

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 6 (11 - 17 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 new questions that focus on recovery (how coronavirus related measures may be eased in the coming weeks and months).

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



554 Welsh residents aged 18 years and over were interviewed in week 6 of the survey (11th May to 17th 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.

73%

of people think the **restrictions in place to manage the virus are about right.**

59%

would prefer to stay in lockdown until there is no chance of catching the virus.

81%

would find it acceptable to use a **government tracking app** that alerts you if you have been near someone that has the virus.

44%

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

11%

wear **face masks outside most of the time** and a further 17% some of the time.

54%

think people should be **made to wear face masks in public places** as restrictions are lifted.

In the past week,

20%

of people have been worrying a lot about losing their job or not being able to find one.

45%

think that non-essential workers should be allowed to return to work within the next three weeks.

To make it safe for schools to reopen,

82%

would support children going to school on fewer days to keep pupil numbers low.

To make it safe for people to return to work,

98%

would support virus testing being easily available for anyone feeling unwell at work.

Do you think you have or have had coronavirus?

Yes	10%
Don't know	11%

How worried are you that you could get coronavirus?

Excludes those answering 'yes' to having had coronavirus

Not at all	14%
A little	30%
Moderately	32%
Very	24%

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

Yes	10%
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* hospitalised or died

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

Too little 23%



About right 73%



Too much 4%



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

Agree 59%



Disagree 25%



Undecided 17%



	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I think that Welsh government is responding to the problems caused by coronavirus well	23%	60%	9%	6%	2%
I think that the NHS is responding well to coronavirus	61%	35%	3%	1%	<1%
I am confident that the NHS would be able to adequately care for me if I became seriously ill with coronavirus	40%	48%	8%	3%	1%
I trust the police to use their new powers to restrict people's movement sensibly	28%	50%	9%	10%	3%

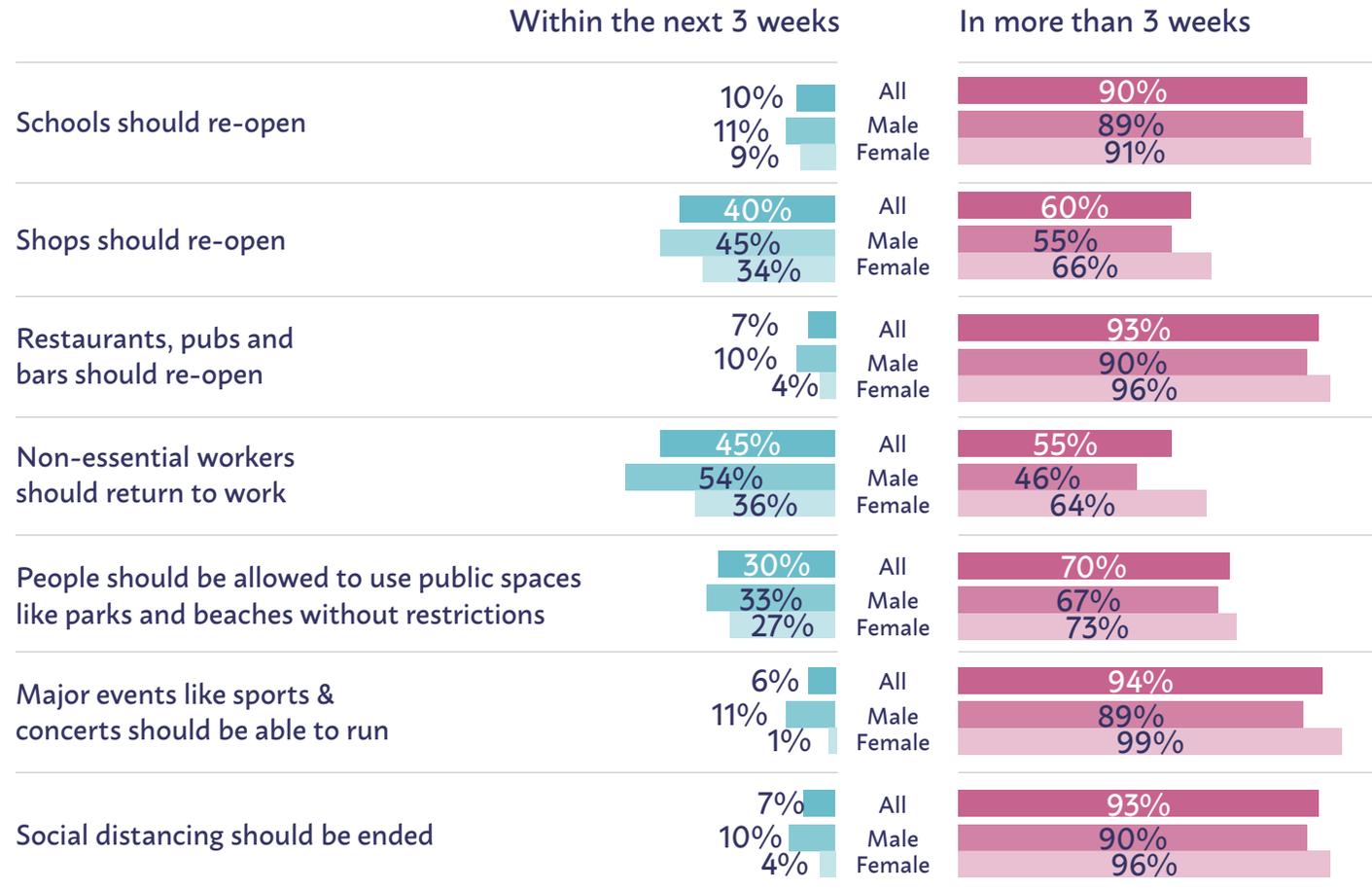
Which of the following do you find acceptable?

