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Volunteers needed for study that seeks to reduce COVID-19 impact among Pacific Islanders

Pacific Islander volunteers are being sought to take part in a University of Guam–led study seeking to learn more about Pacific Islanders’ knowledge and understanding of COVID-19 and COVID-19 testing. Pacific Islanders — defined as the indigenous people of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Tonga, Hawai’i, and Palau — collectively have among the highest morbidity and mortality rates associated with COVID-19 in the United States.

Up to \$35 in incentives is available for completing two questionnaires and referring up to a maximum of three other interested and willing Pacific Islanders.

The study, titled UOG RADx-UP: Protecting Life Project (*Puipuia le Ola/Prutehi I Lina’la*) is one of 69 projects across the United States funded by the National Institutes of Health. RADx-UP stands for the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (in) Underserved Populations. This project is a partnership between the University of Guam and the

Eligible participants must:

- self-identify as Pacific Islander
- be 18 years of age or older
- have never tested positive for COVID-19
- be in Guam for at least three months

- not have a bleeding problem or disorder, an immune deficiency disorder, or an autoimmune disease.

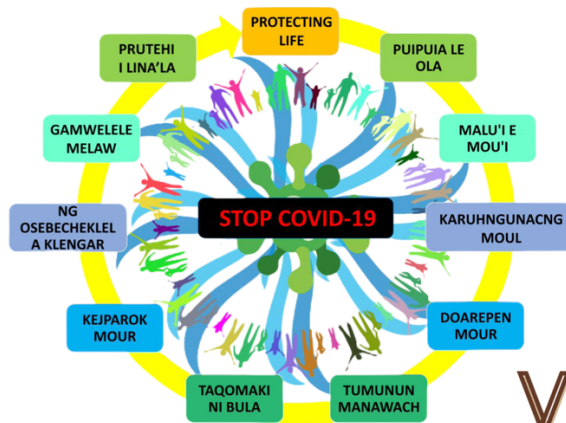
Participants will be asked to complete two confidential questionnaires and to provide a specimen for COVID-19 testing. In addition, educational sessions will be offered about COVID-19 in the Pacific Islander communities along with information about COVID-19

To determine eligibility, interested participants may visit <https://url.uog.edu/radxup>.

For more information, please contact a UOG RADx-UP research associate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays at (671) 735-0215 or via email at radxup@triton.uog.edu. The project is also on Facebook as “UOG RADx-UP Protecting Life Project.”

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PROTECTING LIFE PROJECT



CALL FOR PACIFIC ISLANDER VOLUNTEERS

TAKE PART IN OUR RESEARCH STUDY AIMED TOWARDS REDUCING COVID-19 HEALTH DISPARITIES IN GUAM

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF

- You identify as Pacific Islander
- You are 18 years or older
- You have never tested positive for COVID-19
- You will be on Guam for at least 3 months



DID YOU KNOW

- CHamoru and Chuukese account for almost half of Guam's COVID-19 deaths
- Pacific Islanders have among the highest COVID-19 associated morbidity and mortality rates in the United States

SCAN ME TO SIGN UP!

or

ACCESS THE SURVEY HERE:

<https://forms.gle/5qT2XxMLMEgqAcGD7>



FOR YOUR TIME & KNOWLEDGE

You may receive up to \$35 in incentives



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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