

**OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

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MEMORANDUM NO. FRN-22-046

FOR : Deans, Directors, Heads of Units  
Faculty, REPS, Administrative Staff and Students

SUBJECT : Survey for Unvaccinated Individuals

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UP Diliman is endorsing the study of UP Manila entitled "COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and vaccine intent in urban, rural, and remote settings" funded by the National Institute of Health and conducted in partnership with the Philippine Primary Care Studies. This study has been approved by the University of the Philippines Manila Research Ethics Board (UPMREB) under study protocol code UPMREB 2021-0754-01.

The study aims to examine attitudes towards COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination intent among unvaccinated adults. Participants will be requested to answer a 3–5-minute self-administered survey in English, Filipino, or Bikolano (<https://bit.ly/NIHVHSurvey>). Data collection is projected to happen from March to May 2022. For more details, you may also review the attached study summary below.

The study will be of paramount value towards identifying gaps and potential areas for improvement in our pre-existing pandemic response strategies. Through a systematic examination of COVID-19 vaccine attitudes across settings, the study will strive to produce context-based and people-centered solutions towards maximizing vaccine uptake in the Philippines. Please refer to attached study summary.

We ask for your support to disseminate this survey to your faculty, REPS, staff and students who are unvaccinated or who may know UPD constituents who remain unvaccinated.

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Thank you very much for your cooperation.

  
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## **ENDORSEMENT**

This is to strongly endorse the study “**COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Vaccination Intent in Urban, Rural, And Remote Settings.**” The UPD Administration fully supports the objective of the study to address the gaps in local literature by examining attitudes towards COVID-19 vaccines across urban, rural, and remote settings in the Philippines, and offer evidence-based solutions for maximizing COVID-19 immunization. The results of the study will guide policymakers, key stakeholders, and local government to strengthen the country’s pandemic response strategies.

  
FIDEL R. NEMENZO, D.Sc.  
Chancellor

## STUDY SUMMARY

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- I. Title**  
COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and vaccination intent in urban, rural, and remote settings
- II. Objectives**  
The objectives of this study are to: 1) assess vaccine hesitancy towards the COVID-19 vaccine; and 2) identify factors associated with vaccination intent among unvaccinated adults in urban, rural, and remote settings in the Philippines.
- III. Participants**  
This study will examine responses from all consenting unvaccinated adults in urban, rural, and remote settings in the Philippines. These sites are UP Diliman, the Municipality of Samal, and the Municipality of Bulusan accordingly. The proposed study targets a time-bound sample, with data collection set over 1 month for each study setting.
- IV. Data Collection Methods**  
This study will use a self-administered survey, primarily through remote or online data gathering methods whenever possible. Face-to-face data collection will only be conducted in limited and highly restricted circumstances. While the proposed study does not pose any added risk of exposure to the participants, strict adherence to health and safety guidelines will be maintained among participants and research staff alike.
- V. Significance of the Study**  
Attitudes and vaccination intent towards the available COVID-19 vaccines remain underexplored in low-middle income countries like the Philippines. Maximizing COVID-19 immunization through improved vaccine acceptance is especially critical in resource-limited settings. This study aims to address gaps in local literature by examining attitudes towards COVID-19 vaccines across urban, rural, and remote settings in the Philippines.
- VI. Funders and Institutional Endorsement**  
National Institutes of Health Project Code:  
- NIH 2021-019  
University of the Philippines Manila Research Ethics Board:  
- UPMREB 2021-0754-01
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# CALL FOR ONLINE SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

Perceptions on COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination Intent

Eligible participants must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a current student, faculty, employee, or resident of UP Diliman
- Not have received ANY dose of any brand of COVID-19 vaccine

Your Thoughts on COVID-19 Vaccines Matter!



<https://bit.ly/NIHVHSurvey>

