National Parents Union - Coronavirus Impact Survey
Survey of N=1140 parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade
Sampled from online web panel
Field Dates: September 21–29, 2020

COVID-19 AND CURRENT CONCERNS

1. [QCoronaConcern(A-K)] 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]

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<td>A. You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus</td>
<td>65%</td>
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<td>B. Making sure your child or children stay on track in school</td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>21%</td>
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<td>C. Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>D. How the situation is affecting your children’s mental health and emotional wellbeing</td>
<td>59%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>E. Being able to make ends meet</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>F. How the situation is affecting your mental health and emotional wellbeing</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>G. Figuring out what to do with your kids during the day</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>21%</td>
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2. [QCoronaSick] Do you personally know anyone who has been sick with the coronavirus?

1. Yes 47%
2. No 51%
3. Unsure 2%
3. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?
   1. Employed full-time 51%
   2. Employed part-time 10%
   3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work 1%
   4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer 1%
   5. Unemployed and looking for work 7%
   6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work 2%
   7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver 19%
   8. Full time student 1%
   9. Retired 5%
   10. Something else (Please specify) 2%
   11. Prefer not to say *

IF EMPLOYED [QEmployment=1-3], ASK:

4. [QWorkplace] Are you currently working from your home, or do you go to work at an office or other workplace? If you are working from an office or other workplace, do you have the option to work from home, or not? [RANDOMIZE 1-3, 3-1] (n=763)

   1. I currently work from home 37%
   2. I currently go to work at an office or workplace, but I have the option to work from home 16%
   3. I currently go to work at an office or workplace and do NOT have the option to work from home 47%
   4. Prefer not to say 1%
5. **[QKidGrade]** What grade level is your child currently in (2020–2021 school year)? [DROP DOWN: Kindergarten–12th grade]

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

6. **[QKidSchoolOptions]** What options is your child’s school currently offering for ways your child could attend school? Please select all options that your child’s school is offering, regardless of how your child is currently attending school. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Students can attend in person in a classroom or on campus full-time 34%
2. Students can attend remotely or online full-time 70%
3. Students can attend part-time in person, part-time remotely or online 29%
4. Something else (Please specify) 3%

7. **[QKidSchoolType]** How is your child currently attending school? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Only in person, on their school campus 23%
2. Only remotely or online 58%
3. Part-time in person, part-time remotely or online 18%
4. Something else (Please specify) 1%
8. [QDecisionFactors] What would you say were the one or two biggest reasons you chose to have your child attend school the way they currently are? [SELECT UP TO TWO]

[RANDOMIZE 1-7]
1. I wanted to reduce my child’s risk of getting COVID-19 42%
2. My child’s school didn’t offer any other options 26%
3. I worried about my child missing social interaction 25%
4. I worried my child would not learn as much any other way 24%
5. I worried about my child missing sports or other school activities 9%
6. I needed to go to work and didn’t want my child to be home alone 9%
7. I had difficulties with my child being able to access online learning options 7%
8. Other reasons (Please specify) 4%

9. [QSchoolTypeFuture] Even if neither of the following is perfect, which of the following would you prefer? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]
1. I would rather my child’s school stick to a consistent plan for whether students receive remote or in-person learning throughout the year, rather than changing gears based on the number of coronavirus cases in my area. 54%
2. I would rather my child’s school adjust whether in-person instruction is offered based on coronavirus cases in my area, even if it means going back and forth between in-person and remote learning throughout the year. 34%
3. Unsure 13%

10. [QDecision] Do you feel your child’s school included parents in the decision-making process about the school’s plans for reopening and options they would offer for this school year? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]
1. Yes 55%
2. No 31%
3. Unsure 14%

11. [QPlanGrade] What grade would you give your child’s school on their back-to-school plan and how well they prepared for the beginning of the school year? “A” is the best grade you can give, and “F” is a failing grade.
1. A 26%
2. B 36%
3. C 23%
4. D 8%
5. F 4%
6. Unsure 3%
12. [Time Battery] Thinking about your child’s daily school schedule, do you think your child is getting too much, about the right amount, or not enough time for each of the following? [DISPLAY AS GRID] [RANDOMIZE A-C] [RANDOMIZE 1-3, 3-1]

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<td>A. Time receiving instruction from their teacher(s)</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>65%</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>B. Time to communicate directly with their teacher(s), ask questions, or get help with assignments</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>C. Time to interact and communicate with other students</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>52%</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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13. [QLearningMoreLess] At this point in the school year, do think your child is learning more than they normally would, less than they normally would, or about the same amount as they normally would when attending school? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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<th>2. Learning less</th>
<th>3. About the same amount</th>
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<td>17%</td>
<td>38%</td>
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14. [Ratings Battery] How would you currently rate how your child’s school is doing on each of the following? [DISPLAY AS GRID OVER TWO PAGES] [RANDOMIZE A-H] [RANDOMIZE 1-4, 4-1]

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<td>F. Managing online learning programs or resources for remote learning</td>
<td>EXCELLENT/GOOD: 65%</td>
<td>FAIR/POOR: 30%</td>
<td>1. Excellent: 21%</td>
<td>2. Good: 44%</td>
<td>3. Only fair: 22%</td>
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15. [QHelpSchoolwork] Other than your child’s public school teacher(s), who is the primary person who helps your child do schoolwork?

