## A Smartphone Application (App) for Travel Health

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## **Reducing the Risk of Travel-Related Illness for Travellers**

COVID-19 has shown how travelers exposed to infectious diseases abroad are at risk of transmitting infectious diseases when they come home. Pre-travel health services, such as vaccination at a travel health clinic, can reduce the risk of catching and spreading infectious diseases while travelling. However, many travelers do not seek pre-travel health services or advice.

We want to develop a smartphone app for travel health. It will support people to access pre-travel advice and prevention services, and collect data on health risk behaviours (vaccination, use of face masks, hand washing, etc.) during travel. We need to find out if a travel health smartphone app will be a useful way to collect travel-related health data before and during travel.

## Our questions for you

- 1. Do you currently use any apps to search medical information? If so, tell us about which apps you use and how you use them?
- 2. Would you use a travel health app or what would encourage you to use a travel health app?
- 3. What features would you use or want included in a travel health app?

## **Future involvement opportunities**

- Who:
   People
   over 18 years of age who previous experience with international travel or who are currently planning international travel for 2022-2023.
- **What**: A face-to-face interview answering questions related to your thoughts on travel and health. You will also be invited to test the app once it's developed.
- When: Late 2022 to early 2023.
- Where: At the University of Queensland's Herston Campus.
- **How**: Interviews will range between 30 minutes to 1 hour. Participants will be remunerated for their time.
- **Why**: Your advice and ideas will help ensure that our travel health app is appealing to and meets the needs of travellers in the future!



Scan the QR Code to get in touch with the Angela and the team about consumer involvement on this project.



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