COVID-19 Survey
Community Summary
Arabic
A summary of our research into the views of the Arabic speaking community in Greater Western Sydney about COVID-19, conducted between 21/03/21 and 09/07/21

- 80 people who speak Arabic as their main language at home took part
- 84% speak English very well/well (67 out of 80)
- 81% read Arabic very well/well (65 out of 80)
- 69% adequate health literacy (55 out of 80)

Top sources for COVID-19 information: social media (68%)

- Average 2.3/10 score for risk perception
- 65% would say Yes to a vaccine
- 83% would get tested ‘No matter what’

Top Sources for COVID-19 Information

1. **Social media (68%)**: Facebook (82%); YouTube (44%); WhatsApp (40%)
2. **Official Australian source (49%)**: Health professional (64%); Australian government websites (61%); Australian public TV (36%)
3. **Australian commercial source (49%)**: Australian commercial TV (74%); Australian news/magazine website (29%)

36% get information about COVID-19 in a language other than English

Average of **2.8** out of 10 for difficulty finding COVID-19 information in Arabic that is easy to understand*

Average of **3.8** out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand*

*where 10 = extremely difficult
If a COVID-19 vaccine is recommended to me, I will get it (65%)

Top barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine

- I am worried about side effects (47%)
- I need more information to make a decision (9%)
- I think the vaccine may not work well (10%)
- I do not think the vaccine will be safe (8%)

Top barriers to getting tested for COVID-19

- Testing is painful (26%)
- I already had a negative test so I don’t need another one (14%)
- I don’t know how, when and where to get tested (16%)
- I’m worried the results will be on my health record (9%)
- I will get tested no matter what (81%)

Risk perception

- Very low (average of 2.3 out of 10)
- High intentions to perform COVID-19 prevention behaviours (average of 4.7 out of 5)

On a scale of 0 to 10, how serious a public health problem do you think COVID-19 is currently, in Australia?

Where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree, in the next 4 weeks, I will...

- Get tested if I have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever)
- Stay home while I wait for COVID-19 test results
- Stay home if I have COVID-19 symptoms

In the next 4 weeks, I will...
Impacts of COVID-19: **Employment**

- 36% said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- 16% said they were 'Not at all' or 'A little bit' able to meet their **weekly expenses**. 51% were 'Somewhat' able to, and 35% said 'Quite a bit' or 'Very much'
- 43% said they were 'Not at all' or 'A little bit' worried about the **financial problems** they will have in the future as a result of the pandemic. 34% were 'Somewhat' worried, and 24% said that they were 'Quite a bit' or 'Very much' worried

Impacts of COVID-19: **Relationships + Children**

- 80% said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- 14% said COVID-19 has had positive effects on their relationship with their partner
- 7% said COVID-19 has had negative effects on their relationship with their partner

Impacts of COVID-19: **Mental Health**

Over the past week, how often have you felt nervous or "stressed" because of COVID-19?

- 49% reported some of the time
- 13% reported most of the time
- 5% reported all of the time

Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely because of COVID-19?

- 40% reported some of the time
- 16% reported most of the time
- 7% reported all of the time

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Assyrian
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- 133 people who speak Assyrian as their main language at home took part
- 68% speak English very well/well (90 out of 133)
- 61% read Assyrian very well/well (81 out of 133)
- 54% adequate health literacy (72 out of 133)

**Top Sources for COVID-19 Information**

1. **Australian commercial source (63%)**: Australian commercial TV (84%); Australian news/magazine website (14%)
2. **Official Australian source (58%)**: Australian public TV (73%); Health professional (52%); Australian government websites (28%)
3. **Social media (41%)**: Facebook (94%); YouTube (39%); Instagram (30%)
4. **Friends or family living in Australia (32%)**: living in Australia longer than the participant (88%)

**Average 3.1/10 score for risk perception**

- 41% would say Yes to a vaccine
- 80% would get tested ‘No matter what’

Top source for COVID-19 information was Australian commercial sources (63%)

**33% get information about COVID-19 in a language other than English**

Average of 5.6 out of 10 for difficulty finding COVID-19 information in Assyrian that is easy to understand*

Average of 4.2 out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand*

*where 10 = extremely difficult
Top barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine

- 41% If a COVID-19 vaccine is recommended to me, I will get it
- 29% I am worried about side effects
- 20% I do not think the vaccine will be safe
- 14% I do not trust the drug companies
- 10% I am worried about how the vaccine may affect my other illness

Where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree, In the next 4 weeks, I will...

