

How are we doing in Wales?

Public Engagement Survey on Health and Wellbeing during Coronavirus Measures

Public views on maintaining safety outside of the home and Week 7 (18th to 24th May 2020) routine data

Public Health Wales are conducting a public engagement telephone survey to ask members of the public in Wales how coronavirus and related control measures are affecting their health and wellbeing.

The information collected from **500 or more randomly selected individuals** provides the basis of the results presented in each **weekly report**.

The survey aims to provide data representative of the Welsh population and data are adjusted to represent the Welsh population by age, sex and deprivation.

In some weeks, new questions are added and others removed, depending on emerging issues at that time.

This week's report contains some routine measures seen in previous reports alongside questions that focus on recovery (how coronavirus related measures may be eased in coming weeks and months).

We thank the people of Wales for giving us their valuable time to support this work.



653 Welsh residents aged 18 years and over were interviewed in week 7 of the survey (18th to 24th May).

Findings this week focus on recovery, i.e. people's views on how coronavirus related measures could be eased or strengthened in the coming weeks and months.

72%

of people think the restrictions in place to manage coronavirus are about right - similar to last week.

16%

of people support school re-opening in the next three weeks.

40%

of people support shops re-opening in the next three weeks - unchanged from last week.

45%

of people with children in the household are worried a lot about their children's education.

51%

of people support non-essential workers returning to work in the next three weeks - up from last week.

61%

of people worry a lot about losing someone to the virus.

1 in 10 (9%)

men think major sporting events and concerts should be able to run within the next three weeks but only 3% of women.

10%

of people wear face masks most of the time when going out but half (52%) think people should be made to wear facemask as current restrictions are lifted

Charity shops (50%) and hairdressers and barbers (47%) are seen as priorities to re-open when restrictions are relaxed.

54%

of people would find it acceptable if infection levels went up a little as restrictions were removed.

Do you think you have or have had coronavirus?

Yes	13%
Don't know	6%

How worried are you that you could get coronavirus?

Excludes those answering 'yes' to having had coronavirus

Not at all	15%
A little	29%
Moderately	38%
Very	19%

Has someone close to you like a family member or friend become seriously ill* with coronavirus?

Yes	13%
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*hospitalised or died

How well are we handling coronavirus?

Do you think the restrictions in place to manage coronavirus are...

Too little 16%



About right 72%



Too much 12%



I would prefer to stay in lockdown until there is no chance of catching coronavirus

