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Frequently Asked Questions
Re: 2023 Vancouver Coastal Health 2 Year Old Immunization Coverage Survey

What is the purpose of this study?

We are asking you to share information about your child's immunization status so we can improve access to early childhood immunizations and reduce vaccine preventable diseases.

What's the benefit to my family in participating?

This information will allow us to better understand potential challenges families face when trying to get their children vaccinated. With this information, we hope to improve immunization programs to best serve all families.

How did you get my contact information?

We received your contact information from the Ministry of Health Client registry. The results of this survey will not include any contact information or personal identifying information.

Why did I get this letter and my neighbour did not?

Your child's name was among a list of names drawn at random from all children born in 2020 who live in the Vancouver Coastal Health geographic area. These areas include Vancouver, Richmond, North Shore, Sea to Sky, Sunshine Coast, Powell River and Central Coast. Those who were randomly drawn have received this letter.

Why am I receiving this letter, my child was already vaccinated?

Because we asked for a list drawn at random of children born in 2020, this list could include children who have not been vaccinated or those who have been vaccinated by primary care clinicians or local public health. As we do not have access to immunization records for all children, conducting this assessment by survey is important.

Who can I call if I have questions about this study?

You can call 1-866-502-2424 or email VECstudies@bcchr.ubc.ca if you have any questions about the study.

Who can I call if I have questions about childhood immunizations?

You can call your local public health unit if you have any questions about immunizations.

How do I let you know that I don't want to participate in the study?

Study participation is voluntary. Should you choose to not participate, please call 1-866-502-2424 or email VECstudies@bcchr.ubc.ca to let us know that you do not wish to participate. During the study, you can choose which questions you wish to answer and those you do not. Also, you may withdraw from the survey at any point during the interview.