GIVING SAMPLES FOR COVID-19 RESEARCH

Researchers study samples from the human body (like blood, tissue, or urine) to learn about disease and how the body works.

These samples are called biospecimens. We are looking for volunteers to donate their samples to a biobank for COVID-19 research.

What is a biobank?

A biobank:

- Collects and stores biospecimens.
- Contains samples that researchers can study.
- Is sometimes called a biorepository or tissue repository.



Why am I being asked to participate?

Researchers want to learn more about COVID-19, so they can understand how to diagnose, treat, and prevent it.



Benefits/Risks

- You will not directly benefit from giving samples or information to a biobank, but it may help researchers develop new treatments or ways to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Researchers will work hard to protect your privacy but there is a risk that your information or that some of your information could be accidentally shared.



What will I be asked to do?

- Read and sign a consent form to allow researchers to use your samples and health information.
- Give a sample of your blood or saliva.
- Complete a health questionnaire.

Questions to Ask

- ✓ How will you collect my sample or information?
- ✓ Who will see my sample or information?
- ✓ How will researchers use my sample?
- ✓ How will researchers protect my privacy?
- ✓ Will I learn the results of research on my sample?
- Will I learn about results that might affect my health or family member's health?
- ✓ Can I take my samples out of the biobank later?



