



# Join a Research Study about COVID-19 for Teachers and School Personnel

## Who can join?

Teachers & education workers

- who are 18-74 years of age
- work anywhere in the Ontario education system - for 8 or more hours per week - on average
- who are not planning to retire, take parental leave, etc. for at least 3 months, and
- who do *not* have a bleeding disorder, have not had chemotherapy in the past 4 weeks, and have not had a bilateral mastectomy

There is no restriction to joining whether you have or have not received your COVID-19 vaccination and whether or not you have previously tested positive for COVID-19

## What is being studied?

- Number & rate of COVID-19 infection
- Risk factors for infection
- Antibody levels over time
- Impact of vaccines against COVID-19
- Psychological impact of working during a pandemic

## What is asked of you?

- Questionnaires when you join and several times throughout the year-long study
- Report when you are tested for COVID-19
- Report when you are vaccinated against COVID-19
- Self-collect blood spot samples several times throughout the year

## *Participation is voluntary*

Participants will be provided with a small token of appreciation for taking part

Check out the study webpage: [www.tibdn.ca/covid-19/education](http://www.tibdn.ca/covid-19/education) or [www.tibdn.ca/covid-19/education-fr](http://www.tibdn.ca/covid-19/education-fr) for a French language page

*You do not need to use the internet to join our study! You can learn more about the study by calling 416-294-6383 -or- if long distance charges apply: 1-888-307-3357 (8AM - 6PM weekdays)*

Study title:

Study of the epidemiology of COVID-19 in teachers and education workers in elementary and secondary schools in Ontario

Study investigators:

Drs. Brenda Coleman, Allison McGeer, & Robert Maunder (Mount Sinai Hospital & University of Toronto)

Dr. Sharon Straus (Unity Health & University of Toronto)

Dr. Susan Bondy (University of Toronto)