

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 83 FEBRUARY SURVEY  
FEBRUARY 16 – 21, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

**ASK ALL:**

SC1

Overall, would you say science has had a mostly positive effect on our society or a mostly negative effect on our society?

- 1 Mostly positive
- 2 Mostly negative
- 3 Equal positive and negative effects

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**ASK ALL:**

MH\_TRACK

In the past 7 days, how often have you... **[DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER]**

- a. Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge?
- b. Felt depressed?
- c. Felt lonely?
- d. Felt hopeful about the future?
- e. Had trouble sleeping?

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:**

- 1 Rarely or none of the time (less than 1 day)
- 2 Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)
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<sup>1</sup> Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists

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**Felt depressed?**

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**Felt lonely?**

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**Felt hopeful about the future?**

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**Had trouble sleeping?**

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**ASK ALL:**

COVIDCHG

As a result of the coronavirus outbreak, has your own personal life...

- 1 Changed in a major way
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- 3 Stayed about the same as it was before the outbreak

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COVIDEGFP How would you rate the job each of the following is doing responding to the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. Joe Biden
- b. Your state elected officials
- c. Your local elected officials
- d. Public health officials such as those at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

**NO ITEMS e-f**

- g. Hospitals and medical centers in your area

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:**

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor

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☐ Only fair

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**ASK ALL:**

COVIDEGFPDT And overall, how would you rate the job Donald Trump did responding to the coronavirus outbreak during his time in office?

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|---|-----------|
| 1 | Excellent |
| 2 | Good      |
| 3 | Only fair |
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And overall, how would you rate the job Donald Trump did responding to the coronavirus outbreak during his time in office?

- ☐ Excellent
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- ☐ Poor

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COVIDTHREAT How much of a threat, if any, is the coronavirus outbreak for... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. The health of the U.S. population as a whole
- b. Your personal health
- c. The U.S. economy
- d. Your personal financial situation

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 A major threat
- 2 A minor threat
- 3 Not a threat

How much of a threat, if any, is the coronavirus outbreak for...

Your personal health

- ☐ A major threat
- ☐ A minor threat
- ☐ Not a threat

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- ☐ A minor threat
- ☐ Not a threat

The U.S. economy

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- ☐ Not a threat

Your personal financial situation

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- ☐ A minor threat
- ☐ Not a threat

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**ASK ALL:**

BIDENADM

Do you think the plans and policies of the Biden administration will make the country's response to the coronavirus outbreak...

- 1 A lot better
- 2 A little better
- 3 Not much different
- 4 A little worse
- 5 A lot worse

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**ASK ALL:**

MH\_TRACK\_CV

In the past 7 days, how often have you had physical reactions, such as sweating, trouble breathing, nausea, or a pounding heart, when THINKING about your experience with the coronavirus outbreak?

- 1 Rarely or none of the time (less than 1 day)
- 2 Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)
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**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_OPENMORE

Thinking about restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak IN YOUR AREA, do you think there should be... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 MORE restrictions right now
- 2 FEWER restrictions right now
- 3 About the same number of restrictions right now **[anchor]**

Thinking about restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak IN YOUR AREA, do you think there should be...

- ☐ FEWER restrictions right now
- ☐ MORE restrictions right now
- ☐ About the same number of restrictions right now

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**ASK ALL:**

VACCecon

If a large majority of Americans get a vaccine for COVID-19, what do you think the impact would be on the U.S. economy? Do you think it would...

- 1 Help the economy a lot
- 2 Help the economy a little
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**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_RESTRICTION

Thinking about policies in place in some areas to address the coronavirus outbreak, in general do you think each of the following is necessary or unnecessary? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

- a. Restricting international travel to the U.S.

**NO ITEM b**

- c. Asking people to avoid gathering in large groups

**NO ITEM d**

- e. Closing K-12 schools for in-person learning

- f. Limiting restaurants to carry-out only

**NO ITEM g**

- h. Requiring masks or face coverings for travelers on airplanes and public transportation

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:**

- 1 Necessary
- 2 Unnecessary

Thinking about policies in place in some areas to address the coronavirus outbreak, in general do you think each of the following is necessary or unnecessary?

Limiting restaurants to carry-out only

- ☐ Necessary  
☐ Unnecessary

Restricting international travel to the U.S.

- ☐ Necessary  
☐ Unnecessary

Closing K-12 schools for in-person learning

- ☐ Necessary  
☐ Unnecessary

Asking people to avoid gathering in large groups

- ☐ Necessary  
☐ Unnecessary

Requiring masks or face coverings for travelers on airplanes and public transportation

- ☐ Necessary  
☐ Unnecessary

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### ASK ALL:

As you may know, new variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 have been found around the world.

### ASK ALL:

CVDVAR2

When it comes to the country's efforts to control the coronavirus outbreak, do you think new variants of the coronavirus will... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Lead to a major setback for the country's efforts to contain the disease
- 2 Not have a major impact on the country's efforts to contain the disease

As you may know, new variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 have been found around the world.

