



National Parents Union - Coronavirus Impact Survey
Survey of N=500 parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade
Sampled from online web panel
Week #3 - Field Dates: May 11–12, 2020

SCHOOL CLOSURES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. [QSchoolClosures] Are any of the schools your children attend currently closed for in-person classes, and if so, please indicate the type of closure they are experiencing:

TOTAL CLOSED	98%
TOTAL OPEN	2%
1. Closure through mid-May	8%
2. Closure through end of school year	90%
3. My child's schools are still open but running on a new schedule	1%
4. My child's schools are still open and running normally	1%

2. [QChildrenNumber] How many children do you have in public school in grades kindergarten through 12th grade?

1. 1	57%
2. 2	31%
3. 3	8%
4. 4	3%
5. 5	1%
6. 6 or more	*%

3. [QKidsGradeLevels] In which grade levels do you have a child or children in public school? Select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE – LIMIT MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SELECTIONS BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN]

1. Kindergarten	15%
2. 1st grade	11%
3. 2nd grade	11%
4. 3rd grade	13%
5. 4th grade	9%
6. 5th grade	13%
7. 6th grade	13%
8. 7th grade	13%
9. 8th grade	11%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	12%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	10%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	11%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	10%

ECONOMIC AND HEALTH CONCERNS

4. [QCoronaConcern{A-G}] With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian? [RANDOMIZE A-G] [DISPLAY AS GRID OVER 2 PAGES]

- 1. Worry a lot
- 2. Worry some
- 3. Worry a little bit
- 4. Do not worry much
- 5. Do not worry at all
- 6. Unsure

	A LOT/ SOME	NOT MUCH/ AT ALL	1. Worry a lot	2. Worry some	3. Worry a little bit	4. Don't worry much	5. Don't worry at all	6. Unsure
A. Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends	61%	16%	30%	31%	22%	10%	6%	1%
B. You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus	57%	20%	37%	20%	22%	12%	8%	2%
C. Making sure your child or children stay on track in school so they are ready for the next grade	54%	23%	30%	24%	21%	14%	9%	2%
D. School closures will have a negative impact on your child's education	53%	23%	29%	24%	21%	12%	11%	3%
E. Your children spending too much time on screens (watching TV, playing video games, or using a computer, tablet, or smartphone)	49%	25%	23%	26%	24%	16%	9%	2%
F. How the situation is affecting your children's mental health and emotional wellbeing	48%	23%	22%	26%	27%	13%	11%	2%
G. How the situation is affecting your mental health and emotional wellbeing	42%	32%	19%	23%	26%	17%	14%	1%
H. Being able to make ends meet	40%	34%	20%	20%	23%	18%	16%	2%
I. Figuring out what to do with your kids during the day	37%	39%	15%	22%	23%	20%	19%	1%

5. [QCoronaSick] Do you personally know anyone who has been sick with the coronavirus?

- 1. Yes 28%
- 2. No 71%
- 3. Unsure 2%

6. [QCoronaHelpful] To cope with the coronavirus crisis, which of the following would be the most helpful for you to have as a parent right now? Please choose NO MORE THAN THREE. [RANDOMIZE 1-9]

1. Help keeping my children engaged in good activities	53%
2. More money to spend on necessities	43%
3. More information about how to support my child's learning	37%
4. High speed internet access	28%
5. Paid time off work from my job	23%
6. More hours in the day	16%
7. Someone to run errands for me to pick up essentials	13%
8. More tablets or computers in the house	9%
9. Childcare	7%
10. Something else (Please specify)	4%

7. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?