Agree 52%



Disagree 32%

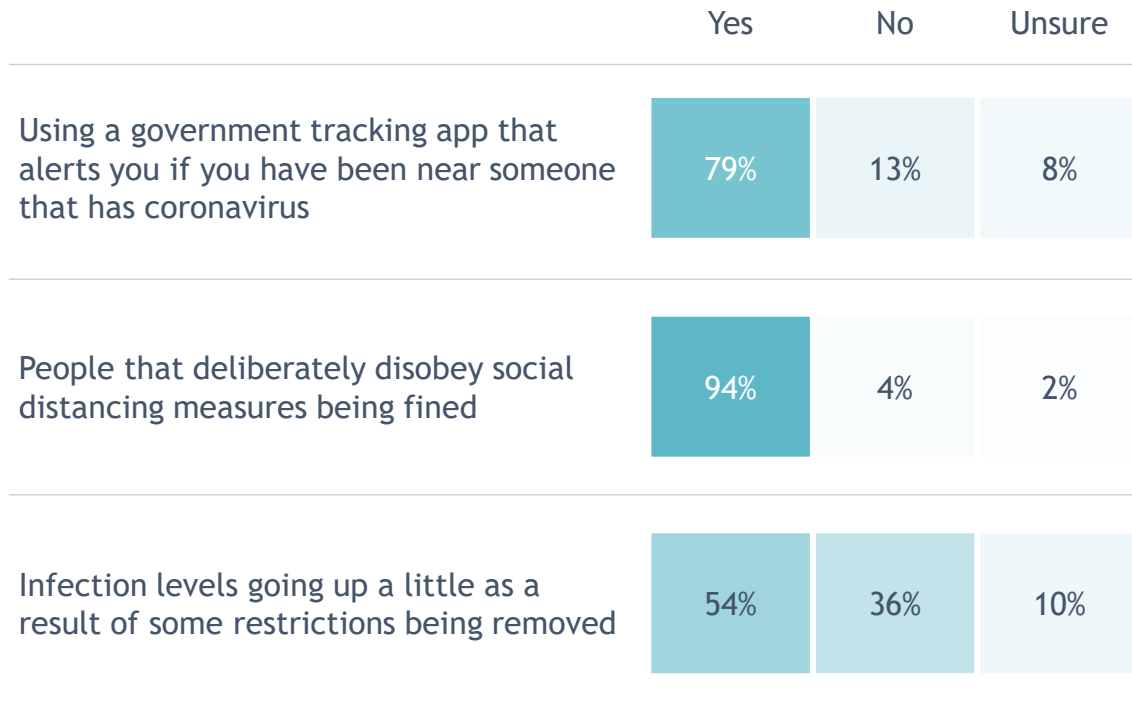


Undecided 16%



	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I think that Welsh government is responding to the problems caused by coronavirus well	20%	52%	9%	13%	6%
I am confident that the NHS would be able to adequately care for me if I became seriously ill with coronavirus	37%	52%	7%	4%	<1%
I trust the police to use their powers to restrict people's movement sensibly	24%	55%	7%	10%	4%

Which of the following do you find acceptable?



As the current restrictions are lifted, which measures do you think should be put in place to protect people?



When do you think the following changes should happen*?

Within the next 3 weeks

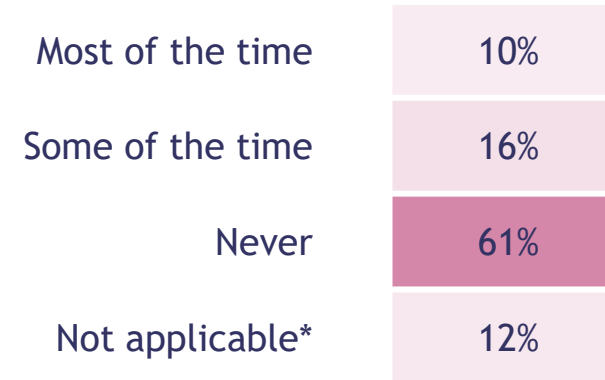
In more than 3 weeks

	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
Schools should re-open	16%	19%	13%	84%	81%	87%
Shops should re-open	40%	43%	38%	60%	57%	62%
Restaurants, pubs and bars should re-open	11%	13%	9%	89%	87%	91%
Non-essential workers should be able to return to work	51%	52%	50%	49%	48%	50%
People should be allowed to use public spaces like parks and beaches freely if social distancing is maintained	65%	67%	64%	35%	33%	36%
Major events like sports & concerts should be able to run	5%	9%	3%	95%	91%	97%
Social distancing should be ended	8%	10%	7%	92%	90%	93%

Which of the following do you think should be in the priorities to re-open when restrictions are relaxed?
(% yes)



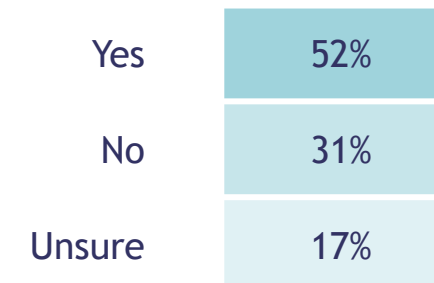
Currently, when you go out, do you wear a face mask...

