

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Save the Children works around the world to keep children healthy, safe and protected. We are excited to invite you to take part in our Global study on children's health, learning, wellbeing and protection during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

How can I help?

If you agree, we will ask you a series of questions about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on you, your household and your children's health, learning and wellbeing, as well as what you need during this time. This will take about 15 minutes of your time.

How can my children help?

If you and your children agree, we will also ask your child or children about what they know about COVID-19, what they are doing if their school is closed and how they feel. This part of the survey will take about 10 minutes of your child's time.

In total, both parts of the survey will take about 25 minutes. What you tell us will help us know how we can support children stay happy, healthy and keep learning during and after COVID-19.

Who can do the survey?

You can do the survey if you are an adult (aged 18 years and above) and a parent and/or a caregiver of a child/children can participate in the study.

Your child can do the children's survey questions if they are aged 11 years or older. It is up to you and your child if you stay with your child when they do the survey, but we do want to hear directly from them.

Do I have to do the survey?

No, you and your child's participation is voluntary. You do not have to do the survey if you do not want to. You and your family's relationship with Save the Children will not be affected if you do not want to do the survey. There will be no penalty or loss to you, your household or any children in your care if you do not take part.

You can choose to skip questions that you do not want to answer. You can take a break, save and come back to the survey at any time. You can also stop and submit the survey at any time. It is also okay to have someone help you fill the survey out if needed.

You can withdraw your consent and discontinue your participation in the study at any time without prejudice by providing your contact details (phone number and/or email) at the end of the survey and also sending us an email to evidence.aro@savethechildren.org.

Why is the study important?

Save the Children's work saves and improves children's lives around the world. We work to ensure children have healthcare, food and shelter, as well as learning and child protection services when children need it most. We will use information obtained in this study to help us respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to develop information products, services, programs, policies and communications designed to save and improve children's lives around the world. Save the Children puts the most vulnerable children across the world first.

Will I get anything for doing the survey?

We are not able to give you any money, vouchers or other gifts if you do the survey. But we really appreciate you taking part. We will provide you with links to information that could help you and your children stay happy, healthy and keep learning during and after COVID-19, and also share the survey results data dashboard here (<https://www.savethechildren.net/covid-19-share-your-experience>).

What if I feel uncomfortable?

We do not think that any of the survey questions will make you feel uncomfortable. But if you do feel uncomfortable in any way, then you can pause the survey and take a break. You can also skip questions that you do not want to answer or stop the survey completely.

What will you do with my answers?

Your answers will be kept secure and confidential. This means that we will not let anyone else know what you have personally answered. Your answers will be combined with the answers from all the other people and children that complete the survey and then we can talk about what everyone says as a group.

We will ask your children what message they have for children in other countries affected by COVID19. We may share their words with other children and adults, but we will never say who you are. In fact, we will not know who you are because we will not ask you for your name.

If you provide your contact details, then this personal information will be removed from the main dataset and replaced with a unique identifier. Your contact details will be stored in a separate file so that no-one can access it, except to contact you again for a follow-up survey or to send you the research results. Only de-identified data will be released to approved researchers for analysis. You will never be able to be identified in any of our publications. For more information on how we process your data, click: https://www.savethechildren.net/Eng_Privacy_Statement or contact: dpo@savethechildren.org

Has the study undergone the Ethics approval?

This study has been approved by the Save the Children USA Ethic Review Committees (SCUS-ERC-FY2020-33).

Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns?

Please contact the research team (attn: Melissa Burgess or Silvia Mila Arlini) at evidence.aro@savethechildren.org with any questions. If you are concerned about how the survey made you feel, your rights, or anything else like that, then you can contact the Save the Children US Ethics Review Committee (attn: Hadley Solomon, by email at researchethics@savechildren.org or phone on +1.202.794.1821). Please give them this number so that they know which study and survey you are talking about (SCUS-ERC-FY2020-33). You can also contact your local Save the Children Office.

Who can I contact if I want to report a safeguarding concern?

Save the Children has a zero tolerance towards the abuse and exploitation of children by any of our staff or our representatives. We are committed to avoiding unintended harm to children as a result of anything we do. Click here for our [Child Safeguarding Policy](#). If you have a safeguarding concern, please tell us immediately and report it via email to safeguarding@savethechildren.org.