

Survey Invitations and Responses

Following are the different ways you can send and collect responses for your REDCap survey. Whichever way you choose, be sure to thoroughly test it in DEVELOPMENT status before you move your project into PRODCUTION status.

1) Send a survey link in an email invitation or post the link on a webpage (Public Survey Link)

This is typically the simplest and fastest method. A link will be provided that you can send in an email or place into the HTML on a webpage. Individuals can take a survey as many times as they desire when this method is used. All responses are anonymous and not associated with who took the survey.

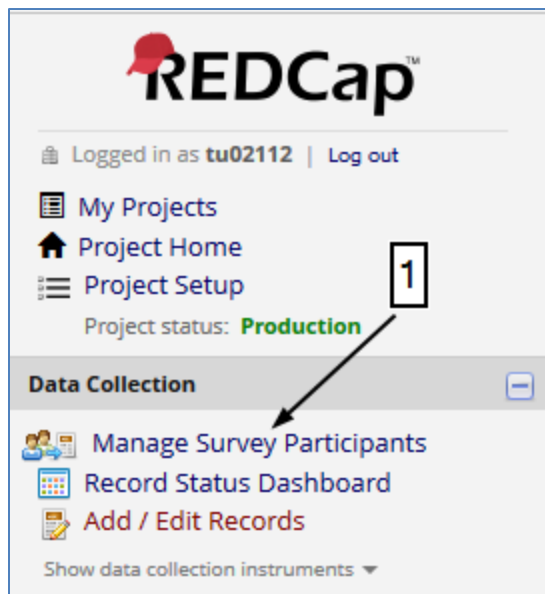
2) Build a list of participants and email them survey invitations (Participant List)

Participant email addresses can be uploaded into REDCap in order to build your Participant List, after which you may email survey invitations to anyone you choose from your list. This allows you to track who has responded and taken the survey, and if desired, you also have the additional option of identifying participants' responses (requires that you provide a Participant Identifier, such as a name, that will be attached to the participant's responses when you export your survey results). Using this method, once a participant has responded to the survey, they will not be able to take the survey again.

3) For either of the two invitation methods you have the option to enter responses manually

This option works well if you need to enter survey responses yourself, such as in the case of having paper survey forms completed by some of the participants.

To work with survey invitations or responses start by clicking on the “Manage Survey Participants” link (1) found in the left hand panel.



Public Survey Link

Make sure you are viewing the “Public Survey Link” tab (1). While you are developing your survey you can test it by using the “Open public survey” (2) button. This is especially important if your survey contains any branching logic or calculated fields. The “Open public survey” (2) button can also be used to anonymously record results for someone who filled out a paper version of the survey. Whenever you wish to share your survey with others you can either copy (4) or email (3) the public link to yourself. The link then can be posted on a web site or distributed by you in an email which you compose and send. If you are placing the link on a web page you will need the specific HTML code, click on the “Get embed code to place link on a webpage” (5) link.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Survey Participants' interface. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Public Survey Link' (labeled 1), 'Participant List', and 'Survey Invitation Log'. Below the tabs, a text block explains that using a public survey link is the simplest and fastest way to collect responses, and that responses are collected anonymously unless the survey contains identifying questions. A note states that since a single link is used for all participants, multiple submissions are possible. Below this, instructions state to copy the URL and paste it into an email. The 'Public Survey URL' is displayed as 'https://redcapres-dev.mayo.edu/redcap/surveys/' with a copy icon (labeled 4) to its right. Under the 'Link Actions' section (labeled 2), there are three buttons: 'Open public survey' (labeled 2), 'Send me URL via email' (labeled 3), and 'Survey Access Code or QR Code'. Under the 'Link Customizations' section, there is a button 'Get Embed Code' (labeled 5).

Manage Survey Participants

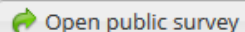
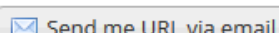
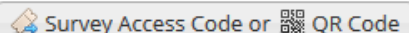
Public Survey Link **Participant List** **Survey Invitation Log**

Using a public survey link is the simplest and fastest way to collect responses for your survey. You may obtain the survey link below to email it to your participants. Responses will be collected anonymously (unless the survey contains questions asking for identifying data from the participant). **NOTE:** Since this method uses a single survey link for all participants, it allows for the possibility of participants taking the survey multiple times, which may be necessary in some cases.

