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Request for participation in medical research:

Bern, get ready (BEready) population-based cohort study for pandemic preparedness: main study

Dear Prospective Participant,

We have created this study information sheet to ask people in the Canton of Bern whether they would be willing to take part in our research project.

Participation is voluntary. All data collected as part of this research project are subject to strict data protection requirements.

This research project was commissioned by the University of Bern. Prof. Dr. med. Nicola Low from the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM) is responsible for its concrete conduct.

As the research project progresses, we would be happy to give participants regular updates of ongoing results, if this interests them.

The first half of this information sheet presents the most important information about the study in a summarised format. The second part then provides more detailed information. This will be followed by a conversation during which perspective participants will be told once again about the most important points and their questions will be answered.

Summary

Why are we conducting this research project?

- The BEready project aims to find out how people in the Canton of Bern can be helped to be more prepared for the next pandemic.
- We want to understand how infections spread among people as well as between people and animals.
- We want to find out how social and environmental factors can influence the transmission or catching of infectious diseases.
- We want to better understand how households and their pets in the Canton of Bern were and continue to be affected by COVID-19.

What do I need to do if I take part? – What will happen to me if I take part?

People who decide to take part will be asked to do the following:

- fill out an online questionnaire at the start and then at yearly intervals,
- have a brief physical exam at the start of the study, either at the study site in Bern, at their home, or at a location close to their home, and provide a single blood sample from their elbow,



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- 47 • take a sample of a few drops of blood from their fingertips by themselves at home once a
48 year,
49 • and take nasal swabs and send them to us any time they have signs of a respiratory
50 infection.

51 For children under 14, an adult from the same household must fill out the questionnaires on
52 their behalf. Every time a person in the household shows signs of a respiratory infection, or if a
53 dog or a cat has diarrhoea, an adult in the same household will have to fill out a short online
54 questionnaire on behalf of the entire household.

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56 All **pets** must have a brief physical exam at the Bern Animal Hospital or in another veterinary
57 clinic, and their owners must fill out an online questionnaire about their pet at the start of the
58 study and then at yearly intervals.

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60 For **cats and dogs**, in addition to the poo sample collected at the start of the study, a single
61 blood sample from the foreleg will be taken. Whenever a dog or cat shows signs of diarrhoea,
62 the owners will be asked to collect a poo sample and send it to us.

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64 What benefits and risks are associated with participation?

65 **Benefits**

- 66 • By taking part, participants will help us better understand infectious diseases and their
67 effects. They will also help people in the Canton of Bern to be better prepared for future
68 pandemics. Participants will derive no personal benefit by taking part.

69 **Risks and burdens**

- 70 • The physical risks of the blood samples and swabs are very small, but the procedures can
71 be felt as uncomfortable.
72 • The time required for study participation each year is low, but this can increase somewhat
73 depending on the number of respiratory infections and the number of members in the
74 household.
75 • Pet owners are at risk of injuries (e.g., scratches, bites) due to the swabs they have to take
76 from their pets.

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78 By signing the informed consent form, participants declare that they are taking part voluntarily and
79 that they have understood all of the information in this document.

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81 **Detailed information**

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83 **Glossary**

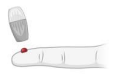
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Biological samples

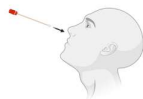
One or more of the following:



Blood from the elbow (for people) or the foreleg (for pets)



Blood from the fingertip (for people only) dripped onto a sort of blotting paper



A swab taken with a sort of cotton bud (from the inside of the nose for people and dogs, or through the mouth into the throat for cats, or an anal swab for pets)



Poo samples (for pets only)

Substudy

A test or analysis that is embedded into the main study and is a specific aspect or question within the broader scope of the main study

Research project

The research project ('BEready') described in this information sheet

Household contact

The person in a household who is our main contact person

Disease event

Each time a member of the household show signs of respiratory infection (e.g., cough, sneezing, middle ear infection) or a dog or cat in the household has diarrhoea during the project

Participants

People taking part in our research project



85 **1. Objective and selection**

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87 We are a group of researchers from the University of Bern. Our research project is called BEready
88 ('Bern, get ready'). It was developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. BEready aims to find
89 out how people in the Canton of Bern can be helped to be more prepared for the next pandemic.

