FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. HOW DID YOU GET MY MAILING ADDRESS?

A. Your address was obtained from an address based sampling list that contains publicly available information.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY?

A. The University of Idaho is conducting a survey about U.S. residents' opinions about the COVID-19/ Coronavirus pandemic. The information you provide will help researchers at the University of Idaho and public health officials to take action to protect communities from COVID-19.

Q. Who is funding this study?

A. This study is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Q. Who is the person responsible for the study?

A. The person responsible for the study at the University of Idaho is Professor and Project Director Ben Ridenhour. You can contact Ben by calling 208-885-8607 and mentioning that you are calling about the COVID-19 opinion survey. You can also e-mail Ben at: covsurvey@uidaho.edu.

Q. HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE PARTICIPATING?

A. There are 12,000 Idaho, Texas, and Vermont households randomly selected to participate in the survey.

Q. CAN I COMPLETE THE SURVEY ONLINE?

A. You can access the survey by clicking one of the links below and entering the access code we provided you.

Q. HOW WILL MY ANSWERS BE USED AND WILL THEY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

A. We assure you that all information that may identify you will be protected during the data collection process, and then destroyed once the project is complete. Your answers will be combined so that no one individual's answers can be identified in the final results.

Q. WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS OR TO VERIFY THE LEGITIMACY OF THIS STUDY?

A. You may contact the University of Idaho Institutional Review Board at irb@uidaho.edu or 208-885-6162. You may also visit our website at http://pandemic-modeling.uidaho.edu/

Q. IS THIS CONFIDENTIAL?

A. Yes. Your name is never included in the data set and your address will be removed from the data set after the survey is completed. We are very careful to protect your privacy.

Q. CAN I GET A COPY OF THE RESULTS?

A. We will be happy to provide you with a copy of the results at your request. This information will be provided in aggregate form and will not be linked to your answers.

Project Specifications

- The project is scheduled to be completed by October 30, 2020.
- We are looking to obtain around 3000 completed surveys.
- The survey is expected to take approximately 20 minutes to complete.
- The survey is being completed online and by mail in English and in Spanish.