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Subject: **Gov. Brown and OHSU partner on research study to inform approach for reopening Oregon**

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in collaboration with the State of Oregon, will conduct a statewide study to track, test and accurately map the frequency and transmission of COVID-19.

The study, named the “Key to Oregon”, will randomly enroll 100,000 Oregonians or voluntarily provide essential data that will be used to for decision making at the county, regional and state levels. The end goal is to help get people back to work and school faster while managing the potential for future COVID-19 outbreaks.

According to David Bangsberg, M.D., M.P.H, founding dean of the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health, “This study plays an important role in allowing us to determine where the virus is located across our state. Information from our community members is the key to uncovering this data,” he says.

Study participants will:

- Be selected at random to represent the state’s ethnic, socioeconomic and geographically diverse population.
- Receive an invitation to enroll, via U.S. mail, starting the week of May 11.
- Monitor their temperature and other COVID-19 symptoms on a daily basis over a 12-month period using state-of-the-art technology, such as Kinsa smart thermometers, to collect real-time data.
- Receive a home test kit, upon exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, to help detect the virus at its earliest stage, better protecting the individual, their family and community.

- Be referred to the Oregon Health Authority for follow up and appropriate action as needed.
- A subset of up to 10,000 randomly selected study participants also will be provided home testing kits to provide better data about prevalence of asymptomatic infection, and prevent wider spread in the community and the state.

The test results will be report to OHSU to assist in contract tracing and home isolation of those with positive tests. All participation is voluntary and upholds strict patient privacy guidelines.

If you are enrolled in the “Key to Oregon” study, North Central Public Health urges you to voluntarily participate in order provide the much needed essential data for future decision making and assist in the continued reopening of our region.

For more information, visit www.OHSU.edu/key-study.

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