- Stay home if I have COVID-19 symptoms: 4.7
- Stay home while I wait for COVID-19 test results: 4.5
- Get tested if I have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever): 4.3

Top barriers to getting tested for COVID-19

- 33% I’m worried I will get infected with COVID-19 at the testing clinic
- 9% I’m worried about what others think of me
- 25% Testing is painful
- 9% I don’t know how, when and where to get tested
- 80% I will get tested no matter what

Risk perception very low (average of 3.1 out of 10)
High intentions to perform COVID-19 prevention behaviours (average of 4.5 out of 5)
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**Impacts of COVID-19: Employment**

- 18% said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- 29% said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ able to meet their weekly expenses. 29% were ‘Somewhat’ able to, and 42% said ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’
- 50% said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ worried about the financial problems they will have in the future as a result of the pandemic. 21% were ‘Somewhat’ worried, and 29% said that they were ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’ worried

**Impacts of COVID-19: Relationships + Children**

- 88% said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- 10% said COVID-19 has had positive effects on their relationship with their partner
- 3% said COVID-19 has had negative effects on their relationship with their partner

**Impacts of COVID-19: Mental Health**

Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely because of COVID-19?

- 62% Never
- 29% Some of the time
- 6% Most of the time
- 4% All of the time

Over the past week, how often have you felt nervous or "stressed" because of COVID-19?

- 49% Never
- 34% Some of the time
- 12% Most of the time
- 5% All of the time
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Chinese
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- 77 people who speak Chinese as their main language at home took part
- 58% speak English very well/well (45 out of 77)
- 96% read Chinese very well/well (74 out of 77)
- 52% adequate health literacy (40 out of 77)

Top sources for COVID-19 information were:
1. **Social media (72%)**: WeChat (76%); YouTube (35%); Facebook (20%)
2. **Friends or family living in Australia (47%)**: living in Australia longer than participant (78%)
3. **Australian commercial source (46%)**: Australian news/magazine website (92%); Australian commercial TV (35%)
4. **Official Australian source (44%)**: Australian government websites (63%); Australian public TV (50%)

58% get information about COVID-19 in a language other than English

Average of 3.4 out of 10 for difficulty finding COVID-19 information in Chinese that is easy to understand*

Average of 4.1 out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand*

*where 10 = extremely difficult
If a COVID-19 vaccine is recommended to me, I will get it (46%).

I am worried about side effects (44%).

I need more information to make a decision (8%).

I do not think the vaccine will be safe (29%).

I think the vaccine may not work well (7%).

Top barriers to getting tested for COVID-19

- 50% I’m worried I will get infected with COVID-19 at the testing clinic.
- 15% I already had a negative test so I don’t need another one.
- 17% I don’t know how, when and where to get tested.
- 6% Testing is painful.
- 74% I will get tested no matter what.

Top barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine

- Risk perception very low (average of 2.8 out of 10)
- High intentions to perform COVID-19 prevention behaviours (average of 4.8 out of 5)

On a scale of 0 to 10, how serious a public health problem do you think COVID-19 is currently, in Australia?

- Get tested if I have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever) (4.8)
- Stay home while I wait for COVID-19 test results (4.7)
- Stay home if I have COVID-19 symptoms (4.9)

Where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree, in the next 4 weeks, I will...
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Impacts of COVID-19: Employment

- **39%** said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- **27%** said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ able to meet their **weekly expenses**.
- **23%** were ‘Somewhat’ able to, and **49%** said ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’
- **56%** said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ worried about the **financial problems** they will have in the future as a result of the pandemic. **24%** were ‘Somewhat’ worried, and **18%** said that they were ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’ worried.

![Graph showing employment changes](image)

**How has your employment changed?**

- **20%** Reduction of hours
- **18%** Lost job
- **3%** Pay cut
- **3%** Have a new job
- **3%** Stood down (not working for pay but not fired)

Impacts of COVID-19: Relationships + Children

- **66%** said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- **20%** said COVID-19 has had some negative effects on their relationship with their partner
- **14%** said COVID-19 has had some positive effects on their relationship with their partner

![Graph showing relationship changes](image)

**Impacts of COVID-19: Mental Health**

- **35%** Over the past week, how often have you felt nervous or “stressed” because of COVID-19?
- **58%** Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely because of COVID-19?