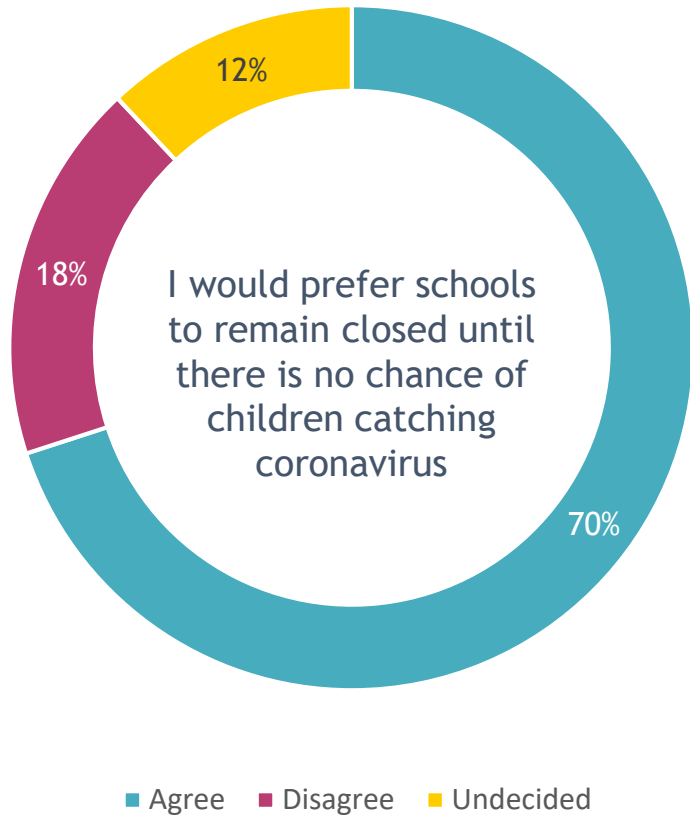


* do not go out

As the current restrictions are lifted, which measures do you think should be put in place to protect people?

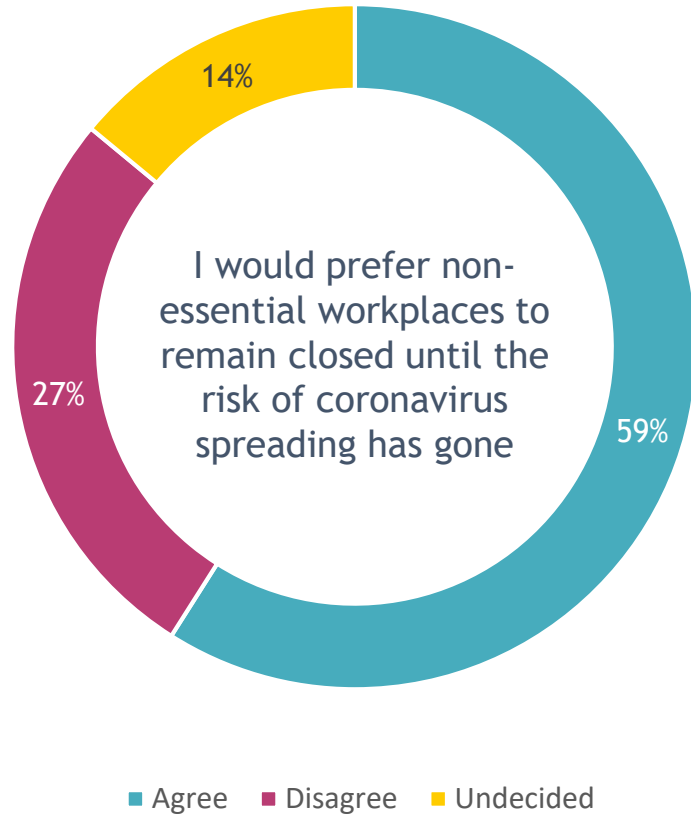
People should be made to wear face masks in public places





To make it safe for schools to re-open, which of these measures would you support?

