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PFAS Health Study Update

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Latest News

Thank you for taking part in the Australian National University (ANU) epidemiological study.

Our thoughts go out to all of you who are concerned about PFAS and are now dealing with the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We hope that you are staying safe in these challenging times.

With this in mind, we are writing to inform you that disruptions caused by COVID-19 are delaying phase two of the study. As a result, the final report for the Cross-sectional Survey and Blood Serum Study has been delayed from mid-2020 to mid-2021 and the final report for the Data Linkage Study has been delayed from December 2020 to mid-2021.

The Cross-sectional Survey and Blood Serum Study

Some people who participated in the Voluntary Blood Testing Program (VBTP) agreed to take part in the cross-sectional survey. These people could also choose to have their stored blood sample tested to understand how PFAS levels affect their lipid profile and kidney function.

Volunteers from three selected comparison towns will also take part in the cross-sectional survey and provide a blood sample for testing.

However, due to COVID-19, our research team has unfortunately had to delay testing the stored blood samples of participants in your communities and surveying and blood

testing of residents in the comparison towns. We do not want to risk the health and safety of any participants or staff, nor place additional strain on our health system.

The Data Linkage Study

This study will compare linked health data of those who have lived in PFAS contaminated areas with people who have never lived in those areas. More information about this study can be found on our webpage.

Reporting Our Findings

We expect to release the results of the Cross-sectional Survey and Blood Serum Study and the Data Linkage Study in final reports in mid-2021. This may be subject to change depending on how the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds.

As soon as it is safe, we will visit your communities to present the findings and answer any questions you have.

The Study Team

Our team includes researchers, epidemiologists, medical doctors and public health experts. We are supporting Australia's response to COVID-19 by providing expert advice to government and helping to contact people exposed to COVID-19.

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