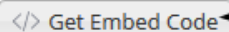
To obtain the survey link, copy the URL below and paste it into the body of an email message in your own email client. Your email recipient(s) can then click the link to begin taking your survey.

Public Survey URL: <https://redcapres-dev.mayo.edu/redcap/surveys/>  (4)

Link Actions (2)

  (3) 

Link Customizations

 (5)

Participant List

Use the “Participant List” (1) tab if you want to do any of the following:

- Have REDCap send out your survey invitations either immediately or at a scheduled date and time.
- You want to track who has responded to your survey.
- For identified surveys, you want to view the participant’s survey response.

You start by building a distribution list using the “Add participants” (2) button. There will be examples on the next display for you to follow. Once you have built your distribution list you can distribute your survey by using the “Compose Survey Invitations” (3) button. On this page you will specify when the survey should be sent, who it is from, specify the email subject line and compose the email message. You can either send it to all participants or select only certain individuals. In this example you can see that all five participants have been sent the survey (4) and that two of the five have already completed the survey (5).

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Survey Participants' interface. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Public Survey Link', 'Participant List' (labeled 1), and 'Survey Invitation Log'. Below the tabs, a text block explains the 'Participant List' option, mentioning 'send a customized email' and 'track who responds to your survey'. It also includes a note about survey responses being anonymous unless certain conditions are met. Below the text, there are buttons for 'Add participants' (labeled 2) and 'Compose Survey Invitations' (labeled 3). A dropdown menu shows the current survey: '[Initial survey] "External Surveys - Usage and Guidelines"' (labeled 5). To the right of the dropdown is a 'Remove all participants' button. Below these are buttons for 'Export list' and 'Add participants'. The main part of the interface is a table with columns: 'Email', 'Participant Identifier (optional)' (with a 'Disable' button), 'Responded', 'Invitation Scheduled?', 'Invitation Sent?' (labeled 4), 'Link', and 'Survey Access Code and QR Code'. The table contains four rows of participant data. The first row is '[No email listed]'. The second row is 'Alsafadi.Ahmad@mayo.edu (ID 119)' with identifier 'Ahmad M. Alsafadi - M125919'. The third row is 'Alsubaie.Saad@mayo.edu (ID 57)' with identifier 'Saad Alsubaie'. The fourth row is 'anderson.jana@mayo.edu' with identifier 'Jana Anderson m037195'. The 'Responded' column shows green checkmarks for the first three participants and a grey circle for the fourth. The 'Invitation Sent?' column shows envelope icons for all participants. The 'Link' column shows a link icon for each participant. The 'Survey Access Code and QR Code' column shows a QR code icon for each participant. A 'remove' button is visible at the bottom right of the table.

Email	Participant Identifier (optional) Disable	Responded	Invitation Scheduled?	Invitation Sent?	Link	Survey Access Code and QR Code
[No email listed]			-			
Alsafadi.Ahmad@mayo.edu (ID 119)	Ahmad M. Alsafadi - M125919		-		-	-
Alsubaie.Saad@mayo.edu (ID 57)	Saad Alsubaie		-		-	-
anderson.jana@mayo.edu	Jana Anderson m037195		-			remove

In this example Participant Identifiers (6) were added for each email address. All survey responses collected are considered anonymous unless an identifier is used. Participant Identifiers are optional and must be enabled before they can be added. Enable participant Identifiers by clicking on the button shown in the column “Participant Identifier (optional)” (7). The button toggles between Enabled and Disabled.

Adding the identifiers can be done either when you are building the distribution list or after it has been built, but must be done before a participant responds. Participant Identifiers are optional and must be enabled before they can be added. The button toggles between Enabled and Disabled. To see the survey responses for a participant click on the completed icon (8). You can manually enter a survey response on behalf of a participant by clicking on the link icon (9) for that individual.