	Yes	No	Unsure
Children having to wear masks whilst at school	31%	53%	16%
Children having their temperature taken when they arrive at school	87%	9%	5%
Children going to school on fewer days to keep pupil numbers low	82%	12%	6%
Return to school being just for primary schools, at least for the first few weeks	47%	42%	11%

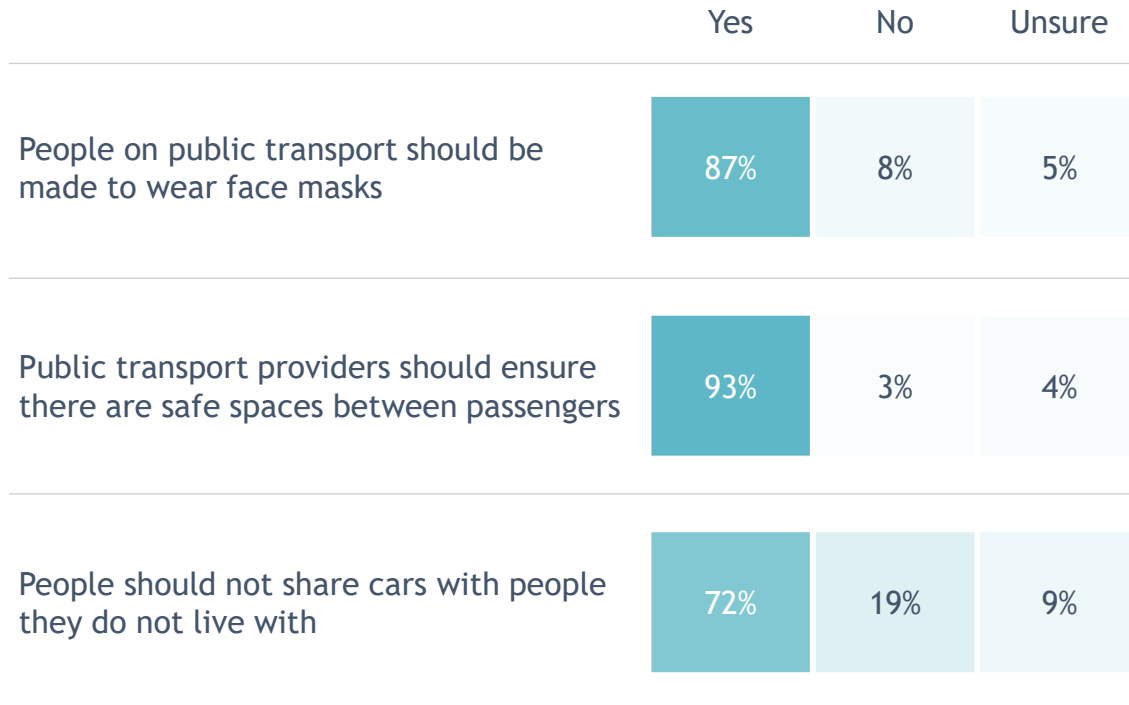


To make it safe for people to return to work, which of these measures would you support?

	Yes	No	Unsure
People having to wear face masks when working indoors in shared spaces	78%	14%	7%
Social distancing measures being required in all workplaces	93%	5%	2%
People being required to have their temperature taken at work	84%	9%	6%
Testing for the virus being easily available to anyone feeling unwell at work	97%	1%	2%
Altering people's hours of work to reduce the number of people working at any one time (e.g. working in shifts)	88%	4%	7%

As the current restrictions are lifted, which measures do you think should be put in place to protect people?

