

Stress Form Instruction
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I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Stress Form (STS) is included in the Home Induction Interview and collects data about the degree of stress perceived in several global areas of living over the past 12 months. The exact wording and order of the questions should be followed to insure standardization. Read the questions clearly using the exact wording on the form. The interviewer must be certified and have working knowledge of the document "General Instructions for Completing Paper Forms" prior to completing this form. ID, Contact Year and Name are completed as described in that document. Initiate the form by reading the script at the beginning of the form as printed.

II. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Hand the respondent the Stress Response Card and ask them to use this card to rate the degree of stress (NOT STRESSFUL, MILDLY STRESSFUL, MODERATELY STRESSFUL, or VERY STRESSFUL) for each of the following questions. Ask the sentence stem, "Over the past 12 months, how much stress did you experience..." before specifying each individual item. Once it is clear that the respondent fully understands the intent of the question, the sentence stem may be omitted. If the respondent indicates any confusion during the questions, again repeat the sentence stem prior to asking the next item.

- 1-8. Read each item exactly as printed. Repeat the examples exactly as printed if requested by the respondent. Do not add any further examples beyond those printed for each item.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

9. Enter date of data collection using leading zeroes as needed.
10. Enter the 3-digit JHS interviewer code of the person completing the form.