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91 All private households in the Canton of Bern are eligible to take part in the research project
92 provided that at least one person over the age of 18 years agrees to take part. Participants over
93 11 years must be able to understand, speak, read, and write German, French and/or English.
94 Participants over 14 years must have access to the internet. Participants under 14 years can take
95 part provided that at least one adult is taking part who understands German, French and/or English
96 and has access to the internet. Pets can be included as long as they live in a household that is
97 taking part.

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99 **2. General information**

100 All of us in the Canton of Bern lived through the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic together and
101 were affected by it. One conclusion that we can draw from the pandemic is that we will be able to
102 react to future pandemics more quickly and better protect our people if we as a society are better
103 prepared.

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105 BEready is what is called a cohort study, which means that health data and biological samples are
106 repeatedly collected over a long time from the general population. This means that, in future
107 pandemics, we would be able to more quickly identify the pathogen causing the pandemic and
108 therefore react better and more quickly as a result. The BEready cohort is probably the first cohort
109 of its kind in the world. Participants will make an important contribution to this research project by
110 helping us to investigate existing infectious diseases and their transmission among people and
111 between people and animals, and therefore possibly helping to make society more prepared for
112 new health threats. They will also help us to understand how social and environmental factors can
113 influence the transmission or catching of infectious diseases, as well as how households and their
114 pets in the Canton of Bern were and continue to be affected by COVID-19.

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116 This study will include 1500 households in the Canton of Bern and currently has no planned end
117 date.

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119 We are conducting this research project according to the laws of Switzerland. In addition, we follow
120 all international and recognised guidelines. The responsible Ethics Committee and competent
121 veterinary authority have reviewed and approved the research project.

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123 **3. Procedure**

124 The research project will follow the following procedure:

- 125 ▪ First visit in Month 0,
- 126 ▪ Self-taken swab for respiratory infections in people or for diarrhoea in dogs and cats (the exact
127 number depends on the infection. The diagram below gives an example of one time during the
128 entire study),
- 129 ▪ An assessment every 12 months.

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131 The procedure of the research project will be explained in more detail below. Figure 1 shows the
132 procedure for the research project in graphic form.




133 First visit (Month 0)

134 The first visit at the start of the research project will take place at the Swiss Institute for
135 Translational and Entrepreneurial Medicine (SITEM, Freiburgstrasse 3, 3010 Bern, Switzerland), at
136 participants' homes, or at a location near participants' homes, and will take about 60 minutes per
137 person.

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139 The study staff member () will do the following:


- 140 ▪ Explain the study and answer questions
- 141 ▪ Discuss the inclusion and exclusion criteria with participants
- 142 ▪ Obtain written informed consent
- 143 ▪ Measure participants' weight, height, hip/waist size, and blood pressure ()
- 144 ▪ Take 50 mL of blood (about three tablespoons) from a vein in participants' elbows
- 145 ▪ Show participants how to sample 5-10 drops of blood from their own fingertips, and if
146 applicable, from their children
- 147 ▪ Show participants how to take a swab from the inside of their own nose, and if applicable, from
148 their children

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150 For pets, the first visit will take place at the Vetsuisse veterinary clinic for small animals
151 (Länggassstrasse 128, 3012 Bern, Switzerland) or at another veterinary clinic and will take about
152 45 minutes per pet.

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154 The study staff member () will do the following:

- 155 ▪ A quick health check for the pet ()
- 156 ▪ For dogs and cats: Take 3-10 mL of blood (around 1-2 teaspoons, depending on the size of the
157 pet) from a vein in a foreleg
- 158 ▪ Show participants how to take a swab from the inside of their pet's nose (for dogs) or through
159 the mouth from the throat (for cats)
- 160 ▪ Show participants how to take a swab from their pet's anus and how to collect a poo sample


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162 People with cats or dogs must collect a poo sample () from their pet every day from two days
163 before the visit until the day of the visit, and then bring these to the first visit with them. They will be
164 tested for parasites in a lab.

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166 The samples () collected from participants and pets will be stored permanently in the Bern
167 biobank (Freiburgstrasse 10, 3010 Bern, Switzerland) and may be analysed later.