1. I am | 71%
2. My child's other parent | 15%
3. Another family member | 4%
4. An adult who is not a relative | 1%
5. My child handles it on their own | 8%
6. Unsure | 1%
IF CHILD ATTENDING SCHOOL ONLY REMOTELY OR ONLINE, PART-TIME, OR SOMETHING ELSE [QKidSchoolType], ASK:

16. [QLearningResources] Is your child’s school offering any of the following for remote or online learning? Please choose all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-10]

1. Laptops or tablets for students to take home 58%
2. Live online classes with their teacher(s) 56%
3. Emailed assignments from teachers 38%
4. Tutorials for students on how to access and use online learning programs 28%
5. Pre-recorded online video lessons by their teacher(s) 27%
6. IT support to help address problems with laptops or tablets or difficulty accessing online learning programs 25%
7. Self-paced online courses provided through a service or app 20%
8. Hot spots or access to high speed internet for students at home 20%
9. Training or information sessions for parents on how to help students continue learning from home 19%
10. Activities or resources that do not require the use of a computer or Internet, such as printed learning materials or phone calls with their teacher(s) 18%
11. Something else (Please specify) *%
12. None of the above 4%
13. Unsure 5%

ASK ALL:

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

1. Yes 15%
2. No 83%
3. Unsure 2%
IF HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD [QChildrenNumber=2-6], SHOW TRANSITION TEXT: For the remaining questions, you may consider any and all children in your household when answering these questions.

ASK ALL:

18. [QLearningPod] Some families have chosen to form learning “pods” with other families, where a small group of children meet in-person to do remote or online learning with an adult who helps them with their schoolwork or other educational activities. Are any children in your household participating in a learning “pod” like this, or not? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]
   1. Yes 14%
   2. No 81%
   3. Unsure 5%

IF YES, PARTICIPATING IN POD [QLearningPod=1], ASK:

19. [QPodHelping] So far, how helpful has the learning pod been for your children in terms of their education? [RANDOMIZE 1-4, 4-1] (n=182)
   VERY/SOMewhat HELPFUL 89%
   NOT THAT HELPFUL/NOT HELPFUL AT ALL 10%
   1. Very helpful 52%
   2. Somewhat helpful 37%
   3. Not that helpful 8%
   4. Not helpful at all 1%
   5. Unsure 2%

IF NOT PARTICIPATING IN POD OR UNSURE [QLearningPod=2-3], ASK:

20. [QPodPossible] If you had the opportunity and resources, would you want any of your children to participate in a learning pod? [RANDOMIZE 1-2] (n=958)
   1. Yes 30%
   2. No 36%
   3. Unsure 34%
PRIORITIES, TRUST, AND REIMAGINING

ASK ALL:

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

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
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
3. Unsure

22. [QPriorityTradeoff] If you could send a message to people who make decisions about education policy and public schools, which of the following do you think they should prioritize this school year? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Providing access to consistent, high-quality remote or online learning for public school students this school year
2. Trying to get public school students back into the classroom this school year and implementing health and safety measures
3. Unsure

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]

1. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
2. Local public health officials
3. Local school district leaders (school board, superintendent)
4. State public health officials
5. My children’s school principal
6. President Donald J. Trump
7. State Department of Education
8. U.S. Department of Education
9. State governor
10. Independent/non-government medical associations
11. State legislature
12. U.S. Congress
13. Other (Please specify)
14. Unsure
24. [QStandardTest] There has been some debate about whether or not schools should administer state-level standardized academic tests this school year. Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-2]

1. Even though we are in challenging times, we should continue to assess how well students are learning using standardized tests so that we can compare results to previous years and help make sure students are making progress. 47%

2. Since we are in challenging times, we should take a break from standardized testing this year so that teachers and students have one less thing to worry about. 43%

3. Unsure 10%
25. [QPubSchoolAccess] Would you support or oppose changing laws to establish a right to quality public education as a civil right in the same way that the right to vote is, meaning the government would be obligated by law to provide every child access to a quality education, and that the government could be challenged in court if that right is infringed upon?

STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT 75%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE 9%
1. Strongly support 42%
2. Somewhat support 33%
3. Somewhat oppose 6%
4. Strongly oppose 3%
5. Unsure 16%
Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes.

26. [QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a …?
   [RANDOMIZE SCALE R>D, D>R]
   STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG
   REPUBLICAN 33%
   STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT 39%
   1. Strong Republican 21%
   2. Not very strong Republican 12%
   3. Independent 23%
   4. Not very strong Democrat 14%
   5. Strong Democrat 25%
   6. A member of another party *
   7. Unsure 4%

IF INDEPENDENT OR UNSURE [QParty=3 OR 7], ASK:

27. [QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?
   [RANDOMIZE SCALE] (n=294)
   VOTE FOR REPUBLICANS 17%
   VOTE FOR DEMOCRATS 26%
   1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates 6%
   2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats 11%
   3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans 17%
   4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates 10%
   5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans 21%
   6. Unsure 36%

ASK ALL:

28. [QIdeology] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself to be…?
   [RANDOMIZE SCALE CONSERVATIVE>LIBERAL, LIBERAL>CONSERVATIVE]
   VERY/SOMewhat CONSERVATIVE 32%
   VERY/SOMewhat LIBERAL 25%
   1. Very conservative 15%
   2. Somewhat conservative 17%
   3. Moderate 38%
   4. Somewhat liberal 13%
   5. Very liberal 12%
   6. Unsure 5%
29. [QSocial] Which social media platforms or apps do you use? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-9]
   1. Facebook 83%
   2. YouTube 72%
   3. Instagram 52%
   4. Twitter 37%
   5. Pinterest 34%
   6. Snapchat 30%
   7. LinkedIn 22%
   8. WhatsApp 19%
   9. Reddit 13%
  10. Something else (Please specify) 1%
  11. None of these 3%

30. [QIncome] Which range includes your annual household income?
   1. Less than $30,000 per year 23%
   2. $30,000 to $49,999 per year 24%
   3. $50,000 to $74,999 per year 18%
   4. $75,000 to $125,000 per year 19%
   5. More than $125,000 per year 14%
   6. Prefer not to say 1%

31. [QState] In what state do you live?
   1. States in the Northeast 12%
   2. States in the Midwest 25%
   3. States in the South 32%
   4. States in the West 31%

32. [QUrbanRural] How would you describe the area in which you live?
   1. City 34%
   2. Suburb near a city 39%
   3. Small town not near a city 10%
   4. Rural or country area 17%

IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER, ASK:

33. [QS poisePartnerEducation] What is the highest level of education your spouse or partner has completed? (n=861)
   1. High school or less 34%
   2. Some college 19%
   3. Associate's degree 10%
   4. Bachelor's degree 23%
   5. Graduate degree 15%
   6. Prefer not to say %
34. [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 8%
   4. Education or early childhood development 6%
   5. Journalism or the media TERMINATE -
   6. Food service or the restaurant industry 3%
   7. Market research TERMINATE -
   8. Public relations TERMINATE -
   9. None of these 78%

35. [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 -

36. [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 -

37. [QChildrenNumber] How many children do you have in public school in grades kindergarten through 12th grade?
   1. 1 54%
   2. 2 32%
   3. 3 8%
   4. 4 4%
   5. 5 1%
   6. 6 or more 1%
38. [QKidsGradeLevels] In which grade levels do you have a child or children in public school (2020–2021 school year)? 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 10%
4. 3rd grade 11%
5. 4th grade 11%
6. 5th grade 14%
7. 6th grade 13%
8. 7th grade 12%
9. 8th grade 13%
10. 9th grade (Freshman) 14%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore) 14%
12. 11th grade (Junior) 10%
13. 12th grade (Senior) 12%

39. [QInPerson] Are any of your children currently attending school in person on their school campus, either all or part of the time?

1. Yes 50%
2. No 50%

40. [QRemote] Are any of your children currently attending school remotely or online, either all or part of the time?

1. Yes 81%
2. No 19%

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

1. Male 44%
2. Female 56%

42. [QRace] What is your race or ethnicity? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-6]

1. White 63%
2. Black 15%
3. Hispanic/Latino 22%
4. Asian 7%
5. Native American or Alaska Native 2%
6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander *
7. Something else *

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

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 *
44. [QAge] What is your age?
1. 18-29 9%
2. 30-39 38%
3. 40-49 32%
4. 50-64 20%
5. 65+ 1%

45. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?
1. Single, never married 14%
2. Married 62%
3. Living with a partner 11%
4. Separated 2%
5. Divorced 9%
6. Widowed 2%
7. Prefer not to say -