



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Health Attitudes and Beliefs Survey

What is the survey about?

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) is responding to the opioid crisis, changes to federal cannabis policy, and working towards improving cancer screening rates for First Nations in BC. The FNHA is very interested in the views and beliefs of First Nations and Aboriginal people, and non-Indigenous people in BC on the following topics:

- Opioid use and stigma
- Cannabis
- Cancer screening

Why is FNHA interested in the views of non-Indigenous people in BC?

We are inviting Indigenous and non-Indigenous households to complete the survey so comparisons can be made to see if there are differences between the views of Indigenous and non-Indigenous households in the same neighbourhoods.

Who is administering the survey?

The FNHA has hired R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd. (Malatest) to administer the survey. Malatest is an independent Canadian research firm. Malatest will write a report for the FNHA based on the answers in the survey.

Why should I take part in the survey?

Understanding the beliefs and views of Indigenous people in BC will help the FNHA improve how it delivers health programs, services, and shares public health information with Indigenous people in BC. Collecting and understanding the beliefs and views of non-Indigenous people in BC will allow a comparison to be made. Everyone's participation in the survey provides First Nations Health Authority with a breadth of information to support their work.

How did you get my information?

Households across BC were randomly selected via postal code to participate in the survey.

Am I on mailing list now?

No, you are not on a mailing list. If you have not completed the survey, you may receive a reminder card in the mail. At the end of the survey you will be asked if you are interested in participating in other research. If you agree, you may be contacted in the future by FNHA for opportunities to provide further feedback.

How will my privacy be protected?

The survey is confidential and will not ask for any personal information. Your answers will not affect any services you are currently receiving. All responses will be combined with answers from others who complete the survey. Individual answers will not be reported. Your name and address will not be included in any reports provided to the FNHA. There will be no way to identify you within the report. Malatest has systems in place to protect your information. To find out more, please visit www.malatest.com/Privacy.htm

Are there other opportunities for me to share my views and help improve programs and services provided by FNHA?

At the end of the survey, you will be asked if you would like to share your views and opinions with the FNHA again in the future. If you agree, Malatest will share your contact information with FNHA. The FNHA may contact you in the future to learn more about how they can best serve Indigenous People in BC. Your information will not be shared if you do not agree.

Do I have to take part in the survey?

The survey is completely voluntary. By completing the survey you will help the FNHA to ensure that its health and wellness programs, services, and information campaigns meet the needs of Indigenous people in BC.

How long will the survey take?

The survey will take about 10 to 12 minutes to complete.

Is there a deadline for completing the survey?

We ask that you complete the survey as soon as possible. The survey will remain open until a sufficient response rate has been achieved.

How do I take part the survey?

You can complete the survey online or by phone:

1. Online at www.fn.malatest.net
2. Online at www.healthsurvey.malatest.net if you received a household survey code in the mail.
3. Over the phone at 1.855.412.1941:
Monday – Friday: 8:30 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

When I enter the survey link provided, my internet browser warns me that the site is unsafe. Is this true?

Rest assured that the survey is authentic; the survey website is secure; and your information is protected. It's likely that your computer's anti-virus software or internet browser has flagged the survey website as potentially harmful—by mistake. The survey website is perfectly safe.

Where can I find information and resources about substance use, harm reduction, and overdose?

- For information and resources – visit www.fnha.ca/overdose
- For personal support – call KUUS-US Crisis Response Services at 1.800.588-8717. KUU-US services are for Indigenous people by Indigenous people. All crisis response personnel are certified and trained in Indigenous cultural safety and therefore bring an understanding of First Nations/Aboriginal history and trauma to their roles.

Where can I find information about cancer screening?

- **Cervical Cancer** – screening information and video story:
www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/marking-world-cancer-day-with-new-indigenous-cervical-screening-materials
- **Pap Tests** – a blog:
www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/pap-tests-cervical-cancer-screening-and-hpv-vaccinations-save-lives
- **Colorectal Cancer** – a blog:
www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/regular-screening-is-a-vital-part-of-your-self-care-routine

Who do I contact if I have questions?

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**THANK YOU
FOR TAKING PART
IN THE SURVEY!**



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