



Greetings,

You are being asked to participate in a study examining critical care nurses' intentions to work during a pandemic flu emergency. You were selected to be in the study because you are a member of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. Only critical care nurses who are in active practice are invited to participate. The purpose of the study is to more fully understand the factors that can facilitate the response of critical care nurses to a pandemic flu emergency, as well as barriers that critical care nurses may face when reporting to work during a pandemic flu emergency.

This study will be conducted through an online survey. The survey will take you approximately 10 minutes to complete. You will be able to exit the survey and return to it at a later time through the survey link should you need to. There are no costs to you associated with your participation. Your participation is voluntary.

You can complete the survey on a smart phone, tablet, or computer. The link to the electronic survey is: <http://tinyurl.com/CCNFluSurvey> You can also access the survey with the QR code at the bottom of this letter using your smart phone. A reminder post card will be automatically sent during the survey collection period. This postcard will also contain the link to the survey.

There are no direct benefits to you, but it is through the help of critical care nurses like you that we can understand how to best prepare for a pandemic flu emergency and develop comprehensive plans that support nurses. As a gesture of appreciation, once you have completed the survey, you will have the option to be enrolled in a raffle to win one of two Amazon Fire tablets or one of five \$10.00 gift cards to Starbucks.

No identifying information will be linked to your responses. The Boston College Institutional Review Board and Boston College internal auditors may review research records of this study.

This study was reviewed and approved by The Boston College Institutional Review Board on January 31, 2017 (#17.153.01e). If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Principle Investigator, Eileen Searle, PhD(c), MSN, RN at eileen.searle@bc.edu or 617-643-9321. If you have any questions about your rights as a person in this research study, you may contact Stephen Erickson, Director, Office for Research Protections, Boston College at (617) 552-4778 or irb@bc.edu.

Thank you for your time,

Eileen F. Searle, PhD(c), RN



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