![Graph showing mental health changes](image)

**Over the past week, how often have you felt nervous or “stressed” because of COVID-19?**

- **35%** Never
- **52%** Some of the time
- **6%** Most of the time
- **0%** All of the time

**Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely because of COVID-19?**

- **52%** Never
- **41%** Some of the time
- **5%** Most of the time
- **1%** All of the time
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Croatian
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- 121 people who speak Croatian as their main language at home took part
- 38% speak English very well/well (46 out of 121)
- 100% read Croatian very well/well (121 out of 121)
- 32% adequate health literacy (39 out of 121)

Top Source for COVID-19 Information
1. **Overseas information sources (98%)**: Overseas websites (82%); Overseas TV (74%); Family or friends living overseas (63%)
2. **Community (65%)**: Community leader (69%); Community TV (34%); Religious leader (33%)
3. **Friends or family living in Australia (63%)**: living in Australia same amount of time or less than the participant (95%)
4. **Official Australian source (60%)**: Health professional (99%); Australian government websites (18%)

Average 4.0/10 score for risk perception
43% would say Yes to a vaccine
59% would get tested ‘No matter what’

98% get information about COVID-19 in a language other than English
Average of 3.4 out of 10 for difficulty finding COVID-19 information in Croatian that is easy to understand*
Average of 6.6 out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand*

*where 10 = extremely difficult
If a COVID-19 vaccine is recommended to me, I will get it (43%)

I do not think the vaccine will be safe (60%)

I am worried about the side effects (27%)

Top barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine

Risk perception low (average of 4.0 out of 10)
High intentions to perform COVID-19 prevention behaviours (average of 4.3 out of 5)

On a scale of 0 to 10, how serious a public health problem do you think COVID-19 is currently, in Australia?

Stay home while I wait for COVID-19 test results: 4.3
Stay home if I have COVID-19 symptoms: 4.3
Get tested if I have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever): 4.2

Top barriers to getting tested for COVID-19

I’ll forget to get tested (29%)
I already had a negative test so I don’t need another one (13%)
I’m worried about what will happen to my visa if I test positive (22%)
I’m worried the results will be on my health record (13%)
I will get tested no matter what (59%)
Impacts of COVID-19: Employment

- 42% said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- 4% said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ able to meet their weekly expenses. 34% were ‘Somewhat’ able to, and 62% said ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’
- 32% said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ worried about the financial problems they will have in the future as a result of the pandemic. 22% were ‘Somewhat’ worried, and 47% said that they were ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’ worried

Impacts of COVID-19: Relationships + Children

- 46% said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- 38% said COVID-19 has had negative effects on their relationship with their partner
- 16% said COVID-19 has had positive effects on their relationship with their partner

Impacts of COVID-19: Mental Health

- Over the past week, how often have you felt nervous or "stressed" because of COVID-19?
  - Never: 5%
  - Some of the time: 32%
  - Most of the time: 62%
  - All of the time: 2%
- Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely because of COVID-19?
  - Never: 5%
  - Some of the time: 39%
  - Most of the time: 54%
  - All of the time: 2%

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Dari

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- 44 people who speak Dari as their main language at home took part
- 59% speak English very well/well (26 out of 44)
- 92% read Dari very well/well (40 out of 44)
- 35% adequate health literacy (15 out of 44)

Top Sources for COVID-19 Information

1. **Social media (73%)**: Facebook (97%); YouTube (67%); Instagram (36%)
2. **Official Australian source (67%)**: Australian public TV (47%); Health professional (39%)
3. **Friends or family living in Australia (54%)**: living in Australia more years than the participant (93%); living in Australia the same or fewer years than the participant (81%)
4. **Australian commercial source (39%)**: Australian commercial TV (84%); Australian news/magazine website (37%)

58% get information about COVID-19 in a language other than English

Average of **7.0** out of 10 for difficulty finding COVID-19 information in Dari that is easy to understand*

Average of **7.0** out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand*

*where 10 = extremely difficult
Top barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine

- **34%**
  If a COVID-19 vaccine is recommended to me, I will get it

- **38%**
  I want to wait so that I can see how other countries go first

- **26%**
  I am worried about side effects

- **12%**
  I am worried about how the vaccine may affect my other illness

- **11%**
  I need more information to make a decision

Top barriers to getting tested for COVID-19

- **35%**
  I don’t know how, when and where to get tested

- **13%**
  It’s too difficult or expensive to get tested

- **21%**
  I’m worried about what will happen to my visa if I test positive

- **12%**
  I’m worried I will get infected with COVID-19 at the testing clinic

- **74%**
  I will get tested no matter what

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Risk perception high (average of 7.9 out of 10)

High intentions to perform COVID-19 prevention behaviours (average of 4.8 out of 5)

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On a scale of 0 to 10, how serious a public health problem do you think COVID-19 is currently, in Australia?