1. Employed full-time	49%
2. Employed part-time	11%
3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work	1%
4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer	6%
5. Unemployed and looking for work	5%
6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work	2%
7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver	20%
8. Full time student	2%
9. Retired	2%
10. Something else (Please specify)	1%
11. Prefer not to say	1%

IF STILL WORKING [QEmployment = 1-3], ASK:

8. [QCoronaWFH] Which of these statements best describes where you are working from currently, and before the coronavirus outbreak? [RANDOMIZE 1-3, 3-1]

	(n=330)
1. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus but I'm currently working from home	49%
2. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus and I'm still working there	36%
3. I worked from home before the coronavirus and I'm still working there	12%
4. Something else (Please specify)	3%
5. Prefer not to say	1%

ASK ALL:

9. [QCoronaPersonalHardship] Which one or two of the following are the greatest hardships you personally have faced due to the spread of the coronavirus? [SELECT UP TO TWO] [RANDOMIZE 1-13]

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| 1. I haven't been able to see friends and family members | 27% |
| 2. I've had difficulty helping my children with their schoolwork and learning | 21% |
| 3. I feel down or anxious about the overall situation in the country right now | 19% |
| 4. I haven't been able to move freely or go about my daily routine | 19% |
| 5. I've had difficulty getting food and other essentials | 16% |
| 6. I haven't been able to attend religious services | 15% |
| 7. I've lost my job, had my hours cut, or lost income | 12% |
| 8. I've had difficulty getting work done with my children around | 9% |
| 9. I've had difficulty with working from home, or other work-related difficulty | 5% |
| 10. I've had health-related difficulties (seeing doctors, getting medications, etc.) | 5% |
| 11. I've had difficulty with travel | 4% |
| 12. I've had difficulty getting along with people I live with | 4% |
| 13. I've had difficulty arranging childcare | 3% |
| 14. None of these | 10% |
| 15. Other (Please specify) | 2% |

10. [QCoronaPayment] Have you received a coronavirus relief payment from the government, and if so, how have you used that funding? Please select all that apply. [RANDOMIZE 1-7]

1. Used to buy groceries or basic household supplies	32%
2. Used to pay for utilities, phone bills, or internet service	31%
3. Put it into a savings account	29%
4. Used to pay mortgage or rent	21%
5. Used to buy educational supplies or technology for your children	7%
6. Used to pay for medical expenses	6%
7. Used to pay for childcare	3%
8. Something else (Please specify)	6%
9. I am eligible for a coronavirus relief payment but have not received it yet	11%
10. I am not eligible for a coronavirus relief payment	12%

EDUCATION QUALITY

IF CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS ARE STILL OPEN, SKIP TO REOPENING SECTION.
IF CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, ASK EDUCATION QUALITY QUESTIONS.

IF HAS TWO OR MORE CHILDREN IN GRADES K-12, INSERT:

[ParentIntroText] For the following questions, please respond regarding your [INSERT FIRST/SECOND/ETC] child in birth order (from oldest to youngest) of your children who are in grades kindergarten through high school. [RANDOMIZE WHICH CHILD IS ASKED ABOUT, SPLITTING EVENLY BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR PARENTS OF TWO CHILDREN, ASK 50% ABOUT FIRST CHILD (IN BIRTH ORDER FROM OLDEST TO YOUNGEST) WHO ATTENDS K-12 SCHOOL, 50% ABOUT SECOND CHILD WHO ATTENDS K-12 SCHOOL. PROGRAM FOR UP TO SIX CHILDREN.]

11. [QKidGrade] What grade level is your child currently in? [DROP DOWN: Kindergarten–12th grade]

	(n=486)
1. Kindergarten	10%
2. 1st grade	9%
3. 2nd grade	8%
4. 3rd grade	8%
5. 4th grade	7%
6. 5th grade	6%
7. 6th grade	8%
8. 7th grade	9%
9. 8th grade	6%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	8%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	6%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	7%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	8%

12. [QGradeResponse] Overall, how would you rate the job your child's school is doing in providing resources and support to help your child continue learning?

	(n=486)
EXCELLENT/GOOD	65%
ONLY FAIR/POOR	10%
1. Excellent	26%
2. Good	40%
3. Average	24%
4. Only fair	7%
5. Poor	3%
6. Unsure	*%

13. [QGradeParent] Overall, thinking honestly, how confident do you feel about being able to help your child continue learning?

