

**Study Title:** Evaluating the immuno-prevalence of COVID-19 to mitigate its impacts in Hawaii  
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### Frequently Asked Questions

<b>Why is this study being done?</b>	The goal of this study is to understand the progression of antibodies that your body produces to fight COVID-19. This can help others who get infected in the future. This will allow us to design strategies to mitigate its spread and work on strategies that will reduce severity and mortality associated with comorbidities like age, high blood pressure and diabetes.
<b>How many participants will be recruited?</b>	For this phase of the study, we intend to recruit up to 100 participants.
<b>Are there any restrictions for participation?</b>	You need to be an adult, not pregnant, and have been tested positive for COVID-19 over the last 60 days of enrollment.
<b>Why am I being asked to participate?</b>	Since you have tested positive for COVID-19, we want to see the progression of antibodies in your body. By doing this, we will be able to better understand how this virus affects your immune system, so we will be able to better manage it.
<b>What am I being asked to do?</b>	If you decide to participate in this project, you will be asked to donate 30 milliliters (ml) of blood (about 3 to 4 tablespoons) from your arm once a week for up to six times. You will also be asked to complete a brief intake form and access to limited medical health records about co-morbidities associated with COVID-19.
<b>What will happen if I decide to take part in this study?</b>	If you decide to participate in this study, you are asked to do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To allow us to use information from the <b>Intake Form</b> and limited <b>Medical Records</b>.</li> <li>• We will be asking you to provide <b>blood samples</b>. You will be asked to provide about (3-4 tablespoons of blood) 30 milliliters (ml) of blood from a vein in your arm once a week for up to four times.</li> <li>• You will be compensated up to \$150 for this study. These will be broken in \$25 for each blood donation, up to 6 weeks. You may be given a choice to participate in follow-up studies with more cash incentives.</li> </ul>
<b>How will my blood be used? How will my blood be collected?</b>	Your blood sample will be used to investigate inflammatory factors and antibodies that your body releases to fight SARS-CoV-2 (e.g., IgM and IgG). The presence of these antibodies in your blood

	<p>indicates your body's natural response to the virus. We will not evaluate genetic diseases or risk for genetic conditions.</p> <p>The collection of blood will be done by appointment at your home or a clinic designated by us. Your participation in this study should take about five minutes per blood donation.</p>
<b>What are the risks of taking part in this study?</b>	<p>While unlikely, the primary risks will be mild pain, bruising, and minor bleeding at the puncture site of the skin when blood is drawn. This risk will be reduced by the use of standardized procedures and certified staff, but these procedures may not eliminate the minor risks involved. The consent form of the study describes all the known risks.</p>
<b>How will my information be kept safe?</b>	<p>The information collected is de-identified at the source. That means that your name will be separated from any samples. Information will be given a code number and the list of names and matching code numbers will be kept separate from other study information and only accessible to the Principal Investigators and the University of Hawaii Human Studies Program.</p> <p>When we report the results of this research project, we will never use your name or any other information that identifies you. We will report our findings in a way that protects your privacy and confidentiality to the extent allowed by law.</p>
<b>Will my doctor know about my results?</b>	<p>We will not share individual results unless you specifically request to the Principal Investigators in writing.</p>
<b>Will I know about the results?</b>	<p>Yes. We will report the aggregated results of the research upon completion of the study. These results will be emailed and mailed to the address provided on the intake form at the end of the study.</p>

If you have other questions or to find out more information about this study, please contact the Study Coordinator at the University of Hawaii by email to [covid19hi@gmail.com](mailto:covid19hi@gmail.com) or by phone/text to 808-989-2043.