



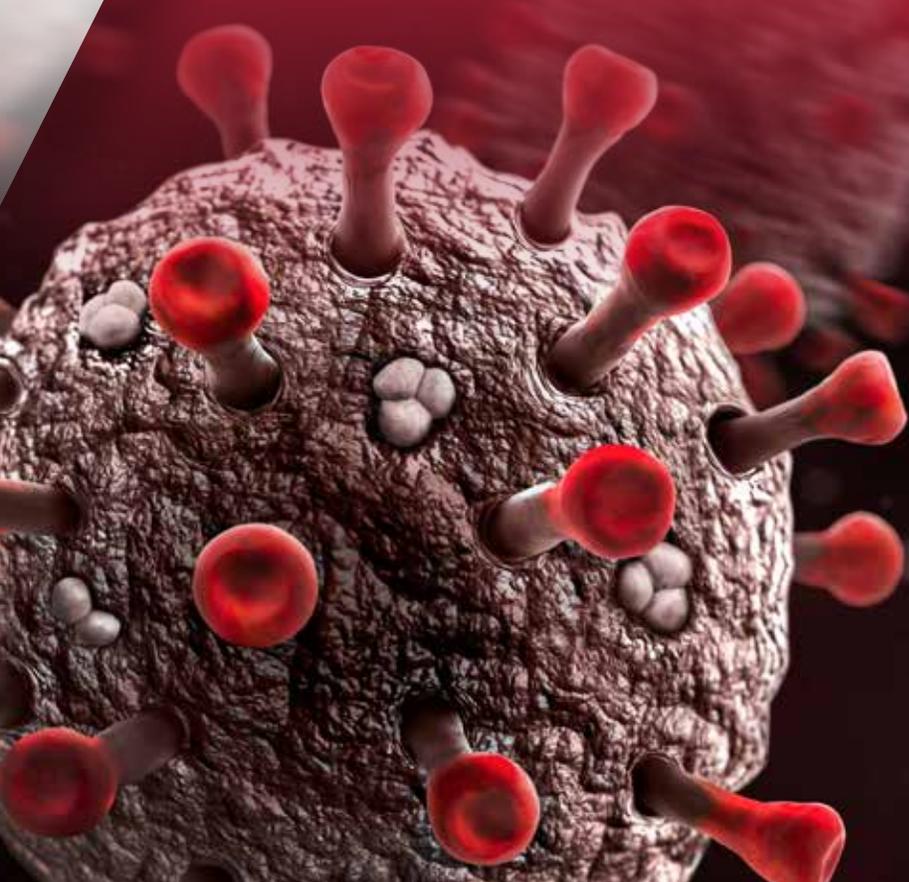
# DISCOVER **AR** STUDY

How Covid-19 affects the immune system in people of color

## YOU CAN HELP WITH COVID-19

COVID-19 has made a lot of people sick. Scientists and doctors want to learn more so they can help people stay well or not get as sick.

We are inviting you to be in this research study because you had COVID-19. If you join, you could help us learn how COVID-19 impacts health over time in people from different races ethnicities.



**To learn more about the study,**

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## FAQ

### **How do I know if the study is right for me?**

You may volunteer for any study appropriate to your condition. However, each research study has strict eligibility requirements. The investigator (physician or other medical professional who runs the study) will make sure you meet these requirements before accepting you in the study.

### **What is COVID-19?**

COVID-19, also known as coronavirus, is a new virus making people sick all over the world.

### **How do I get COVID-19?**

Someone that has coronavirus gives you their germs when they cough, sneeze, talk or even sing. Their germs then get into the air, on you and on the things you touch.

### **Why are you contacting me?**

COVID-19 is a new virus and we do not know much about it. We are doing this study to learn more about COVID-19, the symptoms people have, and how their immune system reacts to the infection over time. We are asking people like you, who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Arkansas between December 2020 and April 2021.

### **How can I participate if I'm in quarantine?**

The interview will be done over the phone and a study nurse can come to your home for the physical exam and blood draw.

### **Will the nurse be wearing PPE (personal protective equipment) when they come into my home?**

Yes. The nurse will be wearing eye protection, face mask, gown and gloves.

### **Can my family members get COVID-19 from the nurse?**

Very unlikely. The nurse will be wearing PPE and there will be limited interactions with other family members.

## WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO LEARN FROM THIS STUDY?

**Results from this study will help us learn how Covid19 works We hope to learn how race and ethnicity impact:**

- The way a person's body responds to COVID-19 (their antibody response).
- How strong a person's antibody response is over time.
- How behaviors and things in a person's environment affect their antibody response.



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## WHO CAN JOIN THE STUDY?

If you ever had a positive test you may be able to join this study.

## WHAT WILL I DO IF I JOIN THE STUDY?

If you join, you will first answer some questions on the phone. Then, you will meet with one of our staff. During this study visit, they will do a physical exam and take about 1 teaspoon of your blood. You can decide whether to do this visit in your home or at a local clinic. You will repeat the phone interview and physical exam again in 1, 2, 3, 6, and 12 months. Then, you will do these every 6 months until you have been in the study for 4 years.

## WHAT WILL YOU GIVE ME IF I JOIN THIS STUDY?

If you join the study, we will give you a gift card after each physical exam:

### Year 1

- *Physical exams*: \$25 for each of 6 visits (\$150 total)

### Years 2, 3, and 4

- *Physical exams*: \$50 for each of 6 visits. You will have 1 visit every 6 months over 3 years. (\$300 total)

## DO I HAVE TO JOIN THE STUDY?

No, you do not have to join the study. Nothing bad will happen to you if you do not join. Your decision to join or not join will not affect health care services or other benefits for you or your family.

## HOW WILL YOU PROTECT MY PRIVACY?

We cannot be certain that no one else will see your information. But, we will work hard to keep your information private. We will not share your information with anyone outside the study. This includes insurance companies. We will not use your name in any documents we share with others.

## HOW WILL YOU USE WHAT YOU LEARN IN THIS STUDY?

We will write about this study in medical journals to help other health care workers care for their patients. We may also use what we learn to help people stay well or keep from getting very sick. We will not include information about you as an individual person in these materials.

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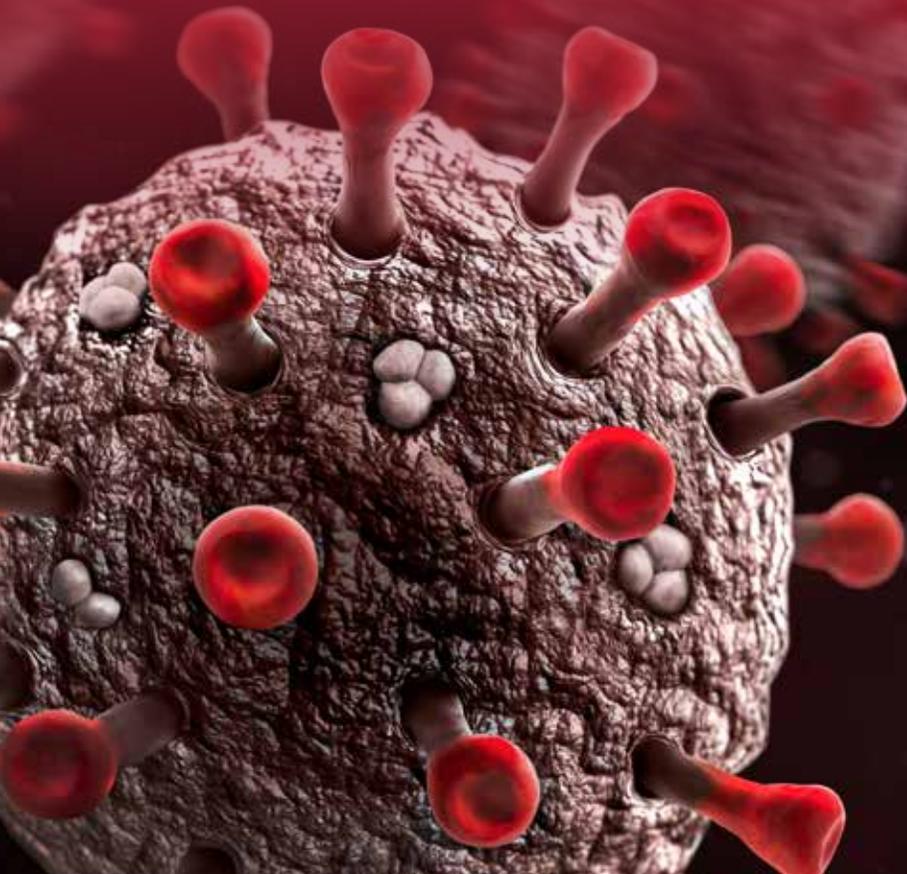
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