	Yes	No	Unsure
Using a government tracking app that alerts you if you have been near someone that has coronavirus	81%	11%	9%
People that deliberately disobey social distancing measures being fined	91%	5%	4%
People that repeatedly disobey social distancing measures being arrested	80%	14%	6%
Infection levels going up a little as a result of some restrictions being removed	44%	47%	8%

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

	Yes	No	Unsure
People should be made to maintain social distancing when outside	94%	4%	2%
People who leave their homes should be regularly tested to see if they have the virus	69%	19%	12%

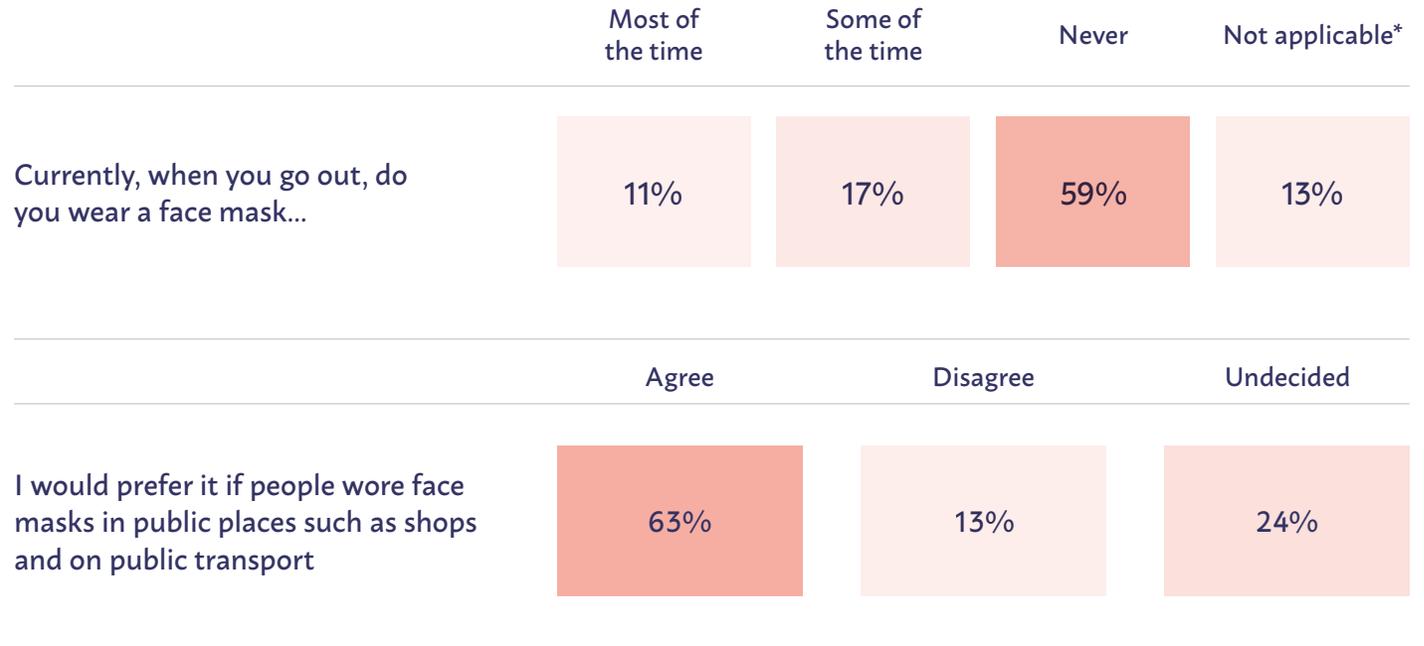
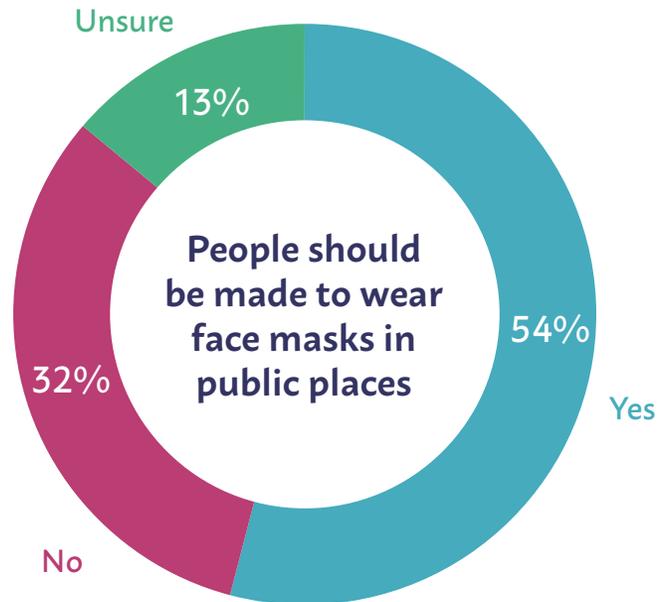
When do you think the following changes should happen?



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



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



* do not go out

I would prefer schools to remain closed until there is no chance of children catching coronavirus

Agree 76%



Disagree 15%



Undecided 9%



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

	Yes	No	Unsure
Children having to wear face masks whilst at school	29%	57%	14%
Children having their temperature taken when they arrive at school	81%	14%	5%
Children going to school on fewer days to keep pupil numbers low	82%	11%	8%
Return to school being just for primary schools, at least for the first few weeks	45%	41%	15%

I would prefer non-essential workplaces to remain closed until the risk of coronavirus spreading has gone

Agree 66%



Disagree 21%



Undecided 13%



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	72%	18%	10%
People having to wear face masks when working outdoors in shared spaces	47%	44%	9%
Social distancing measures being required in all workplaces	92%	4%	4%
People being required to have their temperature taken at work	81%	13%	6%
Hand washing facilities being easily available	99%	<1%	<1%
Testing for the virus being easily available to anyone feeling unwell at work	98%	1%	1%
Altering people's hours of work to reduce the number of people working at any one time (e.g. working in shifts)	91%	5%	4%

