



ONLINE ASSENT FORM Children 6-15 years

Study Title: Virus Watch

Please tick Y/N

1. I confirm that I have read the information sheet (Age 10-15 years dated 04.09.20 Version 8, OR Age 6-9 dated 04.09.20 Version 5) for the above study. I have had the opportunity to think about the information, ask questions and have had these answered.

2. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason.

3. I understand that the information collected about me will be stored by UCL for at least 10 years and may be shared anonymously with other researchers for future research after this study has ended.

4. I consent to UCL sharing my NHS number, name, sex, address and date of birth to the organisations NHS Digital and Public Health England.

NHS Digital holds the data on hospital visits and admissions (called Hospital Episode Statistics data) and deaths, and Public Health England holds routinely collected virological testing data including data from the NHS Test and Trace programme. I understand that information held in relevant datasets and managed by these organisations may be used to provide information about my hospital admissions and results of virological tests carried out in the NHS. I understand that these data details will be used for statistical and research purposes only, for up to 5 years from joining the study.

5. I consent to taking nasal/throat swabs if I am invited to by the study team.

6. I consent to providing two blood samples, one in summer 2020 and one in spring 2021 if I am invited to by the study team. *Providing a blood sample will give us valuable information about COVID-19 but you can still take part in the study if you don't wish to provide blood.*

7. I consent to providing a finger prick antibody test (if invited by the study team) if I do not wish to provide a blood sample.

Providing a fingerprick sample will give us valuable information about COVID-19 but you can still take part in the study if you don't wish to provide a sample.

8. I consent to providing finger prick antibody test if invited to by the study team

Providing a fingerprick sample will give us valuable information about COVID-19 but you can still take part in the study if you don't wish to provide a sample.

a. Once at the time of blood taking

b. Three samples (days 2, 28 and day 56) each time after someone in my household has been ill with COVID-19

9. I consent to any blood specimens and/or nasal swabs taken for this research being stored anonymously (after this study has ended) for potential future research into respiratory infections, the immune response to these infections and genetic influences on these.

10. I understand that the information collected about me will be stored by UCL for at least 10 years and may be shared anonymously with other researchers for future research after this study has ended.

11. I understand that anonymised information collected about me during the study, may be looked at by staff from UCL, or from regulatory authorities, where it is relevant to my taking part in this research. I give permission for these individuals to have access to this information.

12. I understand that my postcode (with other personal details removed) may be analysed by named staff members of ESRI (the geographical analysis company who are supporting UCL on this project). These staff will be working under strict confidentiality agreements.

13. I agree to take part in the above study.