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Dear <NAME>,

You recently took part in a study run by the ONS — thank you. To understand more about the coronavirus (COVID-19) the Government has asked ONS and the University of Oxford to run a 12 month study into the virus. The results from this study will be used to **help the Government work out the best way to manage the COVID-19 pandemic** in the UK over the next year.



### What is the study about?

The study aims to work out how many people have COVID-19, either with or without symptoms. It also aims to find out the numbers of people of different ages across the UK who may have already had COVID-19. This is done by measuring levels of antibodies in their blood. The data will be collected on behalf of ONS and the University of Oxford, by a company called IQVIA. Processing of the data will be done by the University of Oxford and The National Biosample Centre.





### What does the study involve?

Everyone who takes part will be asked some questions and to provide a swab from their nose and throat. Some adults may also be asked to provide a blood sample. These will be collected by a nurse or a study health worker at your home.



### Who should take part?

We would like you, and anyone else in your household, including children aged 2 years and over to take part. Children will not be asked to provide a blood sample. Participation in this study is entirely voluntary.

-  To find out more see the information leaflet that came with this letter.
-  To take part you will need to register with IQVIA by **Wednesday 29th April**. As a token of appreciation, **everyone** who does the first part of the study will be offered a **£50 voucher**.

## How do I take part?

**1** Call IQVIA on 0330 808 7703.





**2** Register to take part and make a home appointment.




**3** A nurse from IQVIA will arrive at your home to complete the study.



 The information you give us is protected by law and is treated as confidential.

 **How long will it take?** The first appointment will take 15 to 30 minutes per person.

 **What happens next?** If you are interested, we would like everyone in the household to repeat this study over either a month or 12 months – but you do not have to do this if you don't want to. If you are interested, this will involve:

- A visit once a week from a nurse or study health worker to collect a nose and throat swab. This will happen for 4 weeks in a row, so 5 visits in total.
- A visit once a month after this for 12 months in a row to collect a nose and throat. We will only ask you to continue to provide blood samples if you have done so in your first appointment. You can choose not to continue with this part of the study if you do not want to.
- As a thank you, anyone in your household who takes part each time will receive a voucher.

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,



Iain Bell - Director General of the ONS