



A STUDY FOR VIRUS AND INFECTIONS IN ESSENTIAL WORKERS

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Please join me in congratulating our fabulous VIEW team member, Daniel Chandler. Daniel has been a part of our VIEW Study Team since the very beginning and was recently promoted to help coordinate study oversight.

You may have spoken to Daniel when you enrolled or received a gentle reminder phone call to complete your weekly surveys or send in your weekly swabs. He brings to the team an impressive background that includes community engagement and interesting work in the field of forensic medicine.

Thank you!



Recruiting almost 2,000 community members from diverse sectors of the workforce is no easy task. The VIEW team is grateful for our community partners who helped us spread the word. The Greater Nashville Hospitality Association (GNHA) provides a collective voice for one of the largest industries in the greater Nashville area. When approached about sharing study information, Annie Garrett, Member Relations Coordinator was incredibly helpful. “We appreciate the opportunity to assist with outreach of the VIEW study for the hospitality industry. The VIEW study is quick and easy to participate in and has a fun reward! We would encourage other communities to support this important health initiative!”

With a focus on outreach to essential workers, making sure educational and

support staff who keep the schools running every day were represented was a priority. The MNEA is the only organization run by public school educators for public school educators. MNEA President, Paula Pendergrass understood the importance as well. “Thank you for creating a study that allows educators to share their perspectives.” The MNEA helped to spread the word to their members helping our team reach schools across middle Tennessee. As a result of this great collaboration, the education sector is well represented.

Did your organization or company help spread the word and would like to be highlighted? Let us know!



UPDATE

noun /'ʌpˌdāt/

1. an act of bringing something or someone up to date

What happens to the survey information and swab samples that you share with the VIEW study? We're so glad you asked! Your survey answers and swab samples have a significant impact on the research team's ability to track the COVID-19 virus in the middle Tennessee area. This information can be used to monitor how the virus is moving through our community and if there are different circulating strains of the virus. Ultimately, the information can be used to create best practices for how we protect the community and inform future policies and public health recommendations. All data are protected and securely stored.

Wondering how you're doing compared to other study superheroes?

On average, rounded up:

79% of VIEW participants submit their swabs weekly

83% of VIEW participants submit their surveys weekly



A reminder that submitting your weekly surveys and swab samples should take less than 10-15 minutes per week and are critical to the success of the study! Help us reach 100% submission. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to the study team at viewstudy@vumc.org or 615-875-1385.

Are you traveling over the holidays?

You can still submit your surveys and swabs from anywhere in the continental United States. If you need to pause your participation while on your trip simply call or email the study team.

COVID UPDATES

Every U.S. household can place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home. If you haven't ordered tests since the program reopened in September, the site will let you place two orders for a total of eight tests. Order your test kits through www.COVIDtests.gov. Orders will ship free starting the week of November 27, 2023.

The Home Test to Treat program provides access to free COVID-19 and flu telehealth visits and treatment for anyone who tests positive for either condition. Treatment can be shipped to you or picked up at a local pharmacy at no cost for those eligible. Individuals who are uninsured, enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid, IHS, or VA Healthcare can sign up today and receive free at-home COVID19/flu tests even if they are not currently positive. Regardless of insurance status, anyone with a current positive COVID-19 test may enroll for free telehealth treatment.

To learn more and register for this free program go to www.test2treat.org or call 1-800-682-2829.