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169 After the visit, participants will fill out an online questionnaire () (about 45 minutes per person
170 and 15 minutes per pet). For children under 14 years and for pets, an adult from the household
171 must do this on their behalf. The questions cover the current state of health and the risk and
172 protection factors that make people and animals more prone to infections or protect them from
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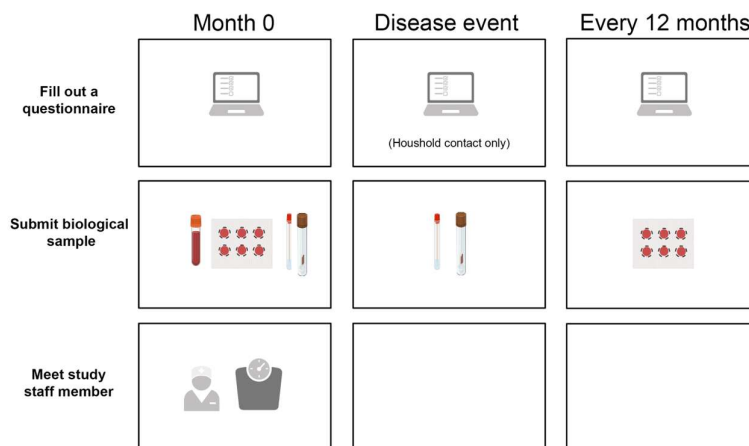
175 Assessment around every 12 months

176 Every 12 months, participants will fill out an online questionnaire () (about 45 minutes per
177 person and 15 minutes per pet). For children under 14 years and for pets, an adult from the
178 household must do this on their behalf. The questions ask about health aspects that have changed
179 since the first visit. The household contact will also fill out a 5-minute online questionnaire on
180 changes in the household (new members, pets, change in address, etc.).

181 All participants will sample 5-10 drops of blood from their fingertips () at home. For children,
 182 an adult in the same household must sample the blood from their fingertips for them. The
 183 household contact must then send these samples by post to the biobank for storage.

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 185 Disease event

- 186 ▪ In the event of an illness, the household contact must fill out an online questionnaire at home
- 187 on the signs of the disease (around 5 minutes per member of the household).
- 188 ▪ If participants experience cold symptoms, they must take a swab from the inside of their nose
- 189 themselves at home (). For children, an adult in the same household must take the swab for
- 190 them.
- 191 ▪ If cats or dogs have diarrhoea, an adult in the household must take a poo sample from the pet
- 192 in question ().
- 193 ▪ The household contact must then send these samples by post to the laboratory where they will
- 194 be investigated for viruses that could have caused the respiratory infection and/or for parasites
- 195 that could have caused the diarrhoea. Any residual material is stored permanently and may be
- 196 analysed later.



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 198 Figure 1. Procedure for the research project.

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 200 Substudies

201 An important aspect of BEready is the ability to create substudies on research questions that have
 202 not yet been precisely defined. These will allow researchers to react to scientific questions that will
 203 be asked in the future. Participants will be approached separately for these substudies and can
 204 decide on a case-by-case basis whether they want to take part or not.

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 206 Early withdrawal or exclusion from the study

207 If participants want to stop taking part, they may do so at any time without giving reasons.

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 209 It may also be the case that we have to exclude participants prematurely from the research project.

210 For example, this can happen

- 211 ▪ if they move away from the Canton of Bern, or
- 212 ▪ if they do not comply with the instructions and requirements of the research project.

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 214 The research project can also be terminated early by the Sponsor.

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217 **4. Benefits**

218 The results of the research project may be important to help people in the Canton of Bern be better
219 prepared for the next pandemic. However, participation may also lead to no direct benefit.
220 Participants will derive no personal benefit by taking part.

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222 **5. Voluntary nature and obligations**

223 Participants take part voluntarily. If they do not participate in this research project or if they want to
224 withdraw their participation at a later date, they will not have to justify this.

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226 If people take part in this research project, they will be asked to adhere to the guidelines and
227 requirements imposed on the research project by the protocol.

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229 **6. Risks and burdens**

230 We will ask participants personal questions about their health and living situation. Most questions
231 are quite general, but some specific questions (e.g., on mental health) may make them feel slightly
232 uncomfortable.

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234 The physical risks of the blood samples are very small, but the procedures can be felt as
235 uncomfortable. Sometimes, a bruise may form at the blood sampling site in the elbow (for people),
236 foreleg (for pets) and/or fingertip (for people), which may be painful for a few days. If required, the
237 study staff member can give participants, especially children, a plaster or cream for the elbow that
238 temporarily numbs the place where the blood is to be taken from a vein. No blood samples will be
239 taken from people at risk of bleeding.

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241 Anal swabs in pets are basically the same as taking their temperature. They should not be painful
242 but can be felt as uncomfortable.

