

This letter is to inform you of a research project investigating the prevalence of COVID-19 in faculty, staff, and students of the University of Nebraska system. This study involves asking questions about travel history and contact with anyone infected with COVID-19 as well as performing a swab from the back of the nose. This study is intended to help us understand relationships between travel and prevalence of the virus and determine to what extent COVID-19 has infected the personnel with our University community.

Please distribute the availability of this study to as many groups as possible. Leaders of various student groups, department managers or supervisors are encouraged to share information about this study. Interested participants should contact the principal investigator of the study, Dr. Scott Koepsell by email at scott.koepsell@unmc.edu. Interested individuals may ask questions and arrange for an appointment for an interview and collection of a swab. Careful planning and logistics are utilized to ensure all participants maintain a safe distance.

Sincerely,

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