

# Impact of COVID-19 in Buffalo Center

Full Response Rate n=60 42.0%  
 Full+Partial Response Rate n=63 44.1% *Data collected between December 2020 through February 2021.*

**Compared to ONE YEAR AGO, how has COVID-19 impacted the following aspects of your life. Has it made it worse off, better off, or has it stayed about the same?**

	Much Worse Off	Somewhat Worse Off	About the Same	Somewhat Better Off	Much Better Off	DNA/DNK
Your physical health	2.3%	13.5%	71.9%	6.6%	0.0%	5.8%
Your mental health	8.9%	26.6%	57.6%	1.1%	0.0%	5.8%
Relationship with your spouse/partner	1.1%	12.5%	48.3%	7.7%	7.9%	22.4%
Your relationships with close family	11.0%	11.0%	54.1%	7.7%	9.1%	7.0%
Your relationships with close friends	10.3%	23.7%	48.0%	1.1%	9.1%	7.7%
Your housing situation	0.0%	0.0%	83.0%	0.7%	0.0%	16.3%
Your employment situation	1.1%	9.6%	65.9%	0.0%	0.7%	22.6%
Your personal financial situation	1.1%	13.1%	51.1%	25.0%	0.7%	8.9%

*DNA = Does not apply. DNK = Do not know.*

**Based on what you see as the situation today, do you think IN THE NEXT YEAR COVID-19 will make life for you and others worse off, better off, or will it stay about the same?**

	Much Worse Off	Somewhat Worse Off	About the Same	Somewhat Better Off	Much Better Off
You and your family	0.0%	17.5%	64.5%	9.3%	8.6%
People in your community	0.0%	34.0%	46.1%	11.3%	8.6%
People in Iowa	12.7%	20.5%	47.6%	10.0%	9.3%

**Did any of the following HEALTH risks apply to YOU or someone in YOUR HOUSEHOLD?**

	Yes
Was tested for COVID-19	68.8%
Tested positive for COVID-19	24.3%
Had or currently have symptoms of COVID-19	41.5%
Was hospitalized for COVID-19	4.2%
Had or currently have a serious health condition	27.4%
Sought mental health services due to COVID-19	0.0%
Living or working where risk of getting COVID-19 is high	34.9%

**Would you get a VACCINE to prevent COVID-19 if it were available today?**

Definitely Not	Probably Not	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes
11.1%	20.0%	21.2%	47.7%

**Percent showing signs of DEPRESSION (CES-D10):** 18.1%

**Percent showing signs of ANXIETY (GAD7):** 19.1%

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## How has COVID-19 impacted the FINANCIAL situation for YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

	Yes
Had working hours reduced	35.7%
Taken a pay cut	17.1%
Had job benefits reduced	1.8%
Been laid off or lost a job	3.6%
Been unable to pay rent or mortgage	0.0%
Been unable to pay other bills	2.3%
Have medical debt related to COVID	0.0%
Used personal or retirement savings to make ends meet	1.8%
Had to take on other debt to make ends meet	3.4%

## In your opinion, how have the following organizations HANDLED THE IMPACTS of COVID-19 in your community?

	Poor Job	Fair Job	Good Job	Very Good Job
Local hospitals, clinics, and health professionals	1.1%	18.3%	54.5%	26.0%
Employers in protecting the health of their workers	3.0%	36.6%	39.5%	20.9%
Local businesses in protecting the health of their customers	15.2%	33.9%	38.6%	12.3%
Local community groups	9.1%	32.9%	33.6%	24.5%
Local public schools	2.3%	38.5%	31.2%	28.1%
Your local city and county government officials	10.2%	31.7%	37.9%	20.2%
Iowa public health officials	13.6%	28.6%	42.2%	15.6%
CDC / Centers for Disease Control	9.4%	28.7%	49.7%	12.2%
Governor Reynolds and her administration	19.1%	25.5%	16.5%	38.9%
President Trump and his administration	37.2%	8.2%	12.5%	42.2%

## How often do you TRUST the following SOURCES OF INFORMATION about COVID-19?

	Never	Almost never	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Your doctor or healthcare provider	0.0%	0.0%	11.3%	67.1%	21.6%
Health or medical websites	7.9%	6.3%	31.8%	52.1%	1.9%
News media	22.0%	21.7%	44.7%	10.4%	1.2%
Social media	33.3%	45.3%	20.7%	0.7%	0.0%
Public health officials	9.1%	4.7%	33.6%	26.5%	26.1%
State and federal elected officials	17.0%	16.9%	51.4%	14.7%	0.0%

## What best describes how does the COVID-19 pandemic FEEL TO YOU?

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Local problem	9.1%	0.0%	29.1%	10.2%	51.6%	National problem
Close to me	26.1%	14.8%	42.0%	13.9%	3.1%	Far away from me
Spreading slowly	0.7%	6.6%	42.8%	25.3%	24.7%	Spreading fast
Responsibility of individuals	26.8%	15.6%	45.1%	6.7%	5.7%	Responsibility of government
Makes me feel passive	0.0%	6.4%	67.5%	15.2%	10.9%	Makes me feel defiant
Hyped by the media	29.1%	13.1%	16.7%	13.4%	27.7%	Not hyped by the media
People can't do anything about it	6.6%	2.7%	21.1%	17.9%	51.7%	People can do something about it