

Physical Activity Screener for Youth

Online Administration Protocol

Pre and Post Survey

Planning & Preparation

- The screeners are formatted online and can be taken on a phone, tablet, or computer.
- Test each link before you need to use them in programming.
- If there are technical issues, please contact your MFF evaluator.

When to Administer

- This screener should only be used with youth in grades 4 through 12. For summer programs, youth should have completed 4th grade.
- Schedule 20 minutes at the beginning of the first session and 20 minutes during the last session to have participants complete surveys. It's important to provide time within the session to get better completion rates.
- Send links to participants at the beginning of the allotted in-session time in an E-mail or through the virtual platform, like a chat or message function.

Matched Pairs

- To the greatest extent possible, the goal is to collect pre- and post-surveys from the same participants. This isn't always doable but do your best whenever possible. Matched surveys allow us to reduce the variability in the data and make more precise comparisons with fewer subjects.
- Demographic data is collected on both the pre- and post-surveys, which is how we match pre-and post-surveys to the same participant. This way participants' names are not collected, to help ensure their privacy. As a result, it's very important for the demographic data to be completed accurately.

Administration

- To ensure that data collection is not jeopardized it is important to administer surveys consistently and to remain neutral in presenting the survey and answering any questions that arise.
- If multiple people will be administering surveys, they should all be trained on appropriate and consistent administration.
- We cannot assume participants can read the screener on their own, so please **read items and responses aloud** to the group.
- When you administer the survey, do not prompt by telling them what the words or phrases mean.
- Tell participants to select the best answer for them, but that they can leave the answer blank if they don't know which response to choose.
- They will be able to move forward with the survey if they have an unanswered question by using the forward arrows after each question.
- Have a copy of the survey available for yourself to be able to read questions and answer options from.

Introduction

- You should include an introduction when you send out the link. The introduction is brief and conveys a neutral perspective. An abbreviated introduction is also included at the beginning of the online survey.
- Text in italics on the next page can be read aloud.

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Now we're going to fill out a survey. **Please click the link I just sent to open the survey.** You should see an instructions page. The questions ask you about your level of physical activity in the last 7 days. Please make sure to read every question carefully and choose only one response per question, unless otherwise noted. There are no right or wrong answers so please answer all of the questions as honestly and accurately as you can. Your answers are voluntary and will be kept private.

Post Survey Only: Before we start the survey, let's answer together how you got this program. Instruct participants which answers to select based on how the program was delivered over the course of the series.

I will now read all questions and answers on the survey out loud. Let me know if you need help or have a question.

- Please click the blue button with the arrow to get to the first question.
- The first question is...
- The first answer option is...
- The other answer choices are...
- Click on the choice that best describes you.
- When you have finished answering this question, click on the blue arrow at the bottom of the screen. [Follow this procedure for all items about physical activity and screen time.]
- Now it's time to tell us about yourself.
- First is ethnicity. Please select either Hispanic/Latino or Non-Hispanic/Latino. There is a "prefer not to answer" option as well.
- Next is race. If you identify with more than one option, you may choose multiple races. If you do not see an option you identify with, please choose "not listed" and type your answer in the text box.
- Then we have options for gender including female, male, not listed, and prefer not to answer.
- For your birthday, choose the month and day of the month (not year) you were born from the drop-down menu.
- For your age, choose your age from 8-18 from the drop-down menu.
- When you have finished answering the last question on this page, click on the blue arrow at the bottom of the screen.
- Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Once you see the screen that says, "Thanks for taking this survey!" You may exit your browser.

Returning Completed Surveys

Participants' survey responses are automatically recorded through Qualtrics® XM and sent to MFF. No further action is needed to submit.