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2020 NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION SURVEY (NIS)

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) would like to inform the public that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will conduct the 2020 National Immunization Survey (NIS) in Guam. The contractor, National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago will contact island residents to assess immunization coverage among children 19-35 months of age, and adolescents between the ages of 13-17 years old. Although participation in this survey is voluntary, we ask the public to participate, as the information collected is important. The no-charge, off-island telephone survey will have the Chicago area code of (312).

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the National Immunization Survey (NIS)?

NIS is a random digital-dial telephone survey used to monitor vaccination coverage among children between 19 – 35 months and adolescents between the ages 13 – 17 years.

How is NIS information used?

The data gathered by NIS is used to identify groups at risk of vaccine-preventable diseases, to provide feedback coverage in an effort to increase coverage, and to evaluate the effectiveness of programs designated to increase coverage. All data collected will be sent to the CDC for analysis and then provided to the DPHSS, Immunization Program to compare Guam's vaccination rates with those of other states and territories.

What are they going ask during the survey?

Parents or guardians will be asked to provide information on the date and type of vaccinations given to their children. At the end of the interview, authorization to contact their child's vaccination provider will be requested from the parent or guardian. The health care provider will then be contacted by mail to verify the child's vaccinations.

Will my answers be kept private?

Yes. Privacy is required by law. Names and all other personal identifiers will not be released. The facts collected in the survey will only be provided in summary reports.

For more information about NIS, please call the DPHSS Immunization Program at 735-7143.


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