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244 Depending on the number of cases of disease in a given household, the number of swabs required
245 can vary. Swabs from people and dogs are taken only from the front of the inside of the nose, and
246 for cats through the mouth from the throat (unlike the swabs for some COVID-19 PCR tests that go
247 through the nose into the throat). They should not be painful but can be felt as uncomfortable.

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249 Pet owners are at risk of injuries (e.g., scratches, bites) due to the swabs they have to take from
250 their pets.

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252 For the purposes of the research project, personal data and biological samples will be collected
253 from participants and pets. These will be encrypted and stored securely. The risk of unauthorised
254 people gaining access to them is very low (see also Section 8 below).

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256 The time required for study participation each year is low and spread out over the year, but this can
257 increase somewhat depending on the number of infections and the number of members in the
258 household.

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260 **7. Results**

261 There are

- 262 1. individual results from the research project that relate directly to participants
- 263 2. individual results from the research project that occur by chance (called incidental findings)
- 264 3. objective final results of the entire research project



265 Re 1: If participants so desire, we can give them information on specific personal results, such as
266 blood pressure, directly during the examination. Participants have a general right to receive
267 information about their results. However, most results from the research project relate to a group of
268 people and pets rather than individuals. Participants will be informed of all new results and
269 knowledge (for example, the analysis of viruses in the swabs or parasites in poo samples) that are
270 personally important for them. Depending on the analysis, they will be informed either over the
271 phone by a healthcare professional or via a password-protected e-mail.

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273 Re 2: Incidental findings are a sort of "side result", in other words results that have not been
274 explicitly sought but that have been found accidentally. In the case of incidental findings,
275 participants will be informed if they are relevant for their health. This means that they will be
276 informed of such findings if a previously unknown disease is discovered by chance in them, their
277 children or pets, or if a disease that has not yet occurred can be prevented through prevention.

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279 Re 3: The project leader will provide participants with a summary of the overall results at regular
280 intervals, e.g., in the form of a newsletter.

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282 **8. Confidentiality of data and samples**

283 8.1 Data processing and encryption

284 For this research project, data about participants and pets and their health will be collected and
285 processed, to some extent in automated form. The data will be entered in the database in
286 encrypted form, so that third parties cannot draw any conclusions on individuals. Encryption means
287 that all reference data that could be used to directly identify participants and pets (name, date of
288 birth, address) will be stored separately and can only be linked with the data and samples by using
289 a randomly generated identification number. An exception to this is the e-mail address that
290 participants give to us which may contain their name (or parts thereof). This must be stored in the
291 database so that the requests to fill out questionnaires can be sent to them automatically. We
292 recommend the use of an e-mail address that does not contain any parts of a name. However, the
293 e-mail address is generally only visible to the people who enter it into the database and the
294 technical staff responsible for the database. At the end of the study, the e-mail address will be
295 deleted from the database. Accordingly, the data can be linked with participants and pets only with
296 the use of the key list which is stored separately from the database. The key list will remain secure
297 at the University of Bern at all times, under the responsibility of the project leader. People who do
298 not have access to the keys therefore cannot draw conclusions on participants and pets. Only very
299 few professionals will see the unencrypted data and only to fulfil tasks as part of the research
300 project. These persons are bound by professional secrecy. Participants have the right to access
301 their data. The data from participants and pets will be stored for at least 10 years after the end of
302 the study.

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304 8.2 Data protection and protection of samples

305 All data protection specifications are strictly adhered to. It is possible that data from participants
306 and pets may need to be transmitted in encrypted form, for example for publication, and may be
307 made available to other researchers.

308 If health-related data/samples are stored on site, a database/biobank for research purposes will be
309 used. If participants agree to possible further use of the data and samples (see Section 8.3 below),
310 these will be stored for an unlimited time period.

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312 As part of this project, these data and samples may be sent in encrypted form to another
313 database/biobank. If the data and samples are transferred outside of Switzerland, the Sponsor is
314 responsible for ensuring that the same data protection standards are adhered to abroad as in
315 Switzerland. If the local legal situation does not allow data protection to Swiss standards to be
316 ensured, the data and samples can be transferred only if the recipient has explicitly committed in
317 contracts to appropriately protecting participants' rights.

