

WHAT AMERICANS THINK ABOUT COVID-19

The first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States was reported in late January and has spread to more than 160 countries resulting in far-reaching implications for people around the world and in the United States. The UF/IFAS Center for Public Issues Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (PIE Center) recently surveyed 1,512 Americans to examine their knowledge, response, concerns and beliefs related to COVID-19. The survey was conducted between March 13-16, 2020.

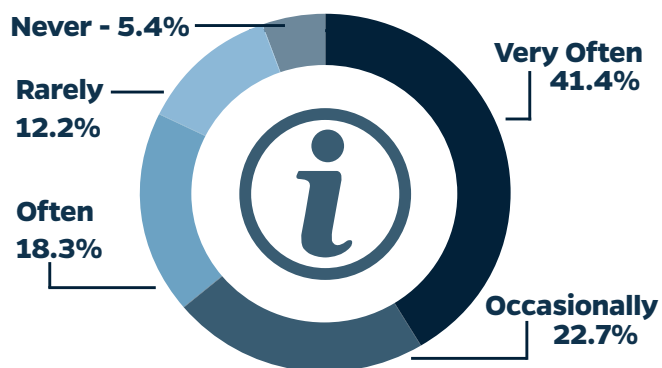
TWO-THIRDS OF AMERICANS RANK COVID-19 AS THE NO. 1 PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN

According to a recent survey conducted by the UF/IFAS PIE Center, two-thirds of Americans ranked COVID-19 as the No. 1 public health concern, even when compared to influenza, HIV and Ebola.

Americans were also asked about their information-seeking behaviors. More than 40% of respondents reported seeking information about COVID-19 very often within the past month. Another 22.7% percent of respondents indicated seeking information occasionally.

Respondents indicated they were most likely to seek COVID-19 information from the following sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention websites, Department of Health websites, personal healthcare provider and the World Health Organization website.

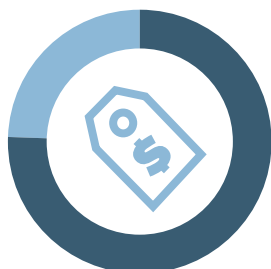
WITHIN THE PAST MONTH, I HAVE SOUGHT INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19:



Three-fourths of respondents reported being concerned about the impact of COVID-19 on increasing food prices. Eighty-six percent of respondents reported being concerned about the impact of the virus on their state's economy. Nine in 10 people were concerned about the United States economy.

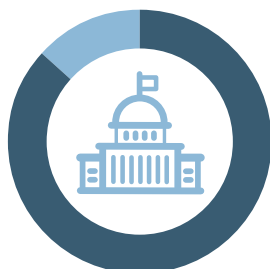
I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON....

