OVERVIEW

The Community Collaboration to Combat COVID-19 (C-FORWARD) study is seeking to learn more about how COVID-19, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, has affected Baltimore City families and households. Specifically, through this study, we hope to answer the following questions:

- How many people in Baltimore City are currently, or have previously been, infected with SARS-CoV-2?
- How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the social wellbeing, economic wellbeing, and health of vulnerable communities in Baltimore City?
- What influences people to be tested for COVID-19? What challenges do they face related to getting tested?
- What testing options do people prefer and how can these tests be more accessible within communities across Baltimore City?

The overall goal of this study is to gain information that will help medical providers, city leaders and public health officials as well as the Governor’s office better understand how to protect our Baltimore City communities from COVID-19. It will inform state and citywide policies and programs aimed at increasing COVID-19 testing, reducing transmission, and addressing the short- and long-term impacts of this pandemic.

STUDY PROCEDURES

Over 1,300 households throughout Baltimore City will be randomly selected to participate in this study. Participants who join the study will complete a survey online, by telephone, or by mail. After completing the survey, participants may then participate in the second phase of the study. During this phase, participants will receive a COVID-19 test, and then will be asked to answer questions about symptoms weekly, and complete a survey once a month for up to 12 months. At any time, if the participant reports symptoms or has any exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the test will be offered again. Participation is voluntary, and participants will be compensated for their time.

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