

Thank you for your interest in our study into the effects of COVID-19 on cognitive function. You are eligible to take part because you are a member of the CSS Biobank.

### What is the purpose of this study?

- We want to investigate the effects of COVID-19 on cognitive function (for example your memory, attention or concentration, and mental processing) and how this may change over time.
- We also want to understand any cognitive effects of persistence of COVID-19 symptoms, where people have had symptoms for 28 days or more after their initial COVID-19 infection.
- We also want to understand about your current mood, levels of tiredness and whether you have noticed any changes in your normal work and social activities.

### Who can take part?

You can take part if:

- You have had COVID-19 symptoms.
- You tested positive for the virus which causes COVID-19 but did not have any symptoms.
- You have not had COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms.

### What will happen if I decide to take part?

- You will be asked to complete a series of short online tasks, testing different aspects of cognitive function. You will also be asked to complete a series of short questionnaires asking about your current mood, levels of tiredness and your current work and social activities. The online tasks and questionnaires should take around 30-40minutes to complete.
- We may contact you again in approximately two years' time to repeat the assessments.
- Your answers will be treated confidentially and the information you provide will not allow you to be identified in any research reports or publications.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet. Please take a look at our FAQs page on our website [cssbiobank.com](https://cssbiobank.com) if you have further questions.**

### What are the advantages of taking part?

- Your involvement will contribute towards essential COVID-19 research.

### What are the disadvantages of taking part?

- Taking part in this study is not anticipated to cause you any harm or discomfort.
- However, if you are affected by any of the issues raised in the questionnaires or are looking for information on COVID-19, please visit or contact the following:

<b>NHS COVID-19 advice</b>	<a href="http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-COVID-19">www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-COVID-19</a>
<b>Samaritans - emotional support for everyone</b>	<a href="http://www.samaritans.org">www.samaritans.org</a> or call free on <b>116 123</b>
<b>Your COVID Recovery</b>	<a href="https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/">https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/</a> NHS website for people living with long COVID that helps you to understand what has happened, what you might expect as part of your recovery, and when to seek help.

### Will I receive any results?

- There will be no individual feedback on questionnaire responses. You will be kept informed on the outcome of the study overall through our newsletter and website.

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