

# I AM SICK WITH COVID-19: Should I Join a COVID-19 Research Study?



If you have COVID-19, or might have COVID-19, you may be able to join a COVID-19 research study.

## A research study:

- collects new information about health and disease.
- tries to answer new questions that researchers have.
- needs volunteers to sign up.

Being in a COVID-19 research study is your choice.

## COVID-19:

- is a new disease caused by a type of virus called coronavirus.
- may cause some people to have symptoms like cough, fever, weakness, muscle and other pains, and breathing problems.
- can be mild, but it can also make some people very sick, and may lead to death.

## Why are there research studies about COVID-19 right now?

COVID-19 is a new disease, so it is important to understand more about:

- How the virus spreads.
- Why some people get very sick, and some people do not.
- Which treatments work best, and if they work for everyone.
- How to prevent new infections.

More can be learned about COVID-19 if you join a research study.

## What should I ask the research team before joining a COVID-19 research study?

- ✓ Why is the study being done?
- ✓ What will happen if I agree to join?
- ✓ Could the study help me? Could it help others?
- ✓ Could the study cause risks to me?
- ✓ Do I have to pay money to be in the study?
- ✓ Will I be paid to be in the study?
- ✓ How will my personal information be protected?
- ✓ How long will the study last?
- ✓ Can I leave the study at any time?
- ✓ What will happen if I get hurt in the study?
- ✓ Who should I call with questions about the study?
- ✓ Will I get to see the study results?



## What else should I know about being in a COVID-19 research study?

- You can talk to people you trust about whether to join the study.
- You can change your mind at any time.