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Pittsburgh, we can be a part of creating a new history.

Research to find a vaccine that prevents COVID-19 is now starting in Pittsburgh. Every new vaccine is tested in a series of studies called **clinical trials**. The first trials are done to see if the vaccine is safe and to determine the best dose to give. Larger trials (called “Phase 3”) are started after the vaccine has already been tested in humans and is considered safe. These Phase 3 trials are done to find out if the vaccine is safe long-term, if it prevents new COVID infections and if it keeps people from getting sick from the virus. Here is why this is a big deal and how you can learn more so you are able to make an informed decision about the vaccine:

Science must be for **everyone**.

A diverse study population is important so that we know the vaccine works and is safe for everyone.



The **first step** is to indicate your interest in learning about the research.



A **registry** is a collection of people who are interested in being told about studies which apply to them. Being in the registry is **VOLUNTARY**. Your information is guarded with strict rules about privacy. You can stop being in the registry any time.



When you sign up in the vaccine trial registry (**PVTU.org**), this tells University of Pittsburgh researchers you might be interested in learning more about the vaccine studies in Pittsburgh.



When a study (vaccine trial) becomes available, then you may be contacted by the researchers to see if you qualify and whether you want to learn more.



To join the registry, the researchers need to ask you some questions and get your permission (consent) to review your medical conditions.

Why do researchers need this information?

The vaccine needs to be tested in people who are considered at high risk for getting COVID-19. All studies must have safety checks in place to protect people who join the study.



Essential workers: those working in health care, grocery stores, bus drivers, etc.



People with chronic health conditions



People living in neighborhoods or communities that have high levels of COVID-19



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Visit **PVTU.org** or call **412-383-1313** to learn more about joining the registry and receiving additional information.