Direction des statistiques sociales, démographiques et de santé



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Re: Changes to data collection in the health round

Dear Parents and Dear « prénom enfant »,

As you know, researchers on our team are always interested in learning more about child development. Therefore they work very hard to obtain funding in order to accomplish their projects. We recently obtained a new grant which we will use to do more research in the current health round. The funds will allow us to conduct new analyses that are on the leading edge of science in the field of genetics.

In order to conduct these analyses, we have made two changes to the health round:

- 1- If you and your child accept to have a blood sample taken from him/her, we are asking for your consent to take an additional 10 ml (2/3 of a tablespoon) of blood.
- 2- Again, if you accept to participate in the research on genetics (blood or saliva sample), we are asking for your consent to take an additional saliva sample.

These additions are part of the DNA and behavioural research described in the documents you have already received. They do not result in any new risk for your child.

When the nurse visits you for the health round, she will bring with her two copies of the amended consent form. You can indicate your consent or not on these forms, and give her a copy while keeping one for your files.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us.

Thank you again for your participation in this important study!

Sincerely yours,

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