



The SToVES Study: Subclinical Tests on Volunteers Exposed to Smoke

Frequently Asked Questions

WHEN WILL THE STUDY TAKE PLACE?

The third and final study round will start in August (and run until December) 2017. The study started its first round in September 2016, and its second round in March 2017. Participants are scheduled in several-month blocks.

WHO IS CONDUCTING THE STUDY?

Our research team is made up of faculty, staff, and students from the Departments of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences and Mechanical Engineering at Colorado State University (CSU).

HOW MUCH OF MY TIME IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE?

Each study period will occur over two consecutive days. You will be asked to complete six study periods over a several month timeframe. Study periods will be planned at least two weeks apart. This means you will be involved with the study for a minimum of 12 weeks. You will be required to arrive at the Powerhouse at a scheduled time (between 7:30 am and 9:00 am) and remain for about seven hours on the first day (Day 1). You will be asked to return to the Powerhouse Energy Campus for a short visit (~one hour) the next day (Day 2).

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED TO DO IF I CHOSE TO PARTICIPATE?

On study days, participants will be asked to breathe different amounts of cookstove smoke for two hours. At various times throughout Day 1 and once on Day 2, study staff will perform health measurements such as monitoring your heart rate and rhythm, blood pressure, blood vessel health, and collect small blood samples.

I HAVE CLASSES ON MAIN CAMPUS EVERY DAY, CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY?

Participation in this study requires you to be on-site (location below) for the full day (approximately seven hours) on the first day (Day 1), and again the following morning (Day 2) for about one hour. This is repeated six times, approximately every two weeks over a 16-week period. Therefore, a volunteer with classes every day of the week would not be able to participate. However, a participant with classes only some days may be able to participate, depending on the day and time of their classes.

CAN I CHOOSE THE DATES THAT I PARTICIPATE?

We will work with you to schedule your participation during a time that works with your schedule. However, our study is organized such that groups of participants start on specific dates and complete the series of study days together in a set order and following a specific timeline. We will schedule your study participation dates prior to enrollment in the study, and it is imperative that you are available on the determined dates.

WHERE IS THE STUDY GOING TO TAKE PLACE?

This study will take place at CSU's Powerhouse Energy Campus in Fort Collins. The address is 430 North College Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80524. The picture at the top of this page is of the Simulated Environmental Testing Facility, where the study exposure periods will occur. Participants must live within 20 miles of the study site.

WILL I RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION FOR TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?

You will receive \$175 for each study period you complete. An additional \$225 bonus will be given to participants that comply with study directions, unless otherwise directed by a physician, and complete all six study periods (for a total compensation of \$1,275). For those asked to leave the study for a medical reason, you will receive a prorated completion bonus. If at any point you decide to withdraw from the study and not participate any longer, you will keep the money that you earned for previous study periods.