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**Impacts of COVID-19: Employment**

- **57%** said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- **19%** said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ able to meet their **weekly expenses**. **55%** were ‘Somewhat’ able to, and **26%** said ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’
- **7%** said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ worried about the **financial problems** they will have in the future as a result of the pandemic. **33%** were ‘Somewhat’ worried, and **60%** said that they were ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’ worried

**Impacts of COVID-19: Relationships + Children**

- **60%** said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- **33%** said COVID-19 has had negative effects on their relationship with their partner
- **7%** said COVID-19 has had positive effects on their relationship with their partner

**Impacts of COVID-19: Mental Health**

**Over the past week, how often have you felt nervous or "stressed" because of COVID-19?**

- **14%** said Never
- **54%** said Some of the time
- **29%** said Most of the time
- **3%** said All of the time

**Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely because of COVID-19?**

- **25%** said Never
- **58%** said Some of the time
- **17%** said Most of the time
- **1%** said All of the time
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- 63 people who speak Dinka as their main language at home took part
- 98% speak English very well/well (62 out of 63)
- 66% read Dinka very well/well (41 out of 63)
- 74% adequate health literacy (47 out of 63)

Top Sources for COVID-19 Information

1. **Official Australian source (67%)**: Australian public TV (91%); Health professional (42%); Australian government websites (27%); Australian public radio or podcasts (21%)
2. **Social media (65%)**: Facebook (85%); YouTube (39%); Instagram (36%)
3. **Australian commercial source (55%)**: Australian commercial TV (87%); Australian news/magazine website (24%)

Average 5.5/10 score for risk perception
- 49% would say Yes to a vaccine: main barrier is worry about side effects
- 74% would get tested ‘No matter what’

Top source for COVID-19 information was official Australian source (67%)

Average of 5.6 out of 10 for difficulty finding COVID-19 information in Dinka that is easy to understand*

Average of 2.6 out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand*

*where 10 = extremely difficult
Top barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine

- **49%**
  If a COVID-19 vaccine is recommended to me, I will get it

- **32%**
  I am worried about side effects

- **11%**
  I do not think the vaccine will be safe

- **17%**
  I need more information to make a decision

- **9%**
  I do not trust the drug companies

**Risk perception** medium (average of 5.5 out of 10)

**High intentions to perform COVID-19 prevention behaviours** (average of 4.7 out of 5)

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**Top barriers to getting tested for COVID-19**

- **32%**
  Testing is painful

- **15%**
  I’ll forget to get tested

- **19%**
  I’m worried I will get infected with COVID-19 at the testing clinic

- **9%**
  I already had a negative test so I don’t need another one

- **74%**
  I will get tested no matter what
Impacts of COVID-19: Employment

- 40% said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- 24% said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ able to meet their weekly expenses. 16% were ‘Somewhat’ able to, and 59% said ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’
- 23% said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ worried about the financial problems they will have in the future as a result of the pandemic. 15% were ‘Somewhat’ worried, and 62% said that they were ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’ worried

Impacts of COVID-19: Relationships + Children

- 70% said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- 19% said COVID-19 has had negative effects on their relationship with their partner
- 11% said COVID-19 has had positive effects on their relationship with their partner

Impacts of COVID-19: Mental Health

Over the past week, how often have you felt nervous or “stressed” because of COVID-19?

- 22% Never
- 40% Some of the time
- 20% Most of the time
- 18% All of the time

Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely because of COVID-19?

- 38% Never
- 38% Some of the time
- 6% Most of the time
- 19% All of the time

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COVID-19 Survey
Community Summary
Hindi

A summary of our research into the views of the Hindi speaking community in Greater Western Sydney about COVID-19, conducted between 21/03/21 and 09/07/21

- 42 people who speak Hindi as their main language at home took part
- 96% speak English very well/well (40 out of 42)
- 97% read Hindi very well/well (41 out of 42)
- 88% adequate health literacy (37 out of 42)

Top sources for COVID-19 information was Australian commercial TV (68%)

