



## **Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Assent for Youth Interview**

### **Introduction**

The Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in partnership with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

### **Why are you doing this study?**

We want to know more about tobacco and health in the United States. You don't have to use tobacco to take part in the study. What we learn from you and others in the study may help your community and millions of people in the United States to be healthier.

### **What would you like me to do?**

The questionnaire will take about 45 minutes to complete. You will be asked about your attitudes, knowledge, and personal experiences with tobacco. You will also be asked about substance use, mental health, your relationships with friends and family, and your general health.

Since some of the questions are personal, we suggest that you be in a private setting while you are answering the questionnaire. Your participation is voluntary. You can skip any question you don't want to answer, and you can stop at any time.

### **What other information will the PATH study get about me?**

We'll collect personal information, such as your name, address, and date of birth. We'll store this information in a highly secure location to protect it. We may use it to get information about you from public health records, such as health registries, cancer registries, and vital statistics databases. Health registries collect health information from hospitals, clinics, laboratories and doctors' offices.

We will protect your identity. Your personal information will not be shared with anyone but a small group of qualified researchers who work on the study and will be destroyed when the PATH Study is over.

### **Will anything good or bad happen to me if I'm in this study?**

Being part of this study may not help you individually, but your answers will be combined with the answers from other young people. This information may help improve the health of millions of people in the United States. You or your family will not lose any benefits if you say no now or stop later. If you're in the study for a while and then stop participating, we will use the information you already gave us.

The main bad thing that could happen is that people might find out personal information about you, but we have safeguards in place to keep this from happening.

### **How will you stop people from seeing my information?**

Your name won't be tied to your answers, and no one in your school, your parents, or the authorities will know what your answers are. We keep your personal information, like your name and address, in protected and secure file. We will keep your answers to the survey questions in a different file with answers from all other people in the study.

### **Do I get anything for doing the survey?**

You'll receive \$35 on the debit card you received with your invitation letter after you finish the survey this time and in future years as a thank-you for participating. In addition, we will provide you with an electronic certificate of appreciation for completing the survey. Also, each year you're in the study, you'll receive up to \$10 as a thank-you when your parent updates any of your contact information that has changed.

### **Is there someone I can talk to if I have more questions?**

If you have any questions about the study, you can contact Westat at 1-888-311-1819 or [PATHInfo@westat.com](mailto:PATHInfo@westat.com).

If you have questions about your rights and welfare as a PATH Study participant, call Westat's Human Subjects Protections office at 1-888-920-7631. Please leave a message with your first name, the name of the research study you are calling about (The PATH Study), and a phone number beginning with the area code. Someone will return your call as soon as possible. The Human Subjects Protections Office makes sure we're doing the study the right way.

### **Assent**

By selecting the NEXT button, you are agreeing to take part in the PATH Study. You agree to participate in future surveys and possibly other activities if you choose. You agree to let the study securely keep your personal information, so we can look for public health records in the future. You also agree to let state cancer registries give medical information about you to the study about any cancer diagnosis in the future.