	(n=486)
VERY/SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	81%
NOT THAT/NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	18%
1. Very confident	31%
2. Somewhat confident	49%
3. Not that confident	15%
4. Not at all confident	3%
5. Unsure	1%

14. [QSchoolworkMoreLess] Is your child doing more schoolwork during this time while they are at home, doing less schoolwork, or do they have about the same amount of schoolwork to do as they normally would? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	(n=486)
1. More schoolwork	24%
2. Less schoolwork	41%
3. About the same amount	31%
4. Unsure	3%

15. [QLearningMoreLess] Do you think your child is learning more during this time while they are at home, learning less, or are they learning about the same amount as they normally would when attending school? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	(n=486)
1. Learning more	13%
2. Learning less	44%
3. About the same amount	37%
4. Unsure	7%

16. [QDisability] Does your child have a disability for which they usually receive specialized instruction or therapy? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

		(n=486)
1. Yes		10%
2. No	[SKIP TO REOPEN. SECTION]	87%
3. Unsure	[SKIP TO REOPEN. SECTION]	3%

IF SAYS CHILD USUALLY RECEIVES SPECIAL INSTRUCTION OR THERAPY [QDisability=1], ASK:

17. [QReceivingSpecial] Are they still receiving any of their specialized instruction or therapy while their school is closed, or not? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	(n=51)
1. Yes	65%
2. No	31%
3. Unsure	4%

18. [QMeetingSpecial] Has your child's school held a meeting with you virtually or on the phone to describe what specialized instruction or therapy they can continue to offer while their school is closed and which services will be resumed once school opens again? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	(n=51)
1. Yes	62%
2. No	30%
3. Unsure	8%

19. [QSatisfiedHandlingDis] How satisfied are you with what your child's school is doing to address your child's needs for specialized instruction or therapy at this time?

	(n=51)
VERY/SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	57%
VERY/SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	17%
1. Very satisfied	26%
2. Somewhat satisfied	31%
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	23%
4. Somewhat dissatisfied	11%
5. Very dissatisfied	6%
6. Unsure	3%

20. [QConcernSpecial] Thinking about when your child’s school reopens . . . How much do you worry that your child’s specialized instruction or therapy might be unavailable or reduced because of budget cuts?

	(n=51)
WORRY A LOT/SOME	54%
DO NOT WORRY MUCH/AT ALL	25%
1. Worry a lot	24%
2. Worry some	30%
3. Worry a little	21%
4. Do not worry much	10%
5. Do not worry at all	15%
6. Unsure	*%

REOPENING AND REIMAGINING

22. [QReopenTradeoff] Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-2]

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| 1. Schools should reopen as soon possible so students don't fall too far behind and can receive the educational support they need | 18% |
| 2. Schools should remain closed until they are certain there is no health risk, even if means students fall farther behind | 71% |
| 3. Unsure | 11% |

23. [QSafetyAssessment] Who would you trust most to establish and evaluate school safety procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in your children's schools? [RANDOMIZE 1-12]

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| 1. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) | 24% |
| 2. State public health officials | 13% |
| 3. Local public health officials | 12% |
| 4. State governor | 9% |
| 5. Local school district leaders (school board, superintendent) | 8% |
| 6. State Department of Education | 5% |
| 7. President Donald J. Trump | 5% |
| 8. U.S. Department of Education | 3% |
| 9. Independent/non-government medical associations | 3% |
| 10. My children's school principal | 2% |
| 11. State legislature | 1% |
| 12. U.S. Congress | *% |
| 13. Other (Please specify) | 2% |
| 14. Unsure | 13% |

24. [QBillofRights Battery] How important would it be to you personally to have your children’s schools do each of the following? [DISPLAY AS GRID OVER 3 PAGES] [RANDOMIZE A-J]