1. **Australian commercial source (74%)**: Australian commercial TV (92%)
2. **Social media (71%)**: WhatsApp (65%); Facebook (63%); YouTube (50%); Instagram (42%)
3. **Official Australian source (69%)**: Australian public TV (80%); Health professional (47%)
4. **Overseas information sources (33%)**: Overseas TV (88%)

**Average 6.3/10 score for risk perception**

- 82% would say Yes to a vaccine
- 99% would get tested ‘No matter what’

**Country of birth**

- India, 86%
- Malaysia, 1%
- Bhutan, 2%
- Australia, 12%

**Age and gender**

| Age Group | 18-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60-69 | >70 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Male      |       | 1     | 2     |       | 4     | 2   |
| Female    | 4     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 3     | 3   |

**Top Sources for COVID-19 Information**

15% get information about COVID-19 in a language other than English

Average of 3.3 out of 10 for difficulty finding COVID-19 information in Hindi that is easy to understand*

Average of 1.7 out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand*

*where 10 = extremely difficult
82% If a COVID-19 vaccine is recommended to me, I will get it

62% I need more information to make a decision

38% I am worried about the side effects

Top barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine

Top barriers to getting tested for COVID-19

50% Testing is painful

50% It's too difficult or expensive to get tested

99% I will get tested no matter what

Where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree,
In the next 4 weeks, I will...

On a scale of 0 to 10, how serious a public health problem do you think COVID-19 is currently, in Australia?

- Risk perception medium (average of 6.3 out of 10)
- High intentions to perform COVID-19 prevention behaviours (average of 4.2 out of 5)
Impacts of COVID-19: **Employment**

- **48%** said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- **7%** said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ able to meet their **weekly expenses**. **39%** were ‘Somewhat’ able to, and **54%** said ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’
- **20%** said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ worried about the **financial problems** they will have in the future as a result of the pandemic. **40%** were ‘Somewhat’ worried, and **40%** said that they were ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’ worried

**Impacts of COVID-19: Relationships + Children**

- **76%** said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- **15%** said COVID-19 has had negative effects on their relationship with their partner
- **9%** said COVID-19 has had positive effects on their relationship with their partner

**Impacts of COVID-19: Mental Health**

- Over the past week, how often have you felt **alone or lonely** because of COVID-19?
  - **51%**
  - **43%**
  - **6%**
  - **0%**

- Over the past week, how often have you felt **nervous or “stressed”** because of COVID-19?
  - **35%**
  - **51%**
  - **12%**
  - **2%**
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COVID-19 Survey
Community Summary
Khmer
A summary of our research into the views of the Khmer speaking community in Greater Western Sydney about COVID-19, conducted between 21/03/21 and 09/07/21

- 63 people who speak Khmer as their main language at home took part
- 56% speak English very well/well (35 out of 63)
- 74% read Khmer very well/well (47 out of 63)
- 66% adequate health literacy (42 out of 63)

![Country of birth chart]

- Cambodia, 90%
- Cape Verde, 1%
- Australia, 8%

![Bar chart]

- 18-29: 11
- 30-39: 7
- 40-49: 6
- 50-59: 3
- 60-69: 3
- >70: 5

- Female
- Male

1. **Official Australian source (92%)**: Australian government websites (76%); Australian public TV (74%); Health professional (52%)

2. **Australian commercial source (82%)**: Australian commercial TV (93%); Australian news/magazine website (75%)

3. **Social media (57%)**: Facebook (96%); Instagram (74%); YouTube (52%)

- Average 7.3/10 score for risk perception
- 98% would say Yes to a vaccine
- 89% would get tested ‘No matter what’
- Top source for COVID-19 information was official Australian source (92%)

- 40% get information about COVID-19 in a language other than English
- Average of 2.8 out of 10 for difficulty finding COVID-19 information in Khmer that is easy to understand*
- Average of 3.1 out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand*

*where 10 = extremely difficult
98%
If a COVID-19 vaccine is recommended to me, I will get it
The only barrier given by the one participant who said ‘Not sure’ was ‘I want to wait so that I can see how other countries go first’

- Risk perception high (average of 7.3 out of 10)
- High intentions to perform COVID-19 prevention behaviours (average of 4.9 out of 5)

On a scale of 0 to 10, how serious a public health problem do you think COVID-19 is currently, in Australia?

Where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree,
In the next 4 weeks, I will...

