



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
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To Project PREVENT Investigators:

We are writing to invite your site to participate in a CDC-funded public health evaluation of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness. This effort is being harmonized across multiple CDC-funded networks, and Project PREVENT is conducting this project with the full support and sponsorship of the Vaccine Task Force of CDC's COVID-19 Response.

Healthcare personnel have been identified as a group for early phase vaccination against COVID-19 when limited doses of vaccine are available. Rapid evaluations of the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines among healthcare personnel during the early phase of vaccination are critical. This project is a priority for the CDC COVID-19 Response Vaccine Task Force. The information will be critical to understand the early experience with COVID-19 vaccines prior to widespread vaccination and to inform US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices COVID-19 vaccine policy decisions.

The project protocol has been evaluated by a CDC human subjects' advisor who determined this activity to be non-research public health surveillance. The Project PREVENT sites will protect employee information from release. No personally identifying information will be shared with CDC.

We appreciate your expediting the review and agreement process so that you can start enrollment. This information is of critical importance to the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect our nation's healthcare personnel.

Thank you for your efforts. We look forward to partnering with you on this important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Messonnier".

Vaccine Task Force
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