

## Good Life, Great Mission.

## **DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 25, 2021

Dear Participant,



You are invited to participate in the Birth Outcomes and Water (BOW) study being conducted by researchers at the University of Nebraska. The purpose of the study is to discover how environmental factors and maternal health are related to children's health. Specifically these researchers are enrolling women from Nebraska, age 19 and older, to study how drinking water quality and genetics affect the chances of adverse birth outcomes (preterm birth, birth defects, fetal death, infant death and small for gestational agr esearch goal is to help prevent adverse birth outcomes and promote good health for children. Qure led prevents will be paid up to \$100 for contributing to the study.

The research team asked the Nebraska Department of Health and Huma. Pervice OHH to help locate women in the state who are interested in being contacted to learn more about the voluntary study and consider brasi 'aw protects your privacy, and assisting with the study as a participant or a surveyed non-particir DHHS will not release your name, or any other personal or med al information to be BOW researchers without your permission.

The enclosed brochure provides information about the and a types a participants needed. Whether or not you are interested in volunteering, please consider answering the estions on the enclosed form and send it back to DHHS using the postage-paid return envelope provide

- If you choose to be contacted, DHHS will see an information to the AL Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR).
- If you choose not to volunteer for the study ou can suchoose to be contacted to discuss, by phone or other means of your choice, the barriers that event you from participating. You may qualify for a \$25 cash incentive by doing so.
- You may also choose not to be ontact t all, a your answers to the questions will be reported to researchers while maintaining our a nyi

If you have any qualons, please see Intact Information below:

- > For questions pout the st nlea. \_\_\_\_\_\_ (act the UNL BOSR 800-480-4549. Information about the study can also be found at anl.e.
- If you have que or concer about your rights, call the UNL Institutional Review Board at 402-472-6965.

We appreciate your time a. \_\_\_\_nsideration.

Sincerely,

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Thank you very much for considering this request. Please complete and return this form in the provided envelope to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). If you choose not to be contacted, your name and contact information will not be sent to the researchers.

| 1. | Can study staff contact you to invite you to participate in the full study? Note that consenting to be contacted does not mean you are agreeing to actually participate in the study.  Yes  No   |
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| 2. | Can study staff contact you to learn more about your answer to question #1? The researchers are interested in learning more about why people do or do not participate in studies like this. Agreeing to be contacted for this part of the study does not mean you are changing your answer to question #1.   |
|    | Yes No   |
|    | answered "Yes" to either or both of the above, please provide you contact information below. s the information researchers will use to contact you:  |
|    | NameAddressCityPhone numbaEmail  |
|    | I prefer to be contacted viaPr_neEm  |
| 3. | If you chose "No" for both questions and wish at to contacted, please indicate the reasons. The researchers are intersted in arning more about barriers to participation in studies such as these. Note: If you leave you contact information blank, researchers will receive your responses but will not know who you are. Please check all that apply. |
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| 4. | Please ter. ar main purce of drinking water. If you chose not to be contacted, your answer will be sent to the searchers but they will not know who you are.  Private we!!  Municipal w  Rural Water District  Bottled water  Other-please explain   |
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