

WHY PASS FIJI?

During the global pandemic of COVID-19, Fiji experienced large waves of the disease from 2021. To get a better understanding of how many people were exposed to or infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 we can collect blood samples from the population and test them to see how many people have antibodies to the virus that causes COVID-19 which is called SARS-COV2. We can also test to see how strongly people's antibodies can combat the virus.



Antibody testing

Antibodies are proteins our bodies make after we've been infected with a disease. Antibodies will recognize and attack the virus or bacteria that causes the disease. Blood taken from people can be tested to see whether they have antibodies for certain viruses and to see how strongly the antibodies attack a virus. This is one of the ways we can measure people's protection or immunity from a disease.

Antibody testing will be carried out at the Fiji National University serology research lab.



WHAT HAPPENS During PASS FIJI surveys



INFORMED CONSENT

We invite people to be part of the study. We give people information on the study and their rights.



SURVEY QUESTIONS

We ask questions about people's health and about the things that affect their risk of infection.



BLOOD COLLECTION

A sample of blood is collected by a trained medical professional.



LAB TEST

We test blood samples for antibodies to the SARS-COV2 virus.



WHAT PASS FIJI WILL TELL US

COVID-19 can still cause severe disease and many people around the world suffer from long COVID which means they still have symptoms of the disease after months and years. Information from PASS Fiji surveys will tell us how immune the population is to the COVID-19 virus including newer variants. This will tell us who is at risk of disease from new variants and which groups of people should get booster vaccinations.



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Population based Age-stratified assessment of SARS-CoV-2 Seropositivity in Fiji

Assessing exposure and immunity to COVID-19 in Fiji

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