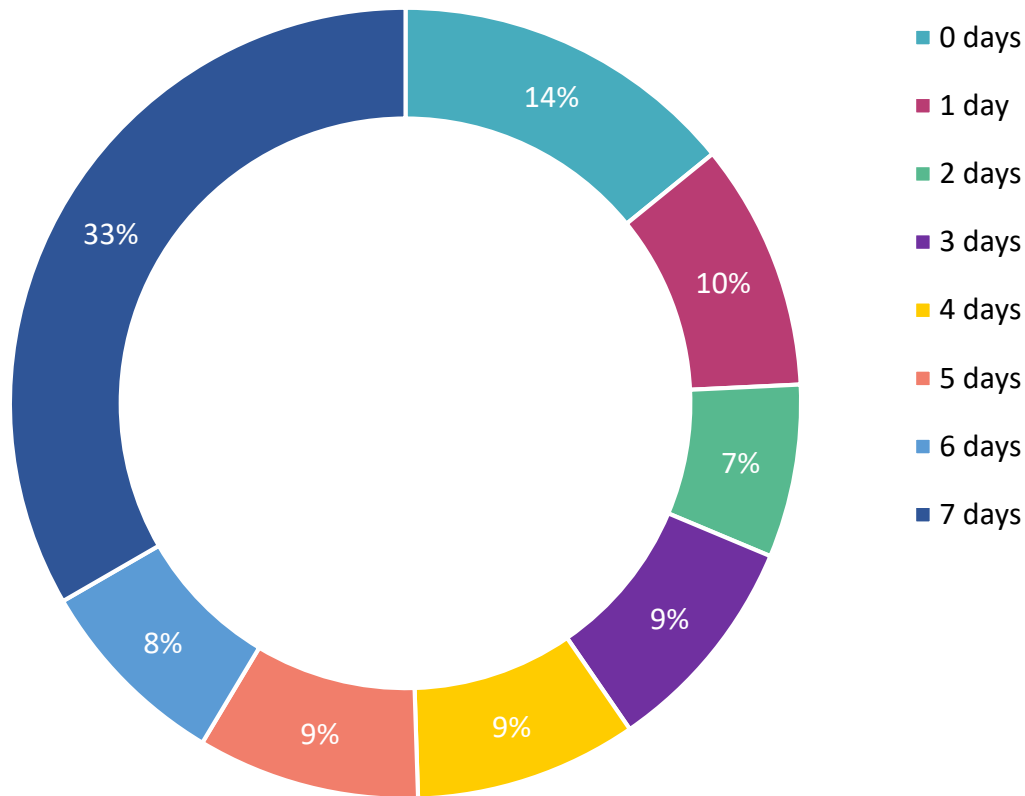
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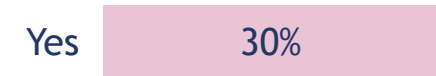
Opening shops



In the past 7 days, on how many days have you left your home?



Are you currently self-isolating due to yourself or someone else in your household having symptoms or being in a high risk group?



What are we worried about?

Over the past week, how much have the following been worrying you?

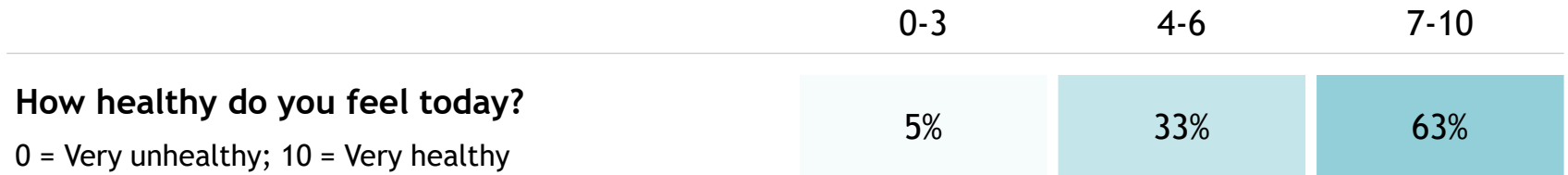
	Not at all	A little	A lot
Losing someone you love to the virus	12%	27%	61%
The wellbeing of your children*~	17%	29%	54%
Your children's education*~	21%	34%	45%
A health condition not related to coronavirus	65%	21%	13%
Losing your job or not being able to find one#~	61%	25%	14%
Work, even if your job is secure#~	45%	34%	21%
Your finances	61%	25%	14%

As a result of coronavirus, have you or anyone in your household...