Manage Survey Participants

Public Survey Link
Participant List
Survey Invitation Log

The Participant List option allows you to **send a customized email** to anyone in your list and **track who responds to your survey**. It is also possible to identify an individual's survey answers, if desired, by providing an Identifier for each participant (this feature must first be enabled by clicking the 'Enable' button in the table below). Note: All survey responses collected are considered anonymous unless you 1) are using Participant Identifiers or 2) have enabled the designated email field for invitations. [More details](#)

Participant List
belonging to
[Initial survey] "External Surveys: Usage and Guidelines"

Remove all participants

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Add participants
Compose Survey Invitations
Export list

Email	Participant Identifier (optional) Disable	Responded	Invitation Scheduled?	Invitation Sent?	Link	Survey Access Code and QR Code
[No email listed]			-			
Alsafadi.Ahmad@mayo.edu (ID 119)	Ahmad M. Alsafadi - M125919		-		-	-
Alsubaie.Saad@mayo.edu (ID 57)	Saad Alsubaie		-		-	-
anderson.jana@mayo.edu	Jana Anderson m037195		-			remove

Note: Your REDcap project may contain multiple surveys but you can only build a distribution list for the first survey. The distribution lists for the subsequent surveys are automatically built based on who takes your first survey. Another restriction with multiple surveys is that they must be taken sequentially, 1, 2, 3 etc. As an example, a participant cannot skip survey 1 and start with some other survey.

Set Survey Offline

Use the following steps to move your Production Survey offline. Once a survey is offline it is no longer accessible by participants but can be activated again at a later date. Setting your survey offline is different than changing your REDCap project status to inactive. With your survey offline you still have the ability to export your survey results, create and run reports, use the graphical data view, or run data quality checks. If your REDCap project status is inactive you lose all the reporting functionality with the exception of being able to export your collected survey results.

Here is how to take your survey offline:

1. Click on Project Home
2. Click on Online Designer
3. Click on Survey Settings
4. Select Survey Offline
5. Click "Save Changes" at the bottom of the page

Logged in as **tu02112** | Log out

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Multiple Surveys

Project status: **Production**

Project Home | **Project Setup** | **Other Functionality** | **Project Revision History**

Quick Tasks

- Codebook**
The Codebook is a human-readable, read-only version of the project's Data Dictionary and serves as a quick reference for viewing field attributes.
- Manage Survey Participants**
Invite participants to complete your survey by emailing a public survey link or building a participant list for batch notification.
- Export data**
Export your data from REDCap to open or view in Excel or various stats packages.
- Create a report**
Build custom reports for quick views of your data, and export reports to Excel/CSV.
- Check data quality**
Build or execute data quality rules to find discrepancies and errors in your project data.
- User Rights**
Grant new users access to this project or modify user privileges for current users.
- Online Designer and Data Dictionary Upload**
Create new fields/questions on your data collection instruments or modify existing ones using the Online Designer or by uploading a Data Dictionary. Quick link: [Download the current Data Dictionary](#)
- Copy this project**
Create an exact duplicate of this project, which copies over all data collection instruments, any surveys that exist, as well as the option to copy all users and reports to the new project.

Data Collection Instruments

Survey options: **Survey Queue** | **Survey Login** | **Survey Notifications**

Instrument name	Fields	View PDF	Enabled a survey	Instrument actions	Survey-related options
Initial Survey	44			Choose action ▾	Survey settings + Automated Invitations
Followup Survey	3			Choose action ▾	Survey settings + Automated Invitations
Completion Survey	3			Choose action ▾	Survey settings + Automated Invitations

Project Home

Project Setup

Online Designer

Modify survey settings

You may edit the survey's basic information by modifying the fields below and clicking the Save Changes button.

Modify survey settings for data collection instrument "Initial Survey"Cancel

Survey Status

Survey Active

Survey Active

Survey Offline

will not be able take the survey.

Basic Survey Options:

4

Survey Title

Initial Survey

Title to be displayed to participants at the top of the survey page

Survey Instructions

(Displayed at top of survey after title)

Please complete the survey below.

Thank you!

Send confirmation email (optional?)

(Email the respondent when they complete the survey)

No

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Save Changes

-- Cancel--

Delete Survey Settings

Delete Survey Settings: Please note that deleting the survey settings will NOT delete any responses collected using the survey. Also, deleting the survey settings will NOT delete the data collection instrument, but instead the instrument will revert back to how it was before it was enabled as a survey, in which data can only be collected by authenticated users on the data entry form.