

**Research Assent Form for Participants Aged ≥7 Years**  
**Surveillance Platform for Acute Illness: Respiratory and Enteric Pathogens (inSPIRE)**  
Marshfield Clinic Research Institute

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**Why are you asking me to be in this research study?**

- A research study is a way that we learn new information about something.
- We are trying to learn more about the germs that make people sick with cold or stomach symptoms.
- We are asking you to join this study because you are or were sick.

**What does it mean to give my assent?**

- You can only be part of this research study if you agree to join.

**What will happen if I join this study?**

- If you join this study, we will:
  - Ask you or your parent or representative to answer questions about you, such as your age, health, symptoms, and immunizations.
  - **If you have cold symptoms:** we will take samples from your nose and throat with a soft swab (like a Q-tip).
  - **If you have stomach symptoms:** we want you to collect a poop sample and return it to us. We will give you supplies and tell you how to collect the sample.
  - Ask you or your parent or representative to answer more questions in about 2 weeks and 1 month from now.
  - Look at your medical records to get information for this study.
  - If you had other samples collected, we may ask the hospital to give us any that are left over.

**Will I be paid for joining this study?**

- You will get a \$35 gift card for being in this study.

**Could anything good happen to me because of this study?**

- Joining this study will not help you, but what we learn from this research might help other people in the future.

**Could anything bad happen to me because of this study?**

- If we take samples from your nose and throat, it may make your eyes water and your nose run.

**Do I have to be in this study, or can I change my mind and stop later?**

- You do not have to join this study.
- You can change your mind later and stop being in the study. You can tell us or your parent or representative that you want to stop.
- No one at Marshfield Clinic Health System will be mad or upset with you if you say no or change your mind.

**If I think of questions about the study, who can I ask?**

- You can ask your parent or representative questions about the study. You can also ask someone from the study team at 877-905-4053.