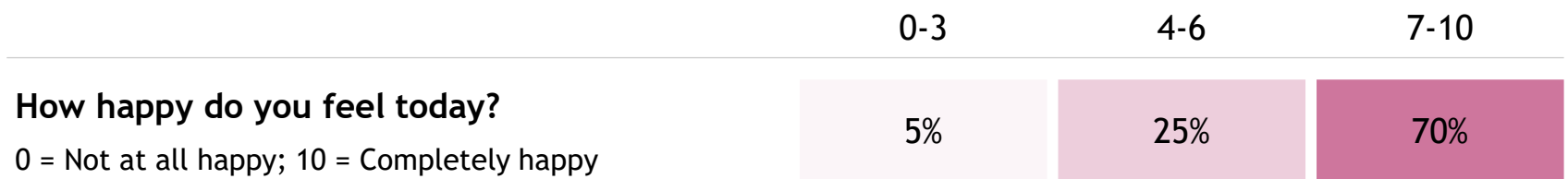
	Yes
Been suspended from work on lower or no pay (e.g. furloughed)	27%
Had their income considerably reduced through getting less work or reduced hours	15%
Experienced any other financial impact on the household due to coronavirus	10%

*limited to those with children in the household; ~Unweighted data; #Excludes those responding 'not applicable'

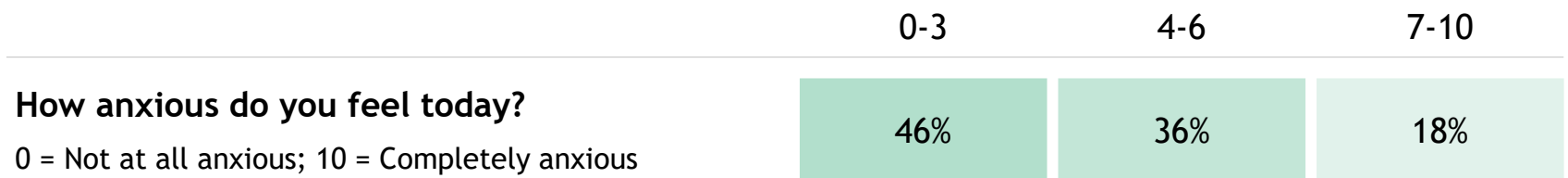
Feeling healthy



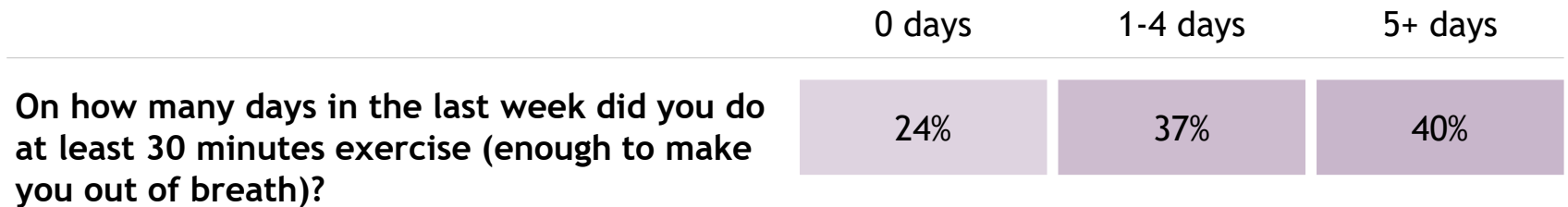
Feeling happy



Feeling anxious



Exercise



In the last week, how often have you felt...

	Lonely	Isolated
Never	64%	40%
Occasionally	26%	41%
Often	7%	14%
Always	4%	5%

Over the past week, how much have the following been worrying you?

Your mental health and wellbeing

Not at all	49%
A little	39%
A lot	12%

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