

Preventing Emerging Infections through Vaccine Effectiveness Testing (Project PREVENT II) Informed Consent

You are being asked to participate in this project, called PREVENT II, because you work in a medical center or health system and you were recently tested for COVID-19. With support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), investigators at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the University of Iowa College of Medicine are conducting surveillance at this and other U.S. hospitals to measure the effectiveness of SARS-CoV-2 vaccine boosters in preventing COVID-19 and reducing the severity and duration of illness among health care workers. We are also measuring how COVID-19 impacts returning to work activities, how long SARS-CoV-2 vaccines protect against infection and long term symptoms. You may participate whether or not you have received the COVID-19 vaccine, and you will not receive any vaccination as part of this project.

If you choose to participate, you will complete an initial survey with questions about you, why you were tested, your job, COVID-19 exposure, symptoms, and medical care. You will then complete follow-up surveys at approximately 4 weeks, 12 weeks, and 6 months from now with questions about your illness and your recovery (3 follow-up surveys in total). To compensate you for your time, you will receive \$25 for each survey completed (\$100 total for completing all surveys). You will receive a check after each completed survey. The first survey will take about 20 minutes to complete and each follow-up survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete.

Some participants will complete their project activities using computerized surveys, and others will complete project activities through interviews. We will also ask you or your employee health/occupational health clinic and any other health care providers you visited to provide documentation of the following:

1. Results of any recent COVID-19 testing;
2. SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination records (vaccine administration will be confirmed with employee health/occupational health records or vaccine registries regardless of vaccine status); and
3. Medical records for care related to your current/recent illness. We will use medical records, hospitalizations, emergency department visits or unscheduled walk-in/urgent care clinic visits, and illness-related clinic visits to help us know how sick you became after your COVID-19 testing.

Your data will be protected. It will be maintained in a secure database that is only accessible to the project team. After we have completed data analysis, we will remove your personal identifying information from all project documents. Only de-identified data will be shared with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. None of your responses will be shared with your employer. The results of this project will be published, but your name or any other personal identifying information will not appear in any reports, databases, or publications. Your participation is completely voluntary and there is no penalty for declining to participate.

Are you willing to participate in this study?

- Yes
 No