

Stopping the Spread: Community Consultation for a Survey to Provide Faster, Easier COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Participant Information Sheet

Aims of this research

We want to help support our hard-working Contact Tracers by providing a way for South Australians to quickly and easily collect their own information *at the time we are tested for COVID-19*, rather than waiting until we receive a positive pathology result. The idea is to develop a voluntary pre-survey or questionnaire for people to complete at the time of getting tested for COVID-19 that would be stored on their own device and only shared with SA Health if they return a positive test result. Think of a kind of 'personal contact diary' that you fill out at the time of COVID-19 testing and use to help you answer the questions of the great SA Health Contact Tracers if you need to.

We want to know what you think about this pre-survey idea and how it could be designed to be accessible to you and your friends and family.

What does participation in this research involve?

Participation in this study involves completing an online survey. The survey will take 10-15 minutes. There are no costs to participate and you will not be paid.

Who is conducting the study?

The survey is being conducted by researchers from the University of South Australia, Dr Sarah Moulds and Dr Nadia Corsini.

Do I have to take part in this research project?

Participation in this study is voluntary and anonymous. You may withdraw from the survey at any time. However, we are unable to remove your responses as it will be impossible to identify your individual data.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

Your views will help to ensure that the pre-survey is accessible and easy to complete for the general community. Taking part in the study will give you a chance to share your ideas and any concerns you may have.

What are the possible risks and disadvantages of taking part?

It is not anticipated that there are any risks associated with participating in this study beyond those encountered in everyday life. There is a chance you may become upset if you recall an experience that was particularly stressful or unhappy when completing the survey. You are free at any stage to withdraw or take time out.

What will happen to my data?

Online survey data will be exported from the online survey platform and then deleted from the platform. The exported survey data will be stored electronically on a secure server at the University of South Australia, City East Campus. Hard copy surveys will be stored securely on the City East campus, in C4-21. Data will be kept for a period of 5 years and then deleted (electronic data) or destroyed (hard copy data), in accordance with research guidelines.

All records of personal information will remain confidential and no information which could lead to the identification of individuals will not be released unless required by law.

Further information and who to contact

This project has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee (Ethics Protocol No. 203490). If you have any ethical concerns about the project or questions about your rights as a participant please contact the Executive Officer of this Committee, telephone: (08) 8302 3118; email: humanethics@unisa.edu.au.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact Dr Nadia Corsini, telephone: (08) 8302 9989; email: nadia.corsini@unisa.edu.au. A summary of the study findings will be made available upon request to Nadia Corsini.