

Dear Student

I am writing to invite you to participate in an exciting research study by University of Leicester researchers that is 'Assessing Mechanisms for Delivery of COVID-19 Vaccines to University Students (UniCoVac)'. The study involves completing a short online questionnaire on your views of these vaccines and experiences during the pandemic. The questionnaire should take approximately 15 minutes to complete and once you have completed it, you will have the option to enter into a prize draw to win one of five £200 voucher/cash prizes.

Actual link (not fully active)

<https://leicester.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/unicovvac-draft-6-version-10-copy?token=bdc826a27a6f414ea969764df2357b8d>

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<https://leicester.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/covvacc-draft-6-version-10>

### **What is this study and why is it being carried out?**

This is an urgent public health study funded by the UKRI Economic and Social Research Council to help understand the attitudes of university students to COVID-19 vaccines and to assess the best mechanisms for delivery of vaccines to students such as 'on campus' vaccination programmes.

The research team are working with a range of health regulators in the UK. Information collected in the study will be utilised for making recommendations to local and national Government on COVID-19 vaccination policies for the University of Leicester and other universities.

### **Why should I take part?**

The research team want to hear from a wide spectrum of undergraduate university students. They are particularly keen to hear from international students and people of ethnic minorities in order to assess the impact of a broad range of pandemic experiences on vaccine uptake among students.

### **What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

You should not experience any discomforts, disadvantages or risks as a result of taking part in the questionnaire.

### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

There are no immediate benefits for research participants. However, it is hoped that this work will help with optimizing the delivery of COVID-19 vaccination programmes to students at UK universities.

### **If I take part, what will I be asked to do?**

Clicking the link above will take you to the study site. There you will be able to read some information regarding the study before consenting if you would like to be involved. The questionnaire will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. You will also be asked if you would like to participate in a 1:1 in-depth interview. Please note that all information you provide during this study will be anonymised prior to publication or further distribution and

that personal identifiers (e.g. email addresses) will be stored in a separate password-protected database.

**How do I get involved?**

Visit the link above to sign up. The research team is led by Prof. Chris Bayliss, Dr. Lieve Gies and Dr. Manish Pareek. The researchers can be contacted via email on [unicovac@le.ac.uk](mailto:unicovac@le.ac.uk)

Regards

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