318 319 8.3 Data protection in case of further use

320 Data and samples from participants and pets could be important at a later time for answering other
321 questions and/or could be sent later to another database/biobank in Switzerland or abroad and
322 used for investigations (further use) yet to be defined in more detail. This other database/biobank
323 has to maintain the same standards as the database/biobank for this project. If the local legal
324 situation does not allow data protection to Swiss standards to be ensured, the data and samples
325 can be transferred only if the recipient has explicitly committed in contracts to appropriately
326 protecting participants' rights. For this further use, we ask participants to sign an additional
327 informed consent form at the end of this document. This second consent is independent of
328 participation in this project. All participants who exceed the age of 18 during or after study
329 participation will be asked again to give their consent for further use.

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331 To better understand the body's response to infections, further use may also involve examining the
332 genetic information contained in the blood of participants and pets, for example. This means that
333 all or part of their genome could be investigated, as could the mechanisms that influence the
334 activity of their genes (epigenetics). The genetic information from participants and pets will be
335 encrypted and stored securely. We will take strict security precautions to ensure that no
336 unauthorised persons gain access to this. However, a risk of illegal, unauthorised access cannot
337 be fully ruled out.

338 339 8.4 Data protection for genetic investigations and internet-based research

340 Whenever data from samples are collected, saved and shared as part of genetic research and
341 internet-based research, there are risks regarding confidentiality (e.g., the possibility that you will
342 be identified), in particular regarding information about genetic make-up. These risks cannot be
343 completely ruled out and increase the more data can be linked with each other, especially if
344 participants have published genetic data about themselves on the internet (e.g., for genealogical
345 research). Information about genetic make-up may also be of importance for relatives or family
346 planning. The project leader will take all measures to minimise these confidentiality risks for
347 participants and pets.

348 349 8.5 Rights of inspection during controls

350 This research project can be inspected by the competent Ethics Committee, the veterinary
351 authority, and the project leader and Sponsor that commissioned the study. The project leader
352 must then disclose the data from participants and pets for such inspections. All entities must
353 maintain absolute confidentiality.

354 355 9. Withdrawal

356 Participants can withdraw at any time from the research project. In this case, however, the data
357 and samples collected up to that point in time will continue to be assessed in encrypted format. In
358 addition, the data and samples collected up to that point will also continue to be available in
359 encrypted form for further use, if the participants agreed to this.



360 If they did not agree to further use, the biological samples will be destroyed after their assessment.
361 However, the data will remain in the project files in encrypted form. Participants should therefore
362 check whether they agree to this before they take part in the project.

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364 **10. Compensation**

365 If participants and pets take part in this project, you will not receive compensation for this. They will
366 be reimbursed for expenses such as travel costs due to participation. There will be no costs for
367 them or their medical insurance if they take part. Under certain circumstances, the results of this
368 research project may contribute to the development of commercial products. Participants and pets
369 will not have any right to claim commercial developments (e.g., patents) due to their participation.

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371 **11. Liability**

372 If participants or pets suffer any damage due to the research project, the University of Bern, which
373 commissioned the research project and is responsible for its conduct, is liable for this damage. The
374 requirements and the procedure are governed by law. If participants and/or pets do suffer damage,
375 the participants should contact the project leader (see Section 13).

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377 **12. Finanzierung**

378 The research project is being fully paid for by the University of Bern. However, substudies may also
379 be paid for by as yet undetermined third parties.

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381 **13. Kontaktperson(en)**

382 Participants may ask questions about participation in the project at any time. Even in case of
383 uncertainties that arise during or after the research project, they can contact the following contact
384 point(s):

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386 Project management:

387 BEready

388 University of Bern

389 Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM)

390 Mittelstrasse 43

391 3012 Bern

392 Switzerland

393 Phone: **+41 79 804 00 68** (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CET)

394 E-Mail: **BEready.mcid@unibe.ch**

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396 Project leader:

397 Prof. Dr. med. Nicola Low

398 University of Bern

399 Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM)

400 Mittelstrasse 43

401 3012 Bern

402 Switzerland



403 **Informed consent form**

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405 **Written informed consent form for participation in a research project**

406 Please read this form carefully. Please ask if there is something you do not understand or if there is
407 something you would like to know. Your written consent is required for your child's participation.

