COVID-19 REOPENING Survey Data

FROM THE **RISK AND SOCIAL POLICY GROUP**

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DATA FROM A MAY/JUNE 2020 REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF 3,059 ADULTS (AVG AGE=43) IN SIX U.S. STATES (CO, IA, LA, MA, MI, WA)

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Physical Health

75% of participants reported excellent or good physical health;
 80% said their physical health was about the same as before
 COVID-19, 12% said it has gotten worse, and 8% said better

Mental Health

70% of sample reported excellent or good mental health; 68% said their mental health was about the same as before COVID-19, 25% said it has gotten worse, and 5% said better

RISK PERCEPTIONS

- Participants thought there was a 28% chance they would contract COVID-19
 - If they did contract COVID-19, participants thought there was a 34% chance they would become seriously ill and a 22% chance they would die
- Participants reported there was a 28% chance they would run out of money due to COVID-19

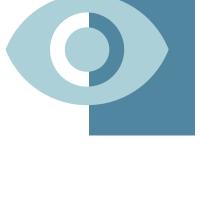
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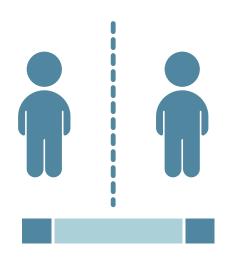
Physical Distancing (6ft apart)

• 46% **always** physically distanced outside home

Masks







• 66% always wore a mask in public indoor spaces

Back to School

• 49% are somewhat/extremely likely to send their children back to school in the fall **if schools are open**

INFORMATION SEEKING

- 63% of participants have somewhat/very closely been following COVID-19 news coverage and information
- 46% use television for COVID-19 information daily, 27% use
 Facebook daily, 20% use government/academic sources daily
- 49% <u>never</u> get COVID-19 information from **newspapers**, 46% <u>never</u> get COVID-19 information from **radio**

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE

Should policies change?

- 48% of participants said state policies should remain about the same, 31% thought they should be more strict, and 21% said restrictions were too strict in their state
- 51% disapprove/strongly **disapprove** of Trump's response
- 65% approve/strongly **approve** of responses from scientists

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