



# PA PFAS Multi-site Health Study



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**to sign up for the PA PFAS Multi-site Health Study**

sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

## What is the purpose of the PA PFAS Multi-site Health Study?

The purpose of the PA Multi-site Health Study is to learn how PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) affects health. The study will measure blood PFAS levels in PA participants and see how their health compares to the health of other participants across the country. RTI International, the PA Department of Health, Temple University, and Brown University are partnering on this first national study to learn how drinking PFAS contaminated water may affect health.

## How many people can participate in the PA PFAS Multi-site Health Study?

Overall, **1,000 adults ages 18 and older** and **300 children ages 4 to 17** (with parent or guardian permission) who have lived in one of the selected communities may be eligible.

## What are PFAS?

PFAS are human-made chemicals used since the 1950s in a variety of products, including some cosmetics; water, grease, and oil-resistant products; and some firefighting foams.



Two large military bases in Bucks and Montgomery counties used PFAS-containing firefighting foams in firefighting exercises for several decades. As a result, drinking water in communities near the bases was contaminated with PFAS.

## What will happen when you participate in the study?

Trained health professionals will:

- collect blood and urine levels,
- take health measurements,
- ask about your medical history, and
- assess behaviors in child participants.



Blood tests measure PFAS levels and markers for immune response, lipid metabolism, kidney function, thyroid disease, liver disease, glycemic parameters, and diabetes. Participants will receive individual test results with their PFAS levels that they can share with healthcare providers.



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