- Get tested if I have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever) 4.9
- Stay home while I wait for COVID-19 test results 4.9
- Stay home if I have COVID-19 symptoms 4.9

Barriers to getting tested for COVID-19

55%
I’m worried I will get infected with COVID-19 at the testing clinic

17%
Testing is painful

22%
I’m worried about what will happen to my visa if I test positive

6%
I don’t know how, when and where to get tested

89%
I will get tested no matter what
Impacts of COVID-19: **Employment**

- **60%** said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- **48%** said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ able to meet their **weekly expenses**. **42%** were ‘Somewhat’ able to, and **10%** said ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’
- **10%** said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ worried about the **financial problems** they will have in the future as a result of the pandemic. **19%** were ‘Somewhat’ worried, and **71%** said that they were ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’ worried

**How has your employment changed?**

| Reduction of hours | Lost job | Stood down (not working for pay but not fired) | Pay cut | Have a new job | Not working but still being paid |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 45%                | 30%      | 11%                                           | 6%      | 2%            | 2%                               |

Impacts of COVID-19: **Relationships + Children**

- **36%** said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- **45%** said COVID-19 has had negative effects on their relationship with their partner
- **19%** said COVID-19 has had some positive effects on their relationship with their partner

**Where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree, Since the pandemic started...**

- **4.5** My children spend less time with their friends
- **4.5** I or another family member now spend more time looking after my children
- **4.2** My children are less physically active
- **4.0** My children are finding school harder
- **3.8** My children have more screen time

Impacts of COVID-19: **Mental Health**

**Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely because of COVID-19?**

- **45%** Never
- **44%** Some of the time
- **7%** Most of the time
- **4%** All of the time

**Over the past week, how often have you felt nervous or "stressed" because of COVID-19?**

- **49%** Never
- **41%** Some of the time
- **2%** Most of the time
- **8%** All of the time

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COVID-19 Survey
Community Summary
Samoan and Tongan

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- 42 people who speak Samoan or Tongan as their main language at home took part.
- 94% speak English very well/well (40 out of 42).
- 92% read Samoan or Tongan very well/well (39 out of 42).
- 98% adequate health literacy (41 out of 42).

Country of birth:
- Australia, 36%
- Samoa, 6%
- Tonga, 44%
- New Zealand, 14%

Top Sources for COVID-19 Information:
1. **Australian commercial source (82%)**: Australian commercial TV (98%)
2. **Social media (49%)**: Facebook (82%); Instagram (39%); YouTube (23%)
3. **Official Australian source (29%)**: Australian government websites (58%); Health professional (53%); Australian public TV (38%)
4. **Community (28%)**: Community radio or podcast (73%); Community TV (14%); Religious leader (13%)

**Average 4.0/10 score for risk perception**
29% would say Yes to a vaccine: main barrier is needing more information.

69% would get tested ‘No matter what’.

Top source for COVID-19 information was Australian commercial TV (80%).

**Average of 6.2 out of 10 for difficulty finding COVID-19 information in Samoan or Tongan that is easy to understand**
**Average of 2.2 out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand**

*where 10 = extremely difficult
Top barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine

29%
If a COVID-19 vaccine is recommended to me, I will get it

36%
I need more information to make a decision

12%
I do not think the vaccine will be safe

14%
I am worried about side effects

12%
I am worried about how the vaccine may affect my other illness

Top barriers to getting tested for COVID-19

53%
Testing is painful

15%
I already had a negative test so I don’t need another one

16%
I’m worried I will get infected with COVID-19 at the testing clinic

10%
I’m worried the results will be on my health record

69%
I will get tested no matter what
Impacts of COVID-19: Employment

- 43% said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- 37% said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ able to meet their weekly expenses. 15% were ‘Somewhat’ able to, and 48% said ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’
- 35% said they were ‘Not at all’ or ‘A little bit’ worried about the financial problems they will have in the future as a result of the pandemic. 9% were ‘Somewhat’ worried, and 56% said that they were ‘Quite a bit’ or ‘Very much’ worried.

Impacts of COVID-19: Relationships + Children

- 32% said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- 68% said COVID-19 has had negative effects on their relationship with their partner
- No one said COVID-19 has had positive effects on their relationship with their partner

Impacts of COVID-19: Mental Health

- Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely because of COVID-19?
  - 38% said 'Never'
  - 43% said 'Some of the time'
  - 19% said 'Most of the time'
  - 0% said 'All of the time'

- Over the past week, how often have you felt nervous or “stressed” because of COVID-19?
  - 17% said 'Never'
  - 54% said 'Some of the time'
  - 29% said 'Most of the time'
  - 0% said 'All of the time'

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