The Commuter Study: Linking Exposure, Source-Receptor Models, and Health

FAQs

When will the study take place?

The study will take place from March to June 2015.

How long does it take to participate in the study?

Each participant needs to complete a total of 4 commute days. Commute days have to be at least 1 week apart, therefore the minimum time span for participation is 4 weeks. However, due to scheduling constraints for most participants the commute days will be spread out over a 8-12 week period.

I have classes at 9am every day, can I participate in the study?

The health tests and commutes take place from 6:30am to 11am Tuesday to Friday morning. As participants have to do a series of tests, they won’t be able to attend classes until after 11am on commute days. Therefore, a volunteer with classes at 9am every day would not be able to participate.

Can I choose between biking and driving?

No, all participants have to bike and drive.

Can my friend bike with me during the commute?

No, to avoid distractions all participants will bike by themselves.

Do I have to share a hotel room with another participant?

No, all participants stay in single occupancy rooms.

Can my family/friends stay in the hotel with me?

No, hotel rooms are single occupancy only.

Can I choose the dates of my commute?

We will work with every participant to find suitable dates. However, there will be more than 20 volunteers participating in the study, therefore availability of certain dates may be limited.

What happens, if it snows on my commute day?

To ensure participants’ safety, we will not ask you to bike during adverse weather conditions. However, we may evaluate road conditions in the morning and decide on a short term basis, whether it is safe to bike.