

Please read this information carefully:

Research Title: *Pandemic health messaging for Indigenous peoples during COVID-19*

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Participation criteria:

You are invited to take part in a research project (survey) investigating the effectiveness of COVID-19 health messages for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This survey will take about *10 minutes to complete* and is totally anonymous. We want to use the survey to better understand what we can do and need to do in the context of COVID-19 and or future pandemics.

You are only able to complete this survey if you are an Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander person, over the age of 16, and living in Australia.

About the survey:

Investigators from The Poche Centre for Indigenous Health and the University of Queensland received a research grant from the *Australian Partnership for Preparedness on Research on Infectious Disease Emergencies* (APPRISE) to understand the effectiveness of COVID-19 messaging for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Benefits of participating:

The outcomes of the research will be published to help community-controlled health organisations and government services better target COVID-19 health messages for our mob. The research team will develop a summary of the findings for publication and made available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations, Government, and media.

After you have finished the survey questions, you will have the choice to enter a raffle to win 1 of 5 iPads by providing your personal contact details. Please note that the details you provide for the raffle will not be associated with your survey responses and that you do not have to enter the raffle if you do not want to.

Follow-up interviews:

The research team would also like to conduct follow-up interviews with up to 20 survey

participants. If you nominate to be contacted by a member of the research team over the phone, you may be contacted. Not everyone who nominates will be interviewed. The interview should not take long but allow for up to 60 mins for the interview. You will be given the chance to read through a transcript of your interview and ask for changes to be made or withdraw entirely. Interview participants will be sent a \$100 gift card as a thank you for their time. If you would like to volunteer for a follow-up interview, you will be asked to provide your name, email address and/or a contact phone number after completing the survey questionnaire.

Privacy and risk:

Should you wish to participate in follow up survey you will not need to identify yourself. There are no identified significant risks for taking part in the survey or interviews. However, the following services are available if you need support: Beyond Blue offer a 24/7 support service 1300 22 4636; The National coronavirus and COVID-19 vaccine helpline is available on 1800 020 080; and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) website to find your nearest Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO).

This study adheres to the Guidelines of the ethical review process of The University of Queensland and the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research. Whilst you are free to discuss your participation in this study with the researcher Mr Shea Spierings contactable via telephone at the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health (07) 3443 1678 or via email s.spierings@uq.edu.au - If you would like to speak to an officer of the University not involved in the study, you may contact the Ethics Coordinator on (07) 3365 3924 / (07) 3443 1656 or email humanethics@research.uq.edu.au

Participant consent declaration

- I have read the Participant Project Information Sheet or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand.
- I understand what this project is for, how long it will run for, and that I am invited to complete a survey in relation COVID-19 health messaging.
- I know that I can withdraw at any time.
- I understand that my contribution is anonymous, and the data published from this survey will be collated and not attributable to me.
- I also understand that if I consent to being interviewed that the interview will be recorded and transcribed.

Criteria for participating the survey

Do you identify as:

Tick box below to specify

- Aboriginal
Torres Strait
Islander*
-
- Aboriginal and
Torres Strait
Islander*

Are you aged 16 years or older?

- Yes* *No*

Participant consent

Tick box below if you agree

I provide my consent and wish to proceed to the survey

You can receive a digital copy of this Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form for your own records by either:

- Contacting the lead investigator, Shea Spierings: s.spierings@uq.edu.au

OR

- Clicking this secure link to download a copy of the Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form.

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Post-survey consent for being included in raffle

*I consent to my personal details being used to enter a raffle for 1 of 5 Ipads**

Please provide your personal details for us to contact you

Name: (short answer)

Contact no: (short answer)

Email: (short answer)

Post-survey consent for interview¹

*I consent to being contacted and interviewed**

Please provide your personal details for us to contact you

Name: (short answer)

Contact no: (short answer)

Email: (short answer)

Please note:

We may not contact you even if you consent to us contacting you for an interview to discuss your responses.