

# GIVING SAMPLES FOR COVID-19 RESEARCH



Researchers study samples from the human body (like blood, nasal swabs, or saliva) to learn about COVID disease and how the body works. These samples are called biospecimens.

Researchers ask volunteers to donate their samples to biobanks for COVID-19 research to learn how to fight this disease.

## What is a biobank?

A biobank:

- Collects and stores biospecimens.
- Contains samples that researchers can study.
- Is sometimes called a biorepository or tissue repository.



## Why am I being asked to participate?

Researchers want to learn more about COVID-19, so they can understand how to diagnose, treat, and prevent it.



## Benefits/Risks

- You will not directly benefit from giving samples or information to a biobank, but it may help researchers develop new treatments or ways to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Researchers will work hard to protect your privacy but there is a risk that your information or that some of your information could be accidentally shared.



## What will I be asked to do?

- Read and sign a consent form to allow researchers to use your samples and health information.
- Have samples of your blood, nasal passages, saliva or other specimens collected.
- Complete health questionnaires.



## Questions to Ask

- ✓ How will you collect my sample or information?
- ✓ Will I learn the results of research on my sample?
- ✓ Who will see my sample or information?
- ✓ Will I learn about results that might affect my health or family member's health?
- ✓ How will researchers use my sample?
- ✓ Can I take my samples out of the biobank later?
- ✓ How will researchers protect my privacy?