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Title of the research project (in scientific and lay language):	Bern, get ready (BEready) population-based cohort study for pandemic preparedness: main study
Responsible institution:	University of Bern Represented by Prof. Dr. med. Nicola Low Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM) Mittelstrasse 43 3012 Bern Switzerland
Site for the project:	Canton of Bern
Leader of the research project	Prof. Dr. med. Nicola Low
Child (participant): Last name and first name (printed): Date of birth:	

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- 410 ▪ The study staff member whose signature appears below has informed me, as the legal guardian/parent of the child, both verbally and in writing of the purpose and course of the
- 411 guardian/parent of the child, both verbally and in writing of the purpose and course of the
- 412 research project with the possible benefits and disadvantages, and the possible risks.
- 413 ▪ I hereby confirm that I have decided to allow my child to take part in this research project. I
- 414 accept the verbal and written information on my child's behalf. I have had sufficient time to
- 415 make this decision.
- 416 ▪ Any questions about participation in this research project have been answered. I can keep the
- 417 written information sheet, and I will receive a copy of the written informed consent form.
- 418 ▪ I agree to competent specialists from the project leader and the Ethics Committee competent
- 419 for this research project inspecting my child's unencrypted data for review and control
- 420 purposes, albeit under strict conditions of confidentiality.
- 421 ▪ In the event of results and/or incidental findings that directly affect my child's health, I will be
- 422 informed on my child's behalf.
- 423 ▪ I know that health-related and personal data and samples may be transmitted only in encrypted
- 424 form for research purposes for this research project (including outside of Switzerland). The
- 425 Sponsor ensures that data protection will be maintained according to Swiss standards. If the
- 426 local legal situation does not allow data protection to Swiss standards to be ensured, the data
- 427 and samples can be transferred only if the recipient has explicitly committed in contracts to
- 428 appropriately protecting participants' rights.
- 429 ▪ I agree to be contacted again for substudies.
- 430 ▪ I can withdraw my child from participation at any time and without having to provide reasons.
- 431 The data and samples collected up to that time will still be used for the evaluation of the
- 432 research project.
- 433 ▪ The University of Bern is liable for any damages that may be suffered.
- 434 ▪ I am aware that the obligations listed in the information sheet are to be complied with. In the
- 435 interests of my child's health, the project leader can remove my child at any time.

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437 **Declaration by the legal guardians/parents:** I/we hereby confirm that the explanatory discussion
438 took place and that the child who is unable to give legal consent agreed to take part and/or showed
439 no signs of resistance against taking part in the study.
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Place, date	Last name and first name (printed) Relationship to the child (mother/father, etc.): Signature of the legal guardians/parents
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442 **Declaration by the study staff member:** I hereby confirm that I have explained the nature,
443 significance and scope of the research project to the person(s) who signed above on behalf of the
444 child. I affirm that I shall fulfil all of my obligations in connection with this research project in
445 accordance with applicable law. If at any point during the conduct of the research project I learn of
446 aspects that could influence the willingness of the child to take part in the research project, I will
447 inform the person who signed on the child's behalf of this immediately.
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Place, date	Last name and first name of the study staff member (printed) Signature of the study staff member
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450 **Informed consent form for the further use of data and biological material in encrypted form**
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Title of the research project (in scientific and lay language):	Bern, get ready (BEready) population-based cohort study for pandemic preparedness: main study
Child (participant): Last name and first name (printed): Date of birth:

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- I give my consent for my child's encrypted (genetic) data and samples from this research project to be used for further medical research. The samples will be stored in a biobank and used for an unlimited period of time in future research projects that have not yet been defined in more detail.
 - I have understood that the samples are encrypted and that the key will be stored securely. The data and samples may be sent to other databases and biobanks within and outside of Switzerland for analysis, provided they observe the same standards as in Switzerland. All legal data protection requirements will be observed. If the local legal situation does not allow data protection to Swiss standards to be ensured, the data and samples can be transferred only if the recipient has explicitly committed in contracts to appropriately protecting participants' rights.
 - I am making this decision of my own free will, and I can withdraw this decision at any time. If I withdraw on behalf of my child, all of my child's (genetic) data will remain encrypted and stored in the database (for technical reasons) and the samples will be destroyed.
 - Normally, all data and samples will be assessed as a whole, and the results will be published as a summary. Should any result prove important for my child's health, it is possible that I will be contacted.
 - If results from the data and samples are used for commercial purposes, I and my child have no claim to a share of the commercial use.

Place, date	Last name and first name (printed)
	Relationship to the child (mother/father, etc.):
	Signature of the legal guardians/parents

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 474 **Declaration by the study staff member:** I hereby confirm that I have explained the nature,
 475 significance and scope of the further use of samples and/or genetic data to the person(s) who
 476 signed above on behalf of the child.
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Place, date	Last name and first name of the study staff member (printed)
	Signature of the study staff member