INCREASING FOOD PRICES



YES - 75.6%

STATE ECONOMY



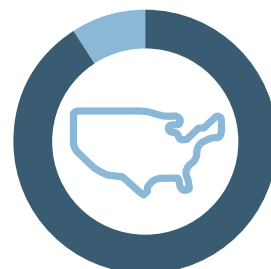
YES - 86.8%

GLOBAL ECONOMY



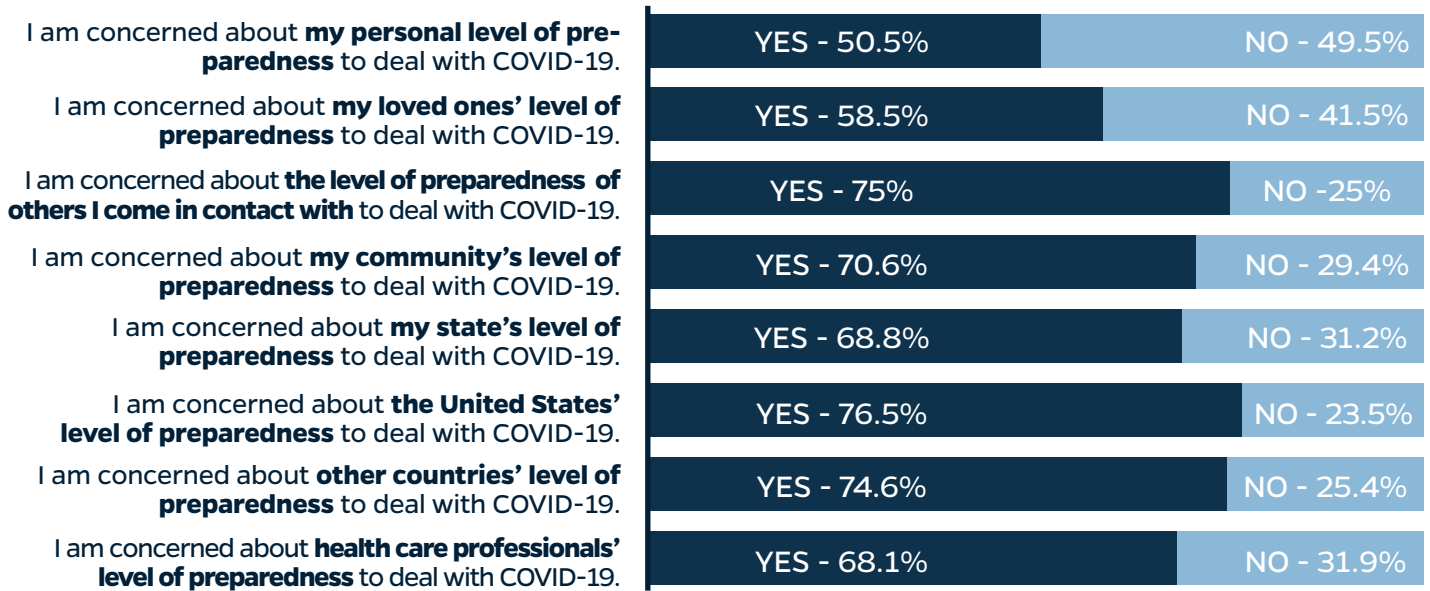
YES - 87.3%

UNITED STATES ECONOMY



YES - 91%

PREPAREDNESS CONCERNS REGARDING COVID-19



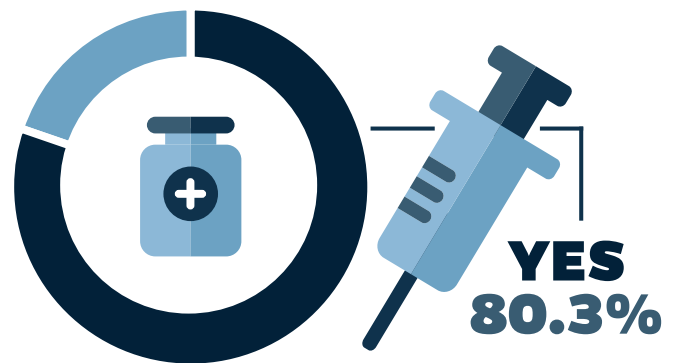
AMERICANS ARE MORE CONCERNED FOR OTHERS AMIDST COVID-19 CRISIS THAN FOR THEMSELVES

Americans were asked about their preparedness concerns regarding COVID-19. Overall, respondents were more concerned about others' level of preparedness than their own. A little more than half of respondents indicated being concerned about their personal level of preparedness to deal with COVID-19. However, nearly 60% of respondents were concerned about their loved ones' level of preparedness and 70% were concerned about their community's level of preparedness.

Respondents indicated concerns related to COVID-19 communication. Nearly 60% of respondents were concerned they were not getting accurate information. Three-fourths of respondents were concerned other members of the public were sharing inaccurate information about COVID-19.

Americans were asked about a vaccination for COVID-19. Eighty percent of respondents indicated they would get a vaccination for COVID-19 if it were available. Additionally, 82% of respondents indicated they believe a vaccine for COVID-19 will be available in the next 12 to 18 months. Americans were also asked about their overall perceptions of vaccines. Sixty percent indicated they got the flu vaccine in the past year, while 72% indicated getting other recommended vaccines.

IF A VACCINATION WERE AVAILABLE FOR COVID-19, WOULD YOU GET IT?



Data was collected between March 13 and 16, 2020 by the UF/IFAS Center for Public Issues Education. This survey was conducted nationwide with 1,512 respondents.