

## **2022-2023 Los Angeles County Health Survey Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: What is this survey about?

A: The Los Angeles County Health Survey has been conducted since 1997 by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to collect information about the health of county residents.

Q: Why was I contacted/selected? Why did I receive a letter/postcard?

A: Your address was randomly selected out of all residential addresses in Los Angeles County. By participating in the survey, you are representing your community.

Q: What kinds of questions do you ask?

A: The survey asks questions about various aspects of your health and your community, including physical and mental health, health conditions, health behaviors (such as physical activity or fruit and vegetable consumption), access to healthcare, health insurance, COVID-19, neighborhood safety, and beyond.

Q: Are my responses going to be confidential? What will you do with my information?

A: Your answers to the survey are all completely confidential. At the conclusion of the study, survey responses will be combined and analyzed at the aggregate level, which means that no one person's answers will be reported. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will not sell your information. RTI International, who is conducting the survey on behalf of the Department of Public Health, will only use contact information for contacting you to complete the survey and for sending your incentive payment. Contact information will be kept separate from survey responses.

Q: How long is this survey?

A: On average, the survey takes approximately 25 – 30 minutes. The survey does not need to be completed in a single sitting. You may answer a few questions at a time over several days, at your own convenience.

Q: How will you use this information?

A: Data collected from the Los Angeles County Health Survey are used to help the Department of Public Health assess the health-related needs of the county population and to guide the Department in planning programs to improve the health and wellbeing of county residents.

Q: I'm in good health. Do I have to participate in this survey?

A: The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health wants to include a diverse representation of residents in the county, including people in good and poor health, as well as people who represent a variety of backgrounds across race, ethnicity, gender, age, insurance status, and employment status.

Q: Can I volunteer to participate? Can someone I know participate in the study?

A: We appreciate interest in volunteering to take the survey, but unfortunately only people who have been contacted by RTI International on behalf of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health are invited to participate in the survey. If you receive a letter about the survey, your household is eligible to participate.