taking part in this study. *A copy of the written information and signed Informed Consent form will be given to the participant to keep.*