YOU CAN BE A SMART FAMILY

Your child’s school is participating in SMART2 (Surveillance, Monitoring Absenteeism & Respiratory Transmission) Study. Researchers from the University of Pittsburgh and Johns Hopkins University are studying how respiratory diseases, such as the flu, spread in schools, families, and communities.

We are looking for families from your school to participate in a twelve week research project to study how respiratory diseases, like the flu, spread through families.

This research aims to more quickly spot the start of flu season by monitoring schools, families, and communities. The more advanced warning we can get, the better prepared services and healthcare can be, and ultimately reduce the number of people who get sick and suffer serious health problems from the flu.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Sign up to be a SMART family.
- SMART families complete a brief, 5-10 minute survey each week for eight weeks.
- Surveys can be done online or over the phone.
- The main part of the survey asks if anyone in your household is sick and if they have symptoms such as a fever, cough, or sore throat.
- All of the information you share will be kept confidential.
- If anyone in your household has flu-like symptoms, you will be asked to do a simple swab of their nose and mail it to the study staff to test for respiratory illnesses.
- All swab kits and mailings will be provided at no cost to you.
- Each week that you complete a survey, you will be entered in a drawing for a $200 gift card.
- At the end of the eight weeks, every SMART family will receive a $20 gift card. If you take the survey at least 7 of the 8 weeks at the end of the study, you will receive an additional $20 gift card. All gift cards will be sent at the end of the eight weeks.

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READY TO SIGN UP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

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