

Study on Child Development in a Pandemic Context – Teacher Component

March 2022

Dear parent,

In order to understand the impacts of the health crisis on children, the Observatory for Children's Education and Health,¹ in collaboration with the Ministère de l'Éducation, wants to measure the current developmental status of children and compare it to what was observed before the pandemic. This information will help guide decision-makers regarding services to be put in place to mitigate the effects of the pandemic on the future of young Quebecers.

Your child has been randomly selected to take part in the *Study on Child Development in a Pandemic Context* conducted by the Institut de la statistique du Québec. In all, nearly 10,000 children currently enrolled in Grade 5 are included in the study, and their teachers will be invited to complete a questionnaire about each of them. Please note that the children will not be asked any questions.

The information collected will focus on various aspects of the children's development, including their physical well-being, academic progress, social skills, work habits, etc. It is important to point out that this questionnaire is not intended to establish a diagnosis or to assess the performance of the teaching staff or the school.

Refusal form

Between March and May 2022, your child's teacher will complete a questionnaire for each selected child in their class. This information will be matched with the data collected in the 2017 *Québec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten* and with certain administrative data, for statistical purposes only.

If you wish to withdraw your child from the study, you must complete the refusal form on the back of this letter and return it to your child's teacher upon receipt. Not returning this refusal form means that you agree to have a questionnaire completed about your child.

Confidentiality and privacy

The information provided will be treated as confidential in accordance with the *Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec* (CQLR, chapter I-13.011) and the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information* (CQLR, chapter A-2.1).

The data collected, with the exception of identifying information (e.g., permanent code, name, school number) will be sent to the Ministère de l'Éducation. They will only be used for statistical purposes.

¹ The Observatory for Children's Education and Health is a research program that brings together researchers from several Québec universities. It was created and funded by the Fonds de recherche du Québec.

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Ethics

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

To learn more

For more information about this study, visit our website (statistique.quebec.ca) under "Surveys", or contact us by phone (1-800-561-0213) or by e-mail (5e-annee@stat.gouv.qc.ca).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. By participating in this study, you are contributing to the production of quality statistics that Québec needs to promote children's well-being and development.



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Refusal form

I **refuse** to have the teacher complete a questionnaire about my child as part of the *Study on Child Development in a Pandemic Context - Teacher Component*.

Child's first and last name
(please print)

Child's group

Teacher's name
(please print)

Name of school
(please print)

Parent's signature

Date

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Year	Month	Day