

# Impact of COVID-19 in Jefferson

Full Response Rate n=66 39.1%  
 Full+Partial Response Rate n=79 46.7%

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                  | 3.7%           | 17.1%              | 60.9%          | 1.0%                | 2.8%            | 14.5%   |
| Your mental health                    | 3.7%           | 35.2%              | 46.7%          | 2.0%                | 0.7%            | 11.7%   |
| Relationship with your spouse/partner | 1.0%           | 19.3%              | 43.5%          | 10.9%               | 0.7%            | 24.5%   |
| Your relationships with close family  | 4.1%           | 20.4%              | 53.7%          | 9.4%                | 3.8%            | 8.6%    |
| Your relationships with close friends | 5.8%           | 33.5%              | 45.5%          | 2.8%                | 2.8%            | 9.6%    |
| Your housing situation                | 0.0%           | 5.9%               | 76.2%          | 3.5%                | 0.7%            | 13.7%   |
| Your employment situation             | 11.4%          | 14.5%              | 45.9%          | 2.0%                | 0.7%            | 25.5%   |
| Your personal financial situation     | 9.7%           | 14.2%              | 53.7%          | 9.0%                | 0.7%            | 12.7%   |

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      | 0.7%           | 14.3%              | 56.3%          | 27.9%               | 0.7%            |
| People in your community | 1.8%           | 30.5%              | 36.1%          | 30.7%               | 1.0%            |
| People in Iowa           | 3.8%           | 33.2%              | 31.5%          | 30.7%               | 0.7%            |

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

|  | Yes   |
|--|-------|
| Was tested for COVID-19                                  | 41.4% |
| Tested positive for COVID-19                             | 6.8%  |
| Had or currently have symptoms of COVID-19               | 21.3% |
| Was hospitalized for COVID-19                            | 0.0%  |
| Had or currently have a serious health condition         | 23.6% |
| Sought mental health services due to COVID-19            | 0.0%  |
| Living or working where risk of getting COVID-19 is high | 21.9% |

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

| Definitely Not | Probably Not | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 7.0%           | 10.1%        | 16.5%        | 66.5%          |

Percent showing signs of DEPRESSION (CES-D10): 14.3%  
 Percent showing signs of ANXIETY (GAD7): 17.2%

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

|   | Yes   |
|---|-------|
| Had working hours reduced                             | 27.9% |
| Taken a pay cut                                       | 22.3% |
| Had job benefits reduced                              | 23.1% |
| Been laid off or lost a job                           | 23.6% |
| Been unable to pay rent or mortgage                   | 8.0%  |
| Been unable to pay other bills                        | 8.0%  |
| Have medical debt related to COVID                    | 3.7%  |
| Used personal or retirement savings to make ends meet | 23.0% |
| Had to take on other debt to make ends meet           | 13.4% |

## 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           | 3.7%     | 8.6%     | 45.0%    | 42.7%         |
| Employers in protecting the health of their workers          | 6.2%     | 22.5%    | 42.6%    | 28.7%         |
| Local businesses in protecting the health of their customers | 3.5%     | 25.8%    | 51.4%    | 19.3%         |
| Local community groups                                       | 2.5%     | 37.9%    | 42.7%    | 16.9%         |
| Local public schools   | 11.0%    | 26.2%    | 40.6%    | 22.2%         |
| Your local city and county government officials              | 10.6%    | 24.1%    | 49.3%    | 16.0%         |
| Iowa public health officials                                 | 12.4%    | 18.0%    | 46.6%    | 23.0%         |
| CDC / Centers for Disease Control                            | 2.0%     | 19.5%    | 59.3%    | 19.2%         |
| Governor Reynolds and her administration                     | 25.1%    | 34.8%    | 25.4%    | 14.7%         |
| President Trump and his administration                       | 37.9%    | 21.4%    | 24.6%    | 16.0%         |

## 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  | 1.0%  | 0.0%         | 11.6%            | 44.8%            | 42.6%           |
| Health or medical websites          | 0.7%  | 1.0%         | 42.5%            | 50.9%            | 4.8%            |
| News media                          | 17.9% | 8.0%         | 57.0%            | 17.2%            | 0.0%            |
| Social media                        | 33.8% | 36.3%        | 25.1%            | 3.8%             | 1.0%            |
| Public health officials             | 2.0%  | 2.7%         | 21.8%            | 58.1%            | 15.4%           |
| State and federal elected officials | 20.3% | 6.2%         | 45.8%            | 25.6%            | 2.0%            |

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

|                                   | <----- | <----- | Neutral | -----> | -----> |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|
| Local problem                     | 2.0%   | 1.0%   | 30.4%   | 21.0%  | 45.5%  | National problem                 |
| Close to me                       | 17.1%  | 25.1%  | 41.2%   | 11.8%  | 4.8%   | Far away from me                 |
| Spreading slowly                  | 2.0%   | 0.0%   | 28.0%   | 42.0%  | 27.9%  | Spreading fast                   |
| Responsibility of individuals     | 23.9%  | 2.9%   | 51.1%   | 12.8%  | 9.3%   | Responsibility of government     |
| Makes me feel passive             | 1.0%   | 10.2%  | 68.5%   | 7.3%   | 13.0%  | Makes me feel defiant            |
| Hyped by the media                | 19.9%  | 15.1%  | 34.5%   | 17.1%  | 13.4%  | Not hyped by the media           |
| People can't do anything about it | 1.0%   | 1.8%   | 22.3%   | 27.2%  | 47.7%  | People can do something about it |