

Study on Child Development in a Pandemic Context

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Web address:

statistique.quebec.ca/web2/e425e

Dear parent(s),

You have been selected to participate in the *Study on Child Development in a Pandemic Context* that the Institut de la statistique du Québec (Statistique Québec) is conducting on behalf of the Observatoire pour la santé et l'éducation des enfants (OPES) of the Université de Montréal in collaboration with the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ). The objective of this study is to collect information on various aspects of children's lives in relation to the pandemic and lockdown measures. The study also aims to link this information with the developmental status of children.

To participate, simply go **to the Web address indicated in the box at the top of this letter**, enter your identifier and complete the online questionnaire. If necessary, you can exit the questionnaire and come back to it at a more convenient time.

Statistique Québec will contact the participants who have not submitted their online questionnaire to obtain their answers by phone. If you are not available when we call, simply let us know what time would be more convenient for you.

If you would like more information about this study or require assistance, please get in touch with Statistique Québec using the contact information provided below. You will also find additional information on the back of this letter and on our website (statistique.quebec.ca) under "Surveys".

Thank you for your cooperation. You are contributing to the production of quality statistical information that Québec needs to provide better services to the population.

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Chief Statistician

Additional information

Why was I chosen?

You were selected to participate in the *Study on Child Development in a Pandemic Context* because data about your child was already collected in 2017, with your consent, from your child's teacher as part of the *Québec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten* (QSCDK).

The personal information needed for this study, including your contact information, was obtained from the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ) under an agreement with the Ministère that respects privacy rules.

Do I have to take part in the study?

Your participation in the study is voluntary, but **important** as the information collected will help to advance knowledge about children's development and their environment in order to better plan and guide psychosocial and school support services.

Quality monitoring

For quality and training purposes, telephone conversations with Statistique Québec agents are recorded. However, if you do not want your conversation to be recorded, simply notify the agent at the beginning of the call.

Confidentiality and data transmission

This study is conducted in accordance with the *Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec*. The information collected will be transmitted to the MEQ, with the exception of the names of your family members, your address and your telephone number.

The information you will provide by completing this questionnaire will be matched with data about your child that was collected as part of the *Québec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten* (QSCDK) in 2017. It will also be matched with data that will be collected about your child through a questionnaire to be completed by his or her Grade 5 teacher in 2022 as well as with certain information from databases related to education and health and social services. All of this information will be kept **confidential** and will only be used for statistical purposes.

Ethical framework

This study was reviewed by the ethics committee appointed by Statistique Québec. This committee is responsible for safeguarding the respect, dignity and integrity of those participating or included in the study.