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**ASK ALL:**

SCHLREOPEN Thinking about K-12 schools that are not currently open for any in-person instruction, how much consideration should be given to each of the following as these schools decide whether to reopen? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

**ASK ALL:**

- a. The risk to teachers of getting or spreading the coronavirus
- b. The risk to students of getting or spreading the coronavirus

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

- c. The financial cost to school systems of following public health guidelines for safe reopening
- d. The possibility that students will fall behind academically without in-person instruction

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

- e. Parents not being able to work if their children are at home
- f. The possibility that students' emotional well-being will be negatively impacted if they don't attend school in person

**RESPONSE OPTIONS**

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not too much
- 4 None at all

Thinking about K-12 schools that are not currently open for any in-person instruction, how much consideration should be given to each of the following as these schools decide whether to reopen?

The financial cost to school systems of following public health guidelines for safe reopening

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Not too much
- ☐ None at all

The risk to students of getting or spreading the coronavirus

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Not too much
- ☐ None at all

The risk to teachers of getting or spreading the coronavirus

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Not too much
- ☐ None at all

The possibility that students will fall behind academically without in-person instruction

- ☐ A lot
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The risk to students of getting or spreading the coronavirus

☐ A lot

☐ Some

☐ Not too much

☐ None at all

The possibility that students' emotional well-being will be negatively impacted if they don't attend school in person

☐ A lot

☐ Some

☐ Not too much

☐ None at all

The risk to teachers of getting or spreading the coronavirus

☐ A lot

☐ Some

☐ Not too much

☐ None at all

Parents not being able to work if their children are at home

☐ A lot

☐ Some

☐ Not too much

☐ None at all

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### ASK ALL:

TCHRVACCINE Thinking about K-12 schools that are not currently open for any in-person instruction, do you think these schools should... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

- 1 Reopen as soon as possible, even if many teachers who want the coronavirus vaccine haven't received it
- 2 Wait to reopen until all teachers who want the coronavirus vaccine have received it

Thinking about K-12 schools that are not currently open for any in-person instruction, do you think these schools should...

☐ Wait to reopen until all teachers who want the coronavirus vaccine have received it

☐ Reopen as soon as possible, even if many teachers who want the coronavirus vaccine haven't received it

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**ASK ALL:**COVID\_INFECT How concerned, if at all, are you that... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

- a. You might spread the coronavirus to other people without knowing that you have it
- b. You will get the coronavirus and require hospitalization

**RESPONSE OPTIONS**

- 1 Very concerned
- 2 Somewhat concerned
- 3 Not too concerned
- 4 Not at all concerned

How concerned, if at all, are you that...

You might spread the coronavirus to other people without knowing that you have it

☐ Very concerned

☐ Somewhat concerned

☐ Not too concerned

☐ Not at all concerned

You will get the coronavirus and require hospitalization

☐ Very concerned

☐ Somewhat concerned

☐ Not too concerned

☐ Not at all concerned

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**ASK ALL:**

COVIDMASK1 In the past month, how often, if ever, have you worn a mask or face covering when in stores or other businesses?

- 1 All or most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never
- [SPACE]**
- 5 Have not gone to these types of places

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**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_VAXD Have you received a vaccine to prevent COVID-19?

- 1 Yes, have received at least one dose of a vaccine
- 2 No, have not received a vaccine

Have you received a vaccine to prevent COVID-19?

☐ Yes, have received at least one dose of a vaccine

☐ No, have not received a vaccine

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**ASK IF HAVE NOT RECEIVED VACCINE OR NO ANSWER [COVID\_VAXD=2,99]:**

COVID\_SCI6E Thinking about vaccines to prevent COVID-19, do you think you will...

- 1 Definitely get a vaccine
- 2 Probably get a vaccine
- 3 Probably NOT get a vaccine
- 4 Definitely NOT get a vaccine

Thinking about vaccines to prevent COVID-19, do you think you will...

☐ Definitely get a vaccine

☐ Probably get a vaccine

☐ Probably NOT get a vaccine

☐ Definitely NOT get a vaccine

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**ASK IF PROBABLY OR DEFINITELY WOULD NOT GET VACCINE [COVID\_SCI6E=3,4]:**

NOCVACC How much of a reason, if any, is each of the following for why you will **[IF COVID\_SCI6E=3: probably; IF COVID\_SCI6E=4: definitely]** NOT get a vaccine to prevent COVID-19? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. Concern about side effects
- b. Do not think I need it
- NO ITEM c**
- d. Want to know more about how well they work
- e. Do not get vaccines in general
- f. The vaccines were developed and tested too quickly
- g. Have seen too many mistakes from medical care system in the past

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:**

- 1 A major reason
- 2 A minor reason
- 3 Not a reason

How much of a reason, if any, is each of the following for why you will probably NOT get a vaccine to prevent COVID-19?

Concern about side effects

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason

Do not think I need it

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason

Have seen too many mistakes from medical care system in the past

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason

Do not get vaccines in general

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason

Want to know more about how well they work

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason

The vaccines were developed and tested too quickly

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason

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How much of a reason, if any, is each of the following for why you will definitely NOT get a vaccine to prevent COVID-19?

