



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 #4 - Field Dates: May 18–20, 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	97%
TOTAL OPEN	3%
1. Closure through mid-May	9%
2. Closure through end of school year	88%
3. My child's schools are still open but running on a new schedule	3%
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	49%
2. 2	36%
3. 3	11%
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	12%
2. 1st grade	12%
3. 2nd grade	10%
4. 3rd grade	12%
5. 4th grade	14%
6. 5th grade	13%
7. 6th grade	13%
8. 7th grade	13%
9. 8th grade	12%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	15%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	14%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	15%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	11%

ECONOMIC AND HEALTH CONCERNS

4. [QCoronaConcern{A-J}] With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian? [RANDOMIZE A-J]
[DISPLAY AS GRID OVER 3 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. Do not worry much	5. Do not worry at all	6. Unsure	
A. Making sure your child or children stay on track in school so they are ready for the next grade	60%	20%	32%	28%	21%	12%	8%	-	
B. Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends	59%	18%	33%	26%	23%	11%	7%	*%	
C. You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus	57%	23%	34%	23%	20%	14%	9%	*%	
D. School closures will have a negative impact on your child's education	57%	21%	29%	27%	21%	13%	8%	1%	
E. Your children spending too much time on screens (watching TV, playing video games, or using a computer, tablet, or smart phone)	49%	25%	25%	24%	25%	17%	9%	1%	
F. How the situation is affecting your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing	49%	25%	24%	26%	26%	13%	11%	1%	
G. Being able to make ends meet	46%	33%	26%	20%	21%	18%	15%	*%	
H. How the situation is affecting your mental health and emotional wellbeing	43%	32%	20%	24%	24%	14%	18%	1%	
I. Your children being exposed to more of the negative aspects or risks of online social interaction, such as cyberbullying	41%	38%	19%	22%	21%	20%	18%	*%	
J. Figuring out what to do with your kids during the day	37%	36%	14%	24%	26%	19%	17%	*%	

5. [QChildSocial] Thinking about the next couple of months, which of the following would you say concerns you more? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. That my children missing important social interactions with friends could negatively affect their emotional wellbeing 42%
2. That allowing my children to hang out with friends could put them at risk of being exposed to the coronavirus 49%
3. Unsure 9%

- 6. [QChildReact] Has your child reacted to the coronavirus situation in any of the following ways? Please select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-7]**
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| 1. Felt lonely | 31% |
| 2. Felt anxious | 28% |
| 3. Felt scared | 18% |
| 4. Misbehaved | 16% |
| 5. Acted out of character or behaved unusually | 13% |
| 6. Experienced depression | 12% |
| 7. Had suicidal thoughts | 3% |
| 8. Reacted another way (Please specify) | 2% |
| 9. Has not reacted in any of these ways | 35% |
| 10. Unsure | 6% |
- 7. [QCoronaSick] Do you personally know anyone who has been sick with the coronavirus?**
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| 1. Yes | 25% |
| 2. No | 73% |
| 3. Unsure | 3% |
- 8. [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]**
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| 1. Help keeping my children engaged in good activities | 52% |
| 2. More money to spend on necessities | 42% |
| 3. More information about how to support my child's learning | 30% |
| 4. High speed internet access | 29% |
| 5. Paid time off work from my job | 21% |
| 6. More hours in the day | 18% |
| 7. More tablets or computers in the house | 14% |
| 8. Someone to run errands for me to pick up essentials | 12% |
| 9. Childcare | 7% |
| 10. Something else (Please specify) | 3% |
- 9. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?**
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| 1. Employed full-time | 51% |
| 2. Employed part-time | 7% |
| 3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work | 2% |
| 4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer | 6% |
| 5. Unemployed and looking for work | 6% |
| 6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work | 3% |
| 7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver | 19% |
| 8. Full time student | *% |
| 9. Retired | 3% |
| 10. Something else (Please specify) | 1% |
| 11. Prefer not to say | *% |

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

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

(n=313)

- 1. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus but I'm currently working from home 38%
- 2. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus and I'm still working there 44%
- 3. I worked from home before the coronavirus and I'm still working there 11%
- 4. Something else (Please specify) 4%
- 5. Prefer not to say 2%

ASK ALL:

11. [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]

- 1. I haven't been able to see friends and family members 24%
- 2. I've had difficulty helping my children with their schoolwork and learning 20%
- 3. I feel down or anxious about the overall situation in the country right now 18%
- 4. I haven't been able to move freely or go about my daily routine 15%
- 5. I've lost my job, had my hours cut, or lost income 14%
- 6. I've had difficulty getting food and other essentials 13%
- 7. I haven't been able to attend religious services 10%
- 8. I've had difficulty getting work done with my children around 9%
- 9. I've had health-related difficulties (seeing doctors, getting medications, etc.) 7%
- 10. I've had difficulty with working from home, or other work-related difficulty 6%
- 11. I've had difficulty with travel 6%
- 12. I've had difficulty getting along with people I live with 5%
- 13. I've had difficulty arranging childcare 4%
- 14. Other (Please specify) 1%
- 15. None of these EXCLUSIVE 14%

