

1. Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study. We are conducting a survey on the experiences of people who have school age children during coronavirus (COVID-19). Are you the parent or guardian of any children age 18 or younger who attend a public school in Illinois? We are not selling anything, and at no point will you be asked to donate money; this is strictly for research purposes.

Yes 100%
 No..... **TERMINATE**

First, a few questions for statistical purposes.

2. And what city or town do you live in?

3. Are you...?

Male.....32%
 Female 67
 Self-Identify 1

4. What grade level is your child(ren) in? Select all that apply. **[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

Preschool/Pre-K20%
 Elementary school..... 42
 Middle school/junior high school 35
 High school..... 44
 None of the above..... **TERMINATE**

Single child household 65%
 Multi grade level household..... 35%

5. Has your child been identified for, or does your child receive, special education support or accommodations?

Yes 33%
 No..... 66
 Prefer not to say 1

6. Below is a list of leaders, groups of people, and organizations. Please rate your general impressions of each one with 10 meaning a very favorable feeling, 0 meaning a very unfavorable feeling and 5 meaning not particularly favorable or unfavorable. You can use any number from 0 to 10, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have never heard of that person or organization or have no opinion just say so. **[RANDOMIZE, ONE AT A TIME]**

	Very Fav	Smwt Fav	Ntrl	Smwt Unfav	Very Unfav	CR/ NH	Total Fav	Total Unfav	Name ID
a. Donald Trump	18%	15	13	11	43	1	33%	54%	99%
b. Betsy DeVos	7%	14	10	16	24	29	21%	40%	71%
c. Teachers who work in public schools	46%	36	8	7	2	1	82%	20%	99%
d. Teacher Unions	22%	32	17	18	7	4	54%	26%	96%

7. In terms of your job status, are you...?

Employed full-time.....	59%
Employed part-time	14
Unemployed	6
Student	3
Homemaker	13
Retired.....	2
Other, specify:	2
 Total Employed	 74%

8. **[IF Q7=1-3,7]** Have you been laid off or had your hours or pay reduced because of the coronavirus outbreak? **(n=409)**

Yes, I have been laid off.....	18%
Yes, I have had my hours or pay reduced	22
I have not been laid off or had my hours or pay reduced, but someone in my household has	15
No.....	27

9. **[IF Q7=1,2,4,7]** Are you currently working from home as a result of the coronavirus outbreak? **(n=397)**

Yes	60%
No.....	40

10. What are the biggest challenges you have faced during the coronavirus pandemic?

SOCIAL DISTANCING..... 25%	DISTANCE LEARNING 16%	WORKING FROM HOME 10%
Staying at home..... 10%	Distance learning..... 15%	Working from home..... 5%
Not seeing other people 7%	Technical issues..... 1%	Balancing life and work 4%
Boredom..... 5%	Connecting with my student virtually	Being productive 1%
Cancellation of events 2%	<1%	Time management
Being isolated..... 2%		<1%
Can't travel 1%	HEALTH CONCERNS 12%	GROCERIES..... 9%
Social distancing..... 1%	Worried about getting coronavirus..... 5%	Getting groceries..... 7%
	Keeping my family safe 3%	Can't find things in stores..... 1%
FINANCIAL ISSUES 25%	Remaining healthy..... 2%	
Financial stability 8%	Losing health insurance 1%	OTHER..... 10%
Paying bills 4%	Keep sanitizing our home..... 1%	Wearing face mask 2%
Difficulty finding jobs..... 4%	Lack of PPE..... 1%	Uncertain about the future..... 1%
Losing my job 3%		Everything 1%
Economic recession 3%		Other
Loss of income 3%	CHILDCARE 11%	Nothing..... 9%
Reduced hours 1%	Taking care of kids 10%	
Paying rent <1%	Keeping kids busy	
	1%	

11. Below are a list of concerns some people have during the coronavirus pandemic. For each one, please indicate how serious of a concern this is for you.