	1. Extremely important	2. Very important	3. Somewhat important	4. Not too important	5. Not at all important	6. Unsure		
	EXT. /VERY IMPORT.	NOT TOO /AT ALL IMPORT.	1. Extremely important	2. Very important	3. Some. important	4. Not too important	5. Not at all important	6. Unsure
A. Require students and staff members who may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to stay home for 14 days before returning to school	81%	3%	61%	21%	13%	2%	1%	3%
B. Send out notices to parents of students who may have been exposed to a student or staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19	79%	3%	56%	23%	14%	2%	2%	4%
C. Have a full-time nurse or health worker at school	76%	5%	51%	25%	17%	4%	1%	3%
D. Provide all students with the technology needed for online learning at the beginning of the year in case they become ill or schools close again, including laptops or tablets and internet access	76%	5%	48%	27%	16%	3%	2%	3%
E. Provide face masks to all students and staff and replace the masks regularly	70%	8%	46%	24%	17%	5%	3%	5%
F. Limit the number of students who are in common areas like the hallway, library, cafeteria, or playground at the same time to maintain social distancing	70%	6%	44%	26%	20%	4%	2%	4%
G. Continue to provide free breakfast and lunch programs for students in need even when schools are closed	69%	10%	45%	24%	16%	5%	5%	4%
H. Provide an individualized education plan for each student based on an assessment of their academic and mental health needs, as well as input from their parents or guardians	65%	8%	36%	30%	23%	5%	3%	4%
I. Provide mental and emotional health assessments and counseling for students and staff	65%	9%	36%	29%	23%	6%	3%	4%
J. Stagger schedules so that there are fewer students in classrooms and desks can be spaced six feet apart	63%	7%	35%	28%	24%	4%	3%	6%

24. [QSafetyNecessary] Which of the following would be absolutely necessary in order for you to feel safe sending your children to school, meaning you would not send your children to school without this happening? Please select all that apply. [SELECT MULTIPLE]

[RANDOMIZE 1-8]

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| 1. Schools requiring students and staff members who may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to stay home for 14 days before returning to school | 56% |
| 2. No new cases of COVID-19 being reported in your local area | 46% |
| 3. Testing for COVID-19 being available to anyone in your local area | 45% |
| 4. A COVID-19 vaccine being available to the public | 43% |
| 5. Schools limiting the number of students who are in common areas to maintain social distancing | 42% |
| 6. Schools providing face masks to all students and staff and replacing the masks regularly | 40% |
| 7. Schools having a full-time nurse or health worker at school | 40% |
| 8. Schools staggering schedules so that there are fewer students in classrooms and desks can be spaced six feet apart | 38% |
| 9. Something else (Please specify) | 1% |
| 10. None of these | 5% |
| 11. Unsure | 6% |

25. [QFocusTradeoff] Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-2]

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| 1. Schools should be focused on trying to get back to the way things were before the COVID-19 crisis as soon as it is safe to do so | 31% |
| 2. Schools should be focused on rethinking how we educate students, coming up with new ways to teach children moving forward as a result of the COVID-19 crisis | 61% |
| 3. Unsure | 8% |

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes.

26. [QGender] What is your gender? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Male | 44% |
| 2. Female | 56% |

27. [QRace] What is your race? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-7]

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| 1. Black | 12% |
| 2. White | 59% |
| 3. Hispanic/Latino | 24% |
| 4. Asian | 7% |
| 5. Native American | *% |
| 6. Something else | *% |
| 7. Prefer not to say | *% |

28. [QEducation] What is the highest level of education you have completed?

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| 1. High school or less | 36% |
| 2. Some college | 22% |
| 3. Associate's degree | 10% |
| 4. Bachelor's degree | 20% |
| 5. Graduate degree | 12% |
| 6. Prefer not to say | - |

29. [QAge] What is your age?

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| 1. 18–29 | 11% |
| 2. 30–39 | 34% |
| 3. 40–49 | 36% |
| 4. 50–64 | 18% |
| 5. 65+ | 1% |

30. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?