Concern about side effects

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason

Do not think I need it

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason

Have seen too many mistakes from medical care system in the past

- ☐ A major reason
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- ☐ Not a reason

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- ☐ Not a reason

Want to know more about how well they work

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#### ASK ALL:

VACCNFDT

How much confidence, if any, do you have that the research and development process has produced COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S. that are safe and effective?

- 1 A great deal of confidence
- 2 A fair amount of confidence
- 3 Not too much confidence
- 4 No confidence at all

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**ASK ALL:**

COMCNCRN1 How much, if at all, do you think people should consider the health effects for the community when making their own decision about whether to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Not at all

How much, if at all, do you think people should consider the health effects for the community when making their own decision about whether to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all

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**ASK ALL:**

CVDVARIMP Thinking about new variants of the coronavirus discovered recently, in your view, do these new coronavirus variants make getting a large majority of Americans vaccinated for the disease...

- 1 More important
- 2 Less important
- 3 Does not change your view

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- ☐ Does not change your view

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**ASK ALL:**

GLBLVACC

Thinking about developing countries around the world, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 The U.S. should help ensure that people in developing countries have access to coronavirus vaccines, even if it means some people in the U.S. need to wait longer to get vaccines
- 2 The U.S. should ensure that there are enough coronavirus vaccines for people in the U.S., even if it means people in developing countries need to wait longer to get vaccines

Thinking about developing countries around the world, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

- ☐ The U.S. should ensure that there are enough coronavirus vaccines for people in the U.S., even if it means people in developing countries need to wait longer to get vaccines
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**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own local area...

**ASK ALL:**

DSTORG

Do you think the process for getting COVID-19 vaccines in your local area is going...

- 1 Very well
- 2 Somewhat well
- 3 Not too well
- 4 Not at all well

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**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DSTFAIR AND DSTINFO]****ASK ALL:**

DSTFAIR

Do you think the process for getting COVID-19 vaccines in your local area is...

- 1 Very fair
- 2 Somewhat fair
- 3 Not too fair
- 4 Not at all fair

Do you think information about how to sign up to get a COVID-19 vaccine in your local area is...

- ☐ Very easy to find
- ☐ Somewhat easy to find
- ☐ Not too easy to find
- ☐ Not at all easy to find

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**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DSTFAIR AND DSTINFO]**

**ASK ALL:**

**DSTINFO** Do you think information about how to sign up to get a COVID-19 vaccine in your local area is...

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- 3 Not too easy to find
- 4 Not at all easy to find

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- ☐ Not too fair
- ☐ Not at all fair

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**ASK ALL:**

**VACCXPT** When do you think most people who want to get a COVID-19 vaccine will be able to get one in your local area?

- 1 Within the next 30 days
- 2 In 1 to 3 months
- 3 In 4 to 6 months
- 4 In 7 to 11 months
- 5 In a year or more

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**ASK IF DID NOT RESPOND YES IN W79 OR W72 OR W67 OR W65(XKNOWPAT=1):**

COVID\_KNOWPATIENTb

Do you personally know someone who has been hospitalized or died as a result of having COVID-19?

- 1 Yes  
2 No

Do you personally know someone who has been hospitalized or died as a result of having COVID-19?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_SELF Since February 2020, have you done or experienced the following?

**NO ITEM a**

- b. Been pretty sure you have had COVID-19 even though you have not been officially diagnosed
- c. Tested positive for having COVID-19

**NO ITEM d**

- e. Tested positive for having antibodies to COVID-19

**RESPONSE OPTIONS**

- 1 Yes, I have  
2 No, I have not

Since February 2020, have you done or experienced the following?

Been pretty sure you have had COVID-19 even though you have not been officially diagnosed

☐ Yes, I have

☐ No, I have not

Tested positive for having COVID-19

☐ Yes, I have

☐ No, I have not

Tested positive for having antibodies to COVID-19

☐ Yes, I have

☐ No, I have not

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**ASK IF PROBABLY HAD COVID (COVID\_SELFb=1 OR COVID\_SELFc=1 OR COVID\_SELFe=1)**

RATEOWNCOVID Which best describes your experience with COVID-19?

- 1 No symptoms
- 2 Mild symptoms
- 3 Moderate symptoms
- 4 Severe symptoms

Which best describes your experience with COVID-19?

☐ No symptoms

☐ Mild symptoms

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**\*CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC\*****XKNOWPAT**

- 1 Ask
- 2 Do not ask

Note: Flag to identify if someone has already responded yes to this question in W79, W72, W65 or W67  
 Source: COVID\_KNOWPATIENT\_W65 or COVID\_KNOWPATIENT\_b\_W67 or  
 COVID\_KNOWPATIENT\_b\_W72 or COVID\_KNOWPATIENT\_b\_W79. If any of those variables=1,  
 XKNOWPAT=2. All else assign XKNOWPAT=1.