	VERY SRS	SMWT SRS	NOT THAT	NOT AT ALL	[N/A]	TOTL SRS	TOTL NOT
a. Losing work and/or income.....	38%	29	17	7	9	67%	23%
b. Accessing food or other necessities.....	28%	27	25	18	3	55%	42%
c. Childcare.....	22%	14	18	22	25	36%	39%
d. Balancing demands of a job with children at home.....	27%	22	20	16	14	49%	36%
e. Keeping my child(ren) safely occupied.....	30%	32	21	13	3	62%	34%
f. Keeping my child(ren)'s education on track.....	48%	28	14	8	2	76%	22%
g. The challenges of homeschooling.....	32%	32	20	10	6	64%	30%
h. Getting sick or close friends or family members getting sick.....	40%	31	15	10	4	71%	25%
i. Accessing affordable health care if needed.....	27%	26	20	20	7	53%	41%
j. Knowing what degree of social distancing is appropriate for my children.....	38%	28	18	13	2	66%	31%

12. Below is a list of leaders, groups of people, and organizations. For each one, please indicate if you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing handling the coronavirus pandemic. **[RANDOMIZE, ONE AT A TIME]**

	STR APP	SMWT APP	SMWT DIS	STR DIS	[DK]	TOTL APP	TOTL DIS
a. President Donald Trump.....	17%	23	13	43	3	40%	57%
b. U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.....	11%	22	14	25	28	33%	39%
c. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC).....	27%	46	15	5	7	73%	20%
d. J. B. Pritzker.....	29%	30	16	21	5	58%	37%
e. Your mayor or local government.....	24%	45	16	9	7	69%	24%
f. Your child(ren)'s school principal(s).....	44%	39	8	5	4	83%	13%
g. Your child(ren)'s teacher(s).....	51%	35	6	4	3	87%	10%
h. School support staff at your child(ren)'s school like bus drivers, cafeteria workers, etc.....	44%	37	7	3	9	80%	10%

13. Compared to how you felt before the coronavirus, do you now feel more positive about educators, less positive, or about the same?

More positive.....	47%
Less positive.....	16
About the same.....	37

14. Have school closures impacted your family? **[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

My child(ren)'s school is closed.....	90%
My child(ren)'s school is open, but I/we are keeping them home....	8
My child(ren) are still attending school.....	4

15. **[IF Q14=1,2]** What is your primary form of childcare for your child(ren) during this coronavirus pandemic? **[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] (n=481)**

They are home with a parent or guardian.....	81%
They are with another family member.....	14
They are with a friend or neighbor.....	5
They are with a paid babysitter or other childcare provider.....	3
They are home alone.....	9
Other.....	0

16. **[IF Q14=1]** Are your children participating in distance learning through their school? Distance learning is providing instruction either virtually or providing materials via download or prepared packets. **(n=449)**

Yes.....	93%
No.....	7

[IF Q16=2, SKIP TO Q26]

17. Which of the following methods is your child(ren) currently accessing distance learning? Select all that apply. (n=419)
- Online packets and instructional activities 65%
 - Scheduled virtual real-time video class discussions 57
 - Pre-recorded videos to view on their own schedule..... 37
 - Calling or video chats to teachers through the phone..... 34
 - Hard-copy packets and instructional activities 28
 - None of the above..... 2
18. And which of the following methods do you prefer that your child(ren) accesses distance learning? Select all that apply. (n=419)
- Scheduled virtual real-time video class discussions 58%
 - Online packets and instructional activities 57
 - Pre-recorded videos to view on their own schedule..... 40
 - Calling or video chats to teachers through the phone..... 35
 - Hard-copy packets and instructional activities 32
 - None of the above..... 3
19. Using a scale from zero to ten, how well is distance learning going for your child(ren) with 10 meaning a very well, 0 meaning a very poorly and 5 meaning not particularly well or poorly. You can use any number from 0 to 10. (n=419)
- Very well (9-10) 21%
 - Somewhat well (6-8)..... 48
 - Neutral (5) 12
 - Somewhat poorly (2-4) 15
 - Very poorly (0-1)..... 2

20. What is going well with distance learning? (n=419)

<p>EFFECTIVE..... 19%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting things done 10% Getting better grades..... 7% Materials are accessible..... 3% <p>CONTINUITY..... 16%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue child's education..... 16% <p>FLEXIBILITY 14%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible schedule..... 6% They can do the work on their own pace 4% It is convenient..... 4% <p>GOOD FOR CHILD 12%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child is more focused..... 6% Child is enjoying it..... 3% Child being independent..... 2% They have less time sitting in school 2% 	<p>COMMUNICATION..... 9%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication with their teacher 9% Communication with their friends..... 1% <p>KEEPS CHILD BUSY 8%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are provided with things to do 6% It keeps child busy 2% <p>SAFETY 7%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is safer for the children 7% <p>TEACHERS..... 6%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers are doing their best..... 4% Having excellent teachers 2% 	<p>GOOD FOR PARENTS5%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being more connected to parents5% <p>OTHER.....11%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive mentions4% Everything3% It is fine.....1% Other3% <p>Nothing.....13%</p>
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21. What is not going well with distance learning? (n=419)