12. [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]

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| 1. Used to buy groceries or basic household supplies | 37% |
| 2. Used to pay for utilities, phone bills, or internet service | 34% |
| 3. Put it into a savings account | 25% |
| 4. Used to pay mortgage or rent | 23% |
| 5. Used to buy educational supplies or technology for your children | 9% |
| 6. Used to pay for medical expenses | 8% |
| 7. Used to pay for childcare | 4% |
| 8. Something else (Please specify) | 5% |
| 9. I am eligible for a coronavirus relief payment but have not received it yet | 6% |
| 10. I am not eligible for a coronavirus relief payment | 12% |

13. [QReliefBill] Thinking about the current situation in your local community, do you think Congress is spending too much, about the right amount, or too little on economic relief efforts in response to the coronavirus? [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCALE 1-3, 3-1]

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| 1. Too much | 12% |
| 2. About the right amount | 38% |
| 3. Too little | 38% |
| 4. Unsure | 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.]

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

	(n=479)
1. Kindergarten	9%
2. 1st grade	8%
3. 2nd grade	7%
4. 3rd grade	8%
5. 4th grade	7%
6. 5th grade	8%
7. 6th grade	7%
8. 7th grade	6%
9. 8th grade	7%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	9%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	8%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	10%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	7%

15. [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=479)

EXCELLENT/GOOD	70%
ONLY FAIR/POOR	11%
1. Excellent	28%
2. Good	41%
3. Average	20%
4. Only fair	6%
5. Poor	5%
6. Unsure	*%

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

(n=479)

VERY/SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	81%
NOT THAT/NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	17%
1. Very confident	29%
2. Somewhat confident	52%
3. Not that confident	14%
4. Not at all confident	3%
5. Unsure	2%

17. [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=479)

1. More schoolwork	25%
2. Less schoolwork	40%
3. About the same amount	33%
4. Unsure	2%

18. [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=479)

1. Learning more	16%
2. Learning less	46%
3. About the same amount	32%
4. Unsure	5%

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

		(n=479)
1. Yes		14%
2. No	SKIP TO REOPEN. SECTION	83%
3. Unsure	SKIP TO REOPEN. SECTION	2%

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

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

		(n=68)
1. Yes		39%
2. No		57%
3. Unsure		4%

21. [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=68)
1. Yes		47%
2. No		48%
3. Unsure		5%

22. [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=68)
	VERY/SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	51%
	VERY/SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	22%
1.	Very satisfied	29%
2.	Somewhat satisfied	22%
3.	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	25%
4.	Somewhat dissatisfied	16%
5.	Very dissatisfied	6%
6.	Unsure	2%

23. [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=68)
WORRY A LOT/SOME	40%
DO NOT WORRY MUCH/AT ALL	37%
1. Worry a lot	23%
2. Worry some	17%
3. Worry a little	20%
4. Do not worry much	24%
5. Do not worry at all	12%
6. Unsure	3%

REOPENING AND REIMAGINING

ASK ALL:

24. [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 | 25% |
| 2. Schools should remain closed until they are certain there is no health risk, even if means students fall farther behind | 64% |
| 3. Unsure | 11% |

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 | 32% |
| 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 | 62% |
| 3. Unsure | 6% |

MENTAL HEALTH, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING, AND TECHNOLOGY USE

26. [QTechSocialActivities {A-I}] As a result of the coronavirus situation and school closures, have your children been spending more time, less time, or about the same amount of time doing each of the following activities? [DISPLAY AS GRID, 3 PER PAGE] [RANDOMIZE A-I]

	1. A lot more time	2. A little more time	3. About the same as before	4. A little less time	5. A lot less time	6. Unsure			
	A LOT/ LITTLE MORE TIME	A LOT/ LITTLE LESS TIME	1. A lot more time	2. A little more time	3. About the same as before	4. A little less time	5. A lot less time	6. Unsure	
A. Using a computer or device to do schoolwork	73%	7%	46%	27%	19%	4%	3%	*%	
B. Watching television, movies, or shows online	67%	5%	27%	40%	27%	3%	3%	*%	
C. Playing video games or online games	63%	9%	29%	34%	28%	5%	3%	*%	
D. Helping with household chores	54%	7%	17%	37%	39%	5%	2%	*%	
E. Communicating with friends online or using a smartphone	53%	13%	25%	28%	32%	7%	6%	2%	
F. Using social media websites or apps such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Snapchat	48%	12%	20%	28%	35%	4%	8%	5%	
G. Playing outside or doing outdoor activities	37%	36%	12%	25%	28%	16%	20%	*%	
H. Being active or exercising	35%	30%	12%	23%	34%	16%	14%	1%	
I. Hanging out with their friends	13%	72%	5%	8%	15%	12%	60%	*%	

