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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: On-line survey SARS CoV-2 Reinfection and Infection following Vaccination among AIIMS, Delhi Employees and Students - reg.

Please find enclosed herewith the copy of email dated 18th May, 2021 received from Research Section which is self explanatory.

All Chief of Centres/Head of Departments/Dean/Medical Superintendent /Sections are requested to kindly bring the above request of Research Section to the notice of all faculty members/ Officers/employees/Students, under their control for maximum participation in the survey.

Hindi version follow

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SARS CoV-2 Reinfection and Infection following Vaccination among AIIMS, Delhi Employees and Students

From: Research Section AIIMS (researchsectionaiims@gmail.com)
To: dnhazari@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 02:54 AM PDT

Warm Greetings

We plan to assess the magnitude of reinfection of SARS-CoV-2 and also infection following vaccination among AIIMS employees and students. We therefore invite you to participate in this self-administered online survey "SARS CoV-2 reinfection and Infection following Vaccination among AIIMS, Delhi- Employees and Students ". *We request all AIIMS employees and students to participate irrespective of their COVID-19 infection and vaccination status.*

The study has been approved by the Institute Ethics Committee of AIIMS, New Delhi (viz.Ref.No.:IEC-321/07.05.2021).

Please find the attached link for the Online Survey below.
"<https://forms.gle/pT2XpYXpDfH8nppb8>".

Thanking You,

Prof. (Dr.) Randeep Guleria [PI]
Dr. Sumit Malhotra [Co- PI]
Dr. Mani Kalaivani [Co- PI]

SARS CoV-2 Reinfection and Infection following Vaccination among AIIMS, Delhi Employees and Students

We invite you to participate in this self-administered online survey to assess the magnitude of reinfection of SARS-CoV-2 and also infection and severity of infection post vaccination among AIIMS (Delhi) employees and students. **We request all AIIMS employees and students to participate irrespective of their COVID-19 infection and vaccination status.**

The study has been approved by Institute Ethics Committee of AIIMS, New Delhi (viz.Ref.No.:IEC-321/07.05.2021)

We shall keep all information shared by you fully confidential

Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we seek your consent for participation electronically

For a brief summary of study, kindly see the attached video

For detailed study information, kindly see the attached Participant Information Sheet (PIS).

For any additional queries, contact at the details provided in the PIS.

Prof. (Dr.) Randeep Guleria [PI]

Dr. Sumit Malhotra [Co-PI]

Dr. Mani Kalaivani [Co-PI]



* Required

Watch this video to know briefly about this study:



For viewing Participation Information Sheet:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lsBDpNOHQhpQigHi9h8Lz5YLY2GHTzvx/view?usp=sharing> [Please leave the line below blank]

Your answer

If you wish to participate in the study please give your consent [After selecting, Click Next at the bottom of the page to proceed] *

- ☐ I give consent to participate in this study
- ☐ I do not wish to participate in this study

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Participant Information Sheet (PIS)

Title of the study: SARS CoV-2 Reinfection and Infection following Vaccination among AIIMS, Delhi Employees

We invite you to participate in this study on assessing the reinfection of SARS-CoV-2 and also infection and severity of infection post vaccination among AIIMS (Delhi) employees. All the necessary information regarding the implementation of this study and your role, if you choose to participate, is explained below. Kindly read this carefully. You are free to clarify any queries regarding this study. You are hereby requested to participate in this study being carried out by the investigator (Prof. (Dr.) Randeep Guleria) as a part of COVID research.

What is the purpose of the study?

The study aims to find the frequency of reinfection of SARS CoV-2 among the confirmed COVID AIIMS employees. It also aims to find out the vaccination status among already confirmed infected and not infected employees. Besides this, the study aims to compare the severity of COVID infection between those with reinfection and those with first time infection and also among those fully vaccinated and not vaccinated.

Why is this study needed?

Vaccination for SARS CoV-2 infection is rolled out among the health care workers and above 45 years from the mid of January 2021. Despite the complete vaccination, some of the health care workers are affected by SARS CoV-2 and some are affected by reinfection. Therefore, it is important to quantify the reinfection rate and vaccination status and severity of disease among those with reinfection and compare the estimates with non-infected and first-time infected employees respectively.

Why were you chosen for this study?

You are one among the participants of this study and we consider you as a very important person contributing to this study. We shall be taking verbal consent in view of ongoing COVID situation in Delhi.

What will we do in this study?

If you agree to take part in this study, you will be approached through email or telephone with the help of the nodal officer of your department. You will be asked some primary questions and answer to any of the those questions is in affirmation along with some of the personal details and past disease history, then you will be enquired more in detail pertaining to COVID disease.

What is the time taken for your participation?

The total enquiry will take less than 15 minutes to complete.

What are the benefits expected from this study?

This study will help us to quantify the frequency of SARS CoV-2 refection, vaccination status among those with reinfection and those with non-infection and severity of infection among fully vaccinated and those without vaccinated, among AIIMS employees. It will also throw important light on managing COVID in future, as there is always a threat subsequently of more severe waves. The study findings will also inform future vaccine strategies and the results will feed into policy framework and suggest way forward.

What are the risks associated with participation in the study?

There is no risk associated with participation in this study.

Right to Withdraw from the Study:

Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. You have the right to refuse to participate, discontinue participation, or skip any questions you don't wish to answer at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You will not be asked any reason for your withdrawal and no one will force you to continue your participation.

How will we maintain your confidentiality and privacy?

If you agree to participate in this study, the information obtained will be kept confidential. The questionnaires will be maintained electronically with password protected. Consent form will not be attached to the questionnaire. The access for analysis would be allowed only to study

investigators. The results emanating from the study will be presented in aggregate fashion and nowhere personal identifiers will be used.

Whom to contact in case of further queries?

You may ask us any questions now or contact us on phone or in person, the details of which are mentioned below. Now that you have read the information about our study, if you wish to participate, you may proceed to give your verbal consent for participation within this study.

Principal Investigator's name and details: Prof. (Dr.) Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS, Delhi

Co-Principal Investigators to contact:

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