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Logo of the All of Us Research Program

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Camera view of Dr. Eric Dishman speaking. He is sitting in his office next to his computer desk.

## Dr. Dishman:

Hey everybody, just want to give you a quick update about what’s happening with the *All of Us* Research Program. Rumors of my demise are greatly over exaggerated. I’ve just been running too fast and traveling too much to finally stop and breathe and give you an update.

So today is that day you’re going to get a quick update, and it’s an important day. I just wanted to announce that twenty-five hundred people—participants—have actually consented and started the research process with us during this closed beta phase.

That is terrific and even more so that twenty-three hundred of you have actually gone all the way through the process, meaning you’ve filled out your surveys, you’ve been in for a blood draw and biospecimen capture, as well as your physical measurements. So thank you for being the pioneers and helping us to learn how this process needs to work before we go national.

I also want to announce that some of our most recent partners have actually launched during this beta phase. So in the last two weeks, the California Consortium has been launched and opens up a whole lot of capacity on the West Coast during this beta phase and then eventually nationally.

Also two Federally Qualified Health Centers, the Hudson River Healthcare New York site has launched, as well as the Community Health Center incorporated in Connecticut. Great to have two more FQHCs, very qualified health centers, helping us learn that process.

Also the *All of Us* journey, which is basically a traveling exhibit to really teach people about precision medicine, just create awareness of what it is, why we need to do more research, and what the *All of Us* Research Program is touring around the country right now. Great feedback from participants in that as well.

And then we had an important milestone just yesterday, launching our first direct volunteer site, the San Diego blood bank, who’s really helping us figure out what’s it going to mean to invite people in to join the study when they’re not coming through a health provider organization.

I know that Dara and Joannie from my team gave some updates about three new health provider organization consortiums joining, as well as four new community partners. I want to say welcome to all of you, and I can’t wait to welcome you in person in our October consortium face-to-face when we all come together to work on planning for our national launch.

And then, lastly, I just want to clarify one thing; there’s been some confusion, our interface was not so great about whether we really want people to consent to share your electronic health record data.

And the short answer is “yes indeed.” Getting your health history and understanding, you know, what drugs you’ve been put on, what diagnosis you have, is absolutely critical.

In fact, I’ll do a whole deep dive video blog just about the challenges of getting your holistic health record together and why it’s so important to the science.

But yes, we hope you’ll say yes to that because it’s a key pillar of the study as we go forward.

I will give you updates soon and try not to wait so long. Eric is fine, just been too busy. But I will certainly let you know some exciting news because it seems like something major is happening every week or two.

Take care.

*Closing slide: The All of Us Research Program logo appears, along with the shortened version of the program’s website URL, joinallofus.org*

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