

COVID-19 BIOBANK FACTSHEET



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What is the COVID-19 biobank?

It collects and stores human fluids and tissue samples to allow scientists to carry out groundbreaking research.

If you tested positive for COVID-19, you may be eligible to participate.

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What is the biobank trying to **do**?

Researchers are trying to answer important questions about COVID-19.



- *Why do some people get so sick?*
- *Is it possible to get COVID-19 more than once?*
- *Is there a cure?*



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How can I participate?

You can contact the study team to learn more about participating. You can participate from the time you get sick with COVID-19, for up to two years.

Email: covid19cohort@bmc.org

Phone: 857-337-5319

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How will my **privacy** and **confidentiality** be protected?

The biobank team is committed to protecting your privacy and confidentiality. We take numerous steps to protect your privacy, including labeling your samples and information with a code rather than your name. A committee of dedicated experts is in charge of how your samples are used.

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Who will be able to use my **samples** and **information**?

Only scientists reviewed by 1) our committee of BU and BMC community members, and 2) an Institutional Review Board (IRB), an independent group committed to protecting research subjects, can use your samples.



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How long will my **samples** be stored?

Your samples will be stored in the biobank until they are used up.

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