

Participant Information Sheet

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Project Title: Understanding migrants' information needs about COVID-19 vaccines and the Australian COVID-19 vaccination program.

General Outline of the Project: In this survey, we are aiming to understand what migrants in Australia think and need to know about COVID-19 vaccines and the Australian COVID-19 vaccination program. We are using an online questionnaire which will take **about 15 minutes** to be completed.

This study will include adults 18 years and older living in Australia who are born in one of these countries: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, or Yemen.

The results of this study will be presented in form of reports, articles in scientific journals, and presentations at scientific conferences. A summary of findings will be available by end of November 2021 on the ANU website <https://researchers.anu.edu.au/researchers/pourmarzi-d>

This research project has received funding from the Australian Partnership for Preparedness Research on Infectious Disease Emergency (APPRISE). The funding body has no control over research design, data collection, data analysis and interpretation of the results.

Participant Involvement: You do not have to be involved in this research unless you want to, and you can pull out at any time if you change your mind without telling me why. If you do pull out, I will not use what you told me.

If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete an online questionnaire. You will be asked how you usually access information, and what information you need to know and what is your view about the COVID-19 vaccines and the Australian COVID-19 vaccination program. You also will be asked questions about age, gender, country of birth, education, duration of living in Australia and state/territory that you live in.

If you feel uncomfortable in answering specific questions you can skip those questions. However, to make sure that we are receiving answers from the target population of this research, you need to answer questions about your country of birth, your age and if you are a health professional.

Risk: The questions we ask about COVID-19 may be particularly sensitive in the context of the current COVID-19 situation. If you feel distressed by any of the questions, please discontinue the survey and contact relevant support services in your area. These may include your GP or a mental health support service, or community services like Lifeline on 13 11 14, SANE Australia at <https://www.sane.org> or Beyond Blue at <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>. For mental health advice specific to the COVID-19 outbreak, see <https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/mental-health-considerations.pdf>



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Benefit: Participating in this study may not benefit you directly, however, the results of this study will help us to inform policymakers to provide targeted education for the migrants in Australia to empower them to make an informed decision about COVID-19 vaccines.

Incentives: *To recognise your contribution should you choose to participate the research team is offering the chance to win one (1) of ten (10) \$100 Coles e-gift cards.* At the end of the questionnaire, if you choose to be included in the prize draw you will be asked to provide an email address or a phone number. The e-gift card will be sent to you via SMS or email. Prize Draw terms and conditions can be found [here](#).

The research team also will donate \$2 on behalf of each participant to GAVI COVAX which enable people in lower-income countries to access COVID-19 vaccines. We are aiming to have 500 participants.

Confidentiality: We do not ask for your name or any details that we could identify who you are within the survey. If you wish to be included in the prize draw, you will be directed to a separate website to provide an email address or a phone number to be contacted if you win. This information will only be used for the draw and cannot be connected to the responses that you provide in the questionnaire.

We will store all collected data securely as per ANU's management of research data policy. All data will be held securely in a password-protected computer at ANU and only the research team will have access to data. All data will be stored for five years and will be archived for future research after the five years.

Privacy Notice: Australian privacy law (or rules) require me to tell you how my University handles your private information, and you can ask me to give you more details of that or how you can find out what information we have about you and to fix it if it is wrong.

Queries and Concerns: If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Dr Davoud Pourmarzi via email to Davoud.pourmarzi@anu.edu.au or phone call to +61 2 61256548

Ethics Committee Clearance: The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (Protocol 2021/224). If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact: Ethics Manager, The ANU Human Research Ethics Committee, via email to Email: Human.Ethics.Officer@anu.edu.au or phone call to +61 2 6125 3427