27. [QTechEffects {A-C}] Thinking about how your children have been using technology and the internet during the coronavirus situation, do you feel technology and the internet have had a positive or negative effect on each of the following? [DISPLAY AS GRID] [RANDOMIZE A-C]

	1. Very positive	2. Somewhat positive	3. Neither positive nor negative	4. Somewhat negative	5. Very negative	6. Unsure			
	VERY/ SOME. POS.	VERY/ SOME. NEG.	1. Very positive	2. Some. positive	3. Neither pos. nor neg.	4. Some. negative	5. Very negative	6. Unsure	
A. The quality of their education	49%	21%	18%	31%	29%	15%	6%	1%	
B. Their mental health and emotional wellbeing	48%	14%	18%	30%	36%	11%	3%	2%	
C. Their social connections with friends	45%	18%	15%	30%	35%	12%	6%	2%	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes.

- 28. [QGender] What is your gender? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
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| 1. Male | 44% |
| 2. Female | 56% |
- 29. [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 | 6% |
| 5. Native American | 1% |
| 6. Something else | *% |
| 7. Prefer not to say | *% |
- 30. [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 | *% |
- 31. [QAge] What is your age?**
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| 1. 18–29 | 11% |
| 2. 30–39 | 36% |
| 3. 40–49 | 31% |
| 4. 50–64 | 21% |
| 5. 65+ | 1% |
- 32. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?**
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| 1. Single, never married | 12% |
| 2. Married | 67% |
| 3. Living with a partner | 9% |
| 4. Separated | 2% |
| 5. Divorced | 9% |
| 6. Widowed | 1% |
| 7. Prefer not to say | *% |

33. [QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a...?

[RANDOMIZE SCALE R>D, D>R]

REPUBLICAN (TOTAL)		29%
DEMOCRAT (TOTAL)		36%
1. Strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	16%
2. Not very strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	13%
3. Independent	CONTINUE TO QPARTYLEAN	25%
4. Not very strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	14%
5. Strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	22%
4. A member of another party	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	1%
5. Unsure	CONTINUE TO QPARTYLEAN	8%

IF INDEPENDENT OR UNSURE [QParty=3 OR 5], ASK:

34. [QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?

[RANDOMIZE SCALE]

		(n=169)
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates		5%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats		13%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans		14%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates		6%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans		29%
6. Unsure		34%

[QPartyConsolidated: QParty + QPartyLean]

GOP + GOP-leaning independents	35%
DEM + DEM-leaning independents	43%
Total independent	10%
Total member of another party	1%
Unsure	11%

ASK ALL:

35. [QIdeology] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself to be...?

[RANDOMIZE SCALE CONSERVATIVE>LIBERAL, LIBERAL>CONSERVATIVE]

CONSERVATIVE (TOTAL)	29%
LIBERAL (TOTAL)	20%
1. Very conservative	12%
2. Somewhat conservative	17%
3. Moderate	43%
4. Somewhat liberal	11%
5. Very liberal	9%
6. Unsure	8%

36. [QSocial] Which social media platforms or apps do you use? [SELECT MULTIPLE]

[RANDOMIZE 1-9]

1. Facebook	82%
2. Instagram	47%
3. YouTube	67%
4. Snapchat	31%
5. Reddit	11%
6. Pinterest	31%
7. LinkedIn	19%
8. WhatsApp	20%
9. Twitter	29%
10. Something else (Please specify)	-
11. None of these	4%

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

1. Less than \$30,000 per year	18%
2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year	21%
3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year	24%
4. \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year	23%
5. More than \$125,000 per year	12%
6. Prefer not to say	2%

38. [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%

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

1. City	31%
2. Suburb near a city	43%
3. Small town not near a city	10%
4. Rural or country area	16%

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

1. Evangelical Protestant/Born-Again Christian	22%
2. Mainline Protestant	5%
3. Roman Catholic	31%
4. Mormon	1%
5. Jewish	2%
6. Muslim	2%
7. Agnostic	4%
8. Atheist	4%
9. Something else	21%
10. Prefer not to say	8%

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

1. At least once a week	22%
2. Once or twice a month	13%
3. A few times a year	17%
4. Usually just for religious holidays	12%
5. Never	31%
6. Prefer not to say	5%

IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER [QMarital=2 OR 3], ASK:

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

	(n=374)
1. High school or less	37%
2. Some college	18%
3. Associate's degree	8%
4. Bachelor's degree	22%
5. Graduate degree	15%
6. Prefer not to say	-

SCREENERS AND INITIAL DEMOGRAPHICS ASKED AT BEGINNING OF SURVEY

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

1. Technology		4%
2. Sales		4%
3. Healthcare		10%
4. Education or early childhood development		6%
5. Journalism or the media	TERMINATE	-
6. Food service or the restaurant industry		6%
7. Market research	TERMINATE	-
8. Public relations	TERMINATE	-
9. None of these		74%

44. [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	-

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

1. Full-time with me in my home		93%
2. Split between my home and the home of another parent or family member		7%
3. Not with me	TERMINATE	-