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| 1. Single, never married | 13% |
| 2. Married | 66% |
| 3. Living with a partner | 11% |
| 4. Separated | 2% |
| 5. Divorced | 7% |
| 6. Widowed | 1% |
| 7. Prefer not to say | *% |

**31. [QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a ... ?
[RANDOMIZE SCALE R>D, D>R]**

REPUBLICAN (TOTAL)		32%
DEMOCRAT (TOTAL)		32%
1. Strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	18%
2. Not very strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	14%
3. Independent	CONTINUE TO QPARTYLEAN	27%
4. Not very strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	13%
5. Strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	19%
4. A member of another party	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	1%
5. Unsure		9%

**32. [QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?
[RANDOMIZE SCALE]**

(n=169)

1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates	7%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats	8%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans	6%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates	14%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	25%
6. Unsure	40%

[QPartyConsolidated: QParty + QPartyLean]

GOP + GOP-leaning independents	37%
DEM + DEM-leaning independents	39%
Total independent	9%
Total member of another party	1%
Unsure	14%

33. [QIdeology] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself to be...? [RANDOMIZE SCALE CONSERVATIVE>LIBERAL, LIBERAL>CONSERVATIVE]

CONSERVATIVE (TOTAL)	26%
LIBERAL (TOTAL)	22%
1. Very conservative	11%
2. Somewhat conservative	15%
3. Moderate	43%
4. Somewhat liberal	12%
5. Very liberal	9%
6. Unsure	9%

**34. [QSocial] Which social media platforms or apps do you use? [SELECT MULTIPLE]
[RANDOMIZE 1-9]**

1. Facebook	79%
2. YouTube	65%

3. Instagram	48%
4. Twitter	33%
5. Pinterest	27%
6. Snapchat	24%
7. LinkedIn	21%
8. WhatsApp	20%
9. Reddit	9%
10. Something else (Please specify)	1%
11. None of these	3%

35. [QIncome] Which range includes your annual household income?

1. Less than \$30,000 per year	18%
2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year	22%
3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year	19%
4. \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year	23%
5. More than \$125,000 per year	16%
6. Prefer not to say	2%

36. [QState] In what state do you live?

1. States in the Northeast	17%
2. States in the Midwest	21%
3. States in the South	38%
4. States in the West	25%

37. [QUrbanRural] How would you describe the area in which you live?

1. City	33%
2. Suburb near a city	42%
3. Small town not near a city	8%
4. Rural or country area	17%

38. [QReligion] How would you describe your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant/Born-Again Christian	26%
2. Mainline Protestant	6%
3. Roman Catholic	25%
4. Mormon	1%
5. Jewish	1%
6. Muslim	2%
7. Agnostic	4%
8. Atheist	7%
9. Something else	20%
10. Prefer not to say	8%

39. [QChurch] How often do you attend a religious service?

1. At least once a week	27%
2. Once or twice a month	12%
3. A few times a year	14%
4. Usually just for religious holidays	13%

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| 5. Never | 28% |
| 6. Prefer not to say | 5% |

IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER, ASK:

40. [QSpousePartnerEducation] What is the highest level of education your spouse or partner has completed?

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| | (n=387) |
| 1. High school or less | 33% |
| 2. Some college | 21% |
| 3. Associate's degree | 8% |
| 4. Bachelor's degree | 23% |
| 5. Graduate degree | 15% |
| 6. Prefer not to say | *% |

SCREENERS AND INITIAL DEMOGRAPHICS ASKED AT BEGINNING OF SURVEY

41. [QIndustry] Do you or does anyone in your household work in any of the following industries? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-8]

1. Technology		3%
2. Sales		1%
3. Healthcare		10%
4. Education or early childhood development		8%
5. Journalism or the media	TERMINATE	-
6. Food service or the restaurant industry		4%
7. Market research	TERMINATE	-
8. Public relations	TERMINATE	-
9. None of these		76%

42. [QPublicSchoolParent] Are you the parent or guardian of a public school student who is currently in grades kindergarten through 12th grade? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Yes		100%
2. No	TERMINATE	-
3. Prefer not to say	TERMINATE	-

43. [QLivingAtHome] Where do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade live?

1. Full-time with me in my home		95%
2. Split between my home and the home of another parent or family member		5%
3. Not with me	TERMINATE	-