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

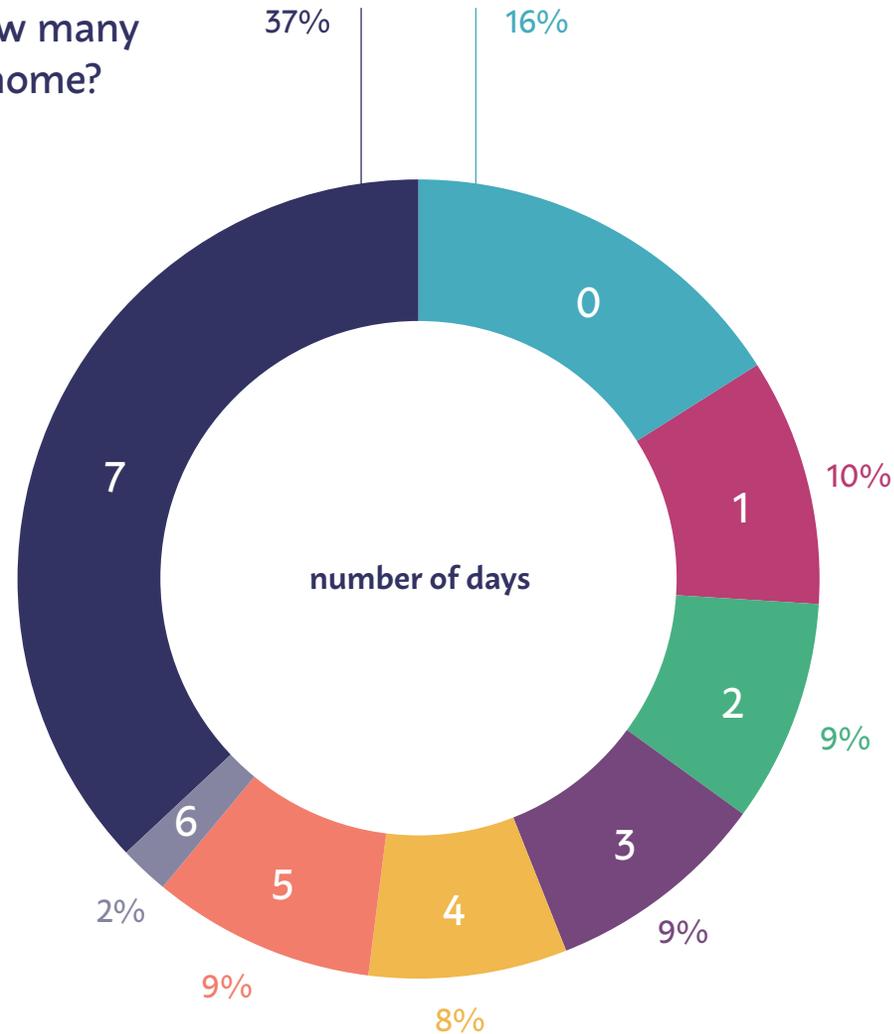
Public transport

	Yes	No	Unsure
People on public transport should be made to wear face masks	84%	12%	4%
Public transport providers should ensure there are safe spaces between passengers	94%	3%	3%
People should not share cars with people they do not live with	69%	21%	10%

Opening shops

	Yes	No	Unsure
People working in shops should wear face masks or visors	84%	11%	5%
Shops should be required to put social distancing measures in place	98%	1%	1%

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?

Yes

33%

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%	26%	62%
The wellbeing of your children*~	21%	27%	52%
Your children's education*~	25%	33%	41%
A health condition not related to coronavirus	62%	24%	14%
Losing your job or not being able to find one#~	62%	18%	20%
Work, even if your job is secure#~	53%	26%	20%
Your finances	62%	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)	28%
Had their income considerably reduced through getting less work or reduced hours	15%
Experienced any other financial impact on the household due to coronavirus?	9%

* Limited to those with children in the household;

~ Unweighted data;

Excludes those responding 'not applicable'

Feeling healthy



Feeling happy



Feeling anxious



Exercise



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How are you doing?

For general information on how to look after yourself, your friends and family during the coronavirus restrictions visit:
phw.nhs.wales/howareyoudoing

