



# Virus Watch

## Participant Information Sheet

### Blood Taking of Children aged 6-15 years V1 03/09/20

We are inviting some households in our study to take part in laboratory testing for COVID-19. We are trying to work out how many people have been infected with COVID-19 and whether this can stop people getting infected again. To do this we need to take small amounts of blood (about 2 teaspoons).

#### Why do you want me to take part?

It is important for us to understand how children differ to adults in how they respond to COVID-19 infection.

#### What is involved?

Your household will be invited to visit a clinic near to your home where a person who is specially trained to take blood from children will be on hand. They can offer to use a numbing cream so you don't feel the sting of the needle as much. We only need about 2 teaspoons of blood.

If you do not wish to provide a blood sample, we may ask you to provide a finger prick sample instead. This is done by making a small prick into your finger and collecting a drop of blood onto an absorbent bit of paper.

#### Do I have to take part?

No. It is completely up to you to decide whether to take part or not.

#### What if I still have questions?

You or your parents can contact the study team on [viruswatch@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:viruswatch@ucl.ac.uk)