

OUR COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

As Britain's largest independent social research agency, we've worked, for the last 50 years, on behalf of government and charities to find out what people really think about important social issues and how Britain is run.

As leaders in social research, we know the impact of COVID-19 will shape society for years to come. Face-to-face data collection (i.e. interviewing in person) remains an essential method of data collection to ensure everyone's views are represented.

We want to reassure you that we are working in line with government guidance to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission.



What measures have the National Centre for Social Research introduced to ensure safe working during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Interviewers will be required to self-assess their health and will not be permitted to work if they have displayed symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days
- We advise interviewers to conduct lateral flow tests at least twice a week
- Social distancing will be observed by our interviewers. Where possible contact and interviews will be carried out at a 2-metre social distance and 1 metre as a minimum
- Interviewers will wear face masks for the entire duration of the visit
- Interviewers will sanitise their hands and equipment before entering your home, during the interview if they need to pass anything to you and after every interview
- In-home interviews will only take place with a pre-arranged appointment and alternative interview options such as a remote telephone or video interview may be offered to you
- Our interviewer will carry out a household health screening questionnaire with you before making an appointment and in advance of any in-home visits
- Could we please ask for your support in ensuring a safe interviewing environment by;
 - Opening doors to reduce the contact our interviewer has with surfaces in your home
 - Choosing a place for the interview to take place that supports social distancing
 - Opening a window to provide ventilation in the room where the interview will take place
- The interview can take place outdoors if you have a private garden or outside space
- Your contact information may be shared with NHS Test and Trace