

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
H1N1 Swine Flu Focus Group Participant Application

Your Help is Needed: Maryland is continuing to respond to the H1N1 Swine Flu pandemic and seeks your help to keep our residents and visitors safe. We need you to join a Focus Group and discuss your views on H1N1 to make our efforts successful.

Background:

- a. You will participate with 8 to 10 persons in a two-hour discussion group, and be asked to complete a short anonymous survey (two pages) before the discussion. Your honest opinion is valued and needed in this group. Notes will be written to capture all that is said. Only your first name or a nickname that you chose to be known as for the discussion will appear in notes. The contact information that you provide below will not be available to the persons conducting the focus group discussion.
- b. The group will include persons from your ethnic or racial group. There will be two Moderators, usually at least one of them will be from your ethnic/racial group. Discussion and survey will be in English; participants must be comfortable speaking and reading English.
- c. You will be reimbursed \$25 for your time and contribution at the end of the group.
- d. Applications will be selected to assure a broad representation of age and gender in each group. Once that is assured, preference will be given to applications received earlier at the Department. All applicants may not be selected, depending on the number of responses.

Please fill out and return this form by email for by fax.

Email: H1N1FocusGroup@dhmh.state.md.us

Fax: 410-333-5007

Contact information to be considered for participation:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ County: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Gender (check one): Male _____ Female _____

Are you Hispanic or Latino? (check one): Yes _____ No _____

What is your race? (check as many as apply to you)

American Indian _____

Asian or Pacific Islander _____

Black or African American _____

White _____