

# Easy to Read Leaflet

## Taking part in a study about Coronavirus (COVID-19)



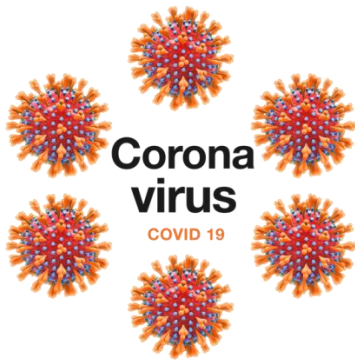
### About this booklet



This booklet is about taking part in a study.

This booklet is in an easy to read format.

This will help you to understand what happens in the study.



This booklet will tell you about the study.

The study is about  
Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
in Ireland.



This booklet will tell you  
about taking part in a study  
about Coronavirus (COVID-19).



If you say yes to take part in the study  
this booklet will tell you about  
what happens to your information.

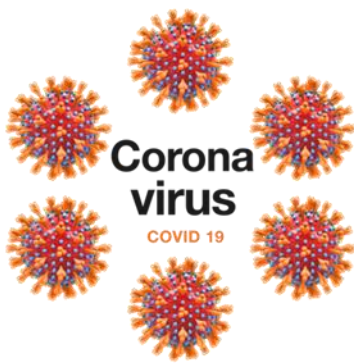


When you take part in the study you will have tests.

These tests will have results.

This booklet will tell you what that means.

## What is this study about?



The study is about Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Ireland.

## What is this study about?



Coronavirus (COVID-19) makes people sick.

They can have a cough.

They can have a fever.

They can have breathing difficulties.

# What are we trying to find out in this study?



Coronavirus (Covid-19) is a new virus.

We do not know a lot about Coronavirus (Covid-19).

# Why do we want to do this study?



We want to find out how many people in Ireland had Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We want to know what age these people are.

This will tell us what age group young people and older people the most had Coronavirus (COVID-19).

# How will we find out how many people in Ireland have had Coronavirus (COVID-19)?



We will do a blood test.

Your body makes Coronavirus (COVID-19) antibodies when you get Coronavirus (COVID-19).



Coronavirus (COVID-19) antibodies help you to fight the virus.



We will look at your blood for Coronavirus (COVID-19) antibodies.



If your blood test is positive this means that you have had Coronavirus (COVID-19).

# Who is doing this study?



This study is being done by people who work with viruses and diseases every day called the research team.

We are:  
The HSE



The Health Protection Surveillance Centre.



University College Dublin  
National Virus Reference Laboratory.

# What am I being asked to do by taking part in the study?



We would like to talk to you.

We will telephone you to ask you some questions.



We will ask you to go to a centre to see a nurse who will take a blood sample from you.



It is up to you to decide to take part in the study.

You can say yes



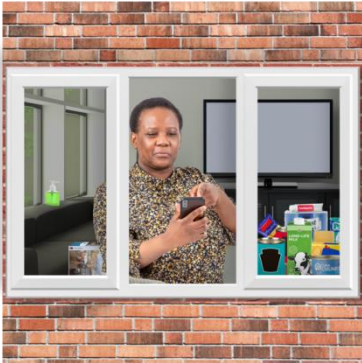
or

You can say no.



If you would like to take part in the study you can say yes by doing any of these:  
Telephone us on: 1800 141414  
Email us at: [scopi@hse.ie](mailto:scopi@hse.ie)  
Text us on: 51444

# Will I be taking part in all of the study?



If you are cocooning  
if you are sick  
if you have been with someone with  
Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
we will not ask you to do  
the blood test part of the study.

This is to keep you safe.



You can do the telephone part of the  
study only.

# Will I need to come back again to the centre?



You will be asked  
to go to the centre one time  
for a blood test.





If you have Coronavirus (COVID-19) antibodies in your blood we will ask you to go back to the centre for three more blood tests over the next year.



You do not have to agree to do this.



You can decide not to take part in the study at any time.

# What happens to the information you get from me?



We will ask you for the following information:

- Your Name
- Your Address
- Your Date of Birth
- Your Gender (boy, girl, other)
- Your Phone number
- Your Email address
- Your Nationality or Background
- Your Doctors name and Address.



We will ask you if you have been sick in the last couple of months.

We will ask you if you have been with someone who had Coronavirus (COVID-19).

# What will you do with the information you get from me?



The people who will see your information are the research team.

They have been trained to protect your information.

This is called data protection training.

The research team are people from:



- The HSE.



- The Health Protection Surveillance Centre.



- University College Dublin National Virus Reference Laboratory.



We will keep your information confidential.



Your information and the answers you give us on the telephone will be stored in a safe place at the Health Protection Surveillance Centre.



We will not show who you are in any report written about the study.



We will send your test results to your doctor.

We will only do this if you say this is ok.

## What will happen to my blood test sample?



Your blood test sample will be tested for Coronavirus (COVID-19) antibodies by University College Dublin National Virus Reference Laboratory.



Your blood test sample will be kept until July 2023 this is when the study ends. Your blood test sample will only be used for research on Coronavirus (COVID-19) antibodies by the research team.

# What will happen with my test results?



If you say yes to take part in the study and if you have a blood test you can choose to have your test result sent to you.  
You can choose to have your result sent to your doctor.



If your blood test shows you do not have Coronavirus (COVID-19) antibodies this means you may not have had Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the past.  
Or  
You may have had Coronavirus (COVID-19) but your body did not make antibodies.



If your blood test shows that you have Coronavirus (COVID-19) antibodies this means you have had Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the past.

This does not mean that you will not get Coronavirus (COVID-19) again.



It is really important that you keep social distancing.



It is really important that you keep washing your hands.

## What happens to the results of the study?



A report from the study will be shared with the public.



The study will be shared with:

- The Department of Health



- The World Health Organization



- The HSE



- The Health Protection Surveillance Centre



The report from the study will not name you in any way.

# Where you can get help



If you would like help deciding if you want to take part in the study you can telephone 1800 141414



If you would like help from someone who is not involved in the study you can call SAGE Advocacy.

The number is 1850 719400.



You can call Sage advocacy from 8am until 10pm every day.



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