<p>LESS/WORSE LEARNING..... 22%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less learning 9% Distance learning is ineffective.... 4% Not enough work to do 3% Difficulties teaching children 3% Lack of instruction..... 2% Not enough material 1% No hands-on activities <1% <p>LACK OF CONCENTRATION.... 19%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard to focus 10% No motivation..... 9% 	<p>POOR COMMUNICATION 13%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of communication..... 12% Lack of timely feedback..... <1% Less recognition to student's accomplishment <1% <p>LACK OF SUPPORT 9%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not enough support from teacher 5% Lack of support..... 4% <p>TECHNOLOGY ISSUES..... 4%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology issues..... 2% Unstable internet connection..... 2% 	<p>NO SOCIAL INTERACTION.....2%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miss being in class.....1% Being isolated.....1% <p>OTHER.....10%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard to balance schedule3% Everything2% Other4% <p>Nothing.....21%</p>
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22. How effective do you think distance learning will be for your child(ren)? (n=419)
- Very effective..... 19%
 - Somewhat effective 53
 - Not very effective..... 21
 - Not effective at all..... 7
23. Do you feel your child(ren)'s school is sending you too much communication about distance learning, not enough communication, or about the right amount of communication? (n=419)
- Too much communication9%
 - Not enough communication..... 29
 - About the right amount of communication..... 61
24. Based on your observation, which of the following best describes how your child(ren) are reacting to distance learning? Select all that apply. [RANDOMIZE] (n=419)
- Stressed 33%
 - Hopeful 29%
 - Checked out 28%
 - Confused 26%
 - Enthusiastic 22%
 - Sad 20%
 - Unmotivated 1%
 - Indifferent 1%
 - Ambivalent..... <1%
 - Other 7%
25. Below are a list of issues or problems some families have experienced during the coronavirus pandemic with distance learning. Please indicate if you have experienced any of these issues with your own child(ren). Select all that apply. [RANDOMIZE] (n=419)
- My child(ren) are missing out on socializing with other students 69%
 - My child(ren) miss seeing their teacher(s) in person..... 50
 - My child(ren) are distracted more than when they're in class 42
 - My child(ren) are having trouble adapting to distance learning..... 24
 - The social-emotional well-being of my child(ren) and lack of supports (i.e. counselors) 23
 - I'm having difficulty helping my child(ren) prepare for school or school assignments..... 19
 - Lack of communication or difficulty in communicating to my child(ren)'s teacher(s)..... 18
 - Unreliable internet to access online classes and materials..... 13
 - My child(ren) not having access to school meals..... 7
 - My child(ren) do not have access to computers or technology 7
 - Other 2
26. Which 2 or 3 of the following should be the top priorities to address for schools during the coronavirus pandemic? [RANDOMIZE]
- Provide educators with resources and training on distance learning 37%
 - Provide parents with resources and training for how to help their children transition to distance learning 34
 - Work to close the digital divide so all students have access to computers and internet..... 30
 - Protect funding for public schools 29
 - Provide more support for students with special education needs 25
 - Provide online communities for parents to share their experiences with distance learning 23
 - Fight to make sure school employees continue to get paid while schools are closed 23
 - Provide mobile food deliveries for students who receive free-and-reduced cost lunches..... 22
 - Increase public support for educators 21
 - Provide more support for ELL students..... 9
 - Other 4

27. And thinking about next school year, the one that is scheduled to start in August or September of 2020, which one is the closest to how you want the school year to be for your child(ren)?
- In-person classes, just like it was prior to the coronavirus pandemic..... 42%
 - Continued distance learning, similar to what is happening now..... 24
 - A mix of in-person and distance learning, where they alternate days of distance and in-person learning so half of students are at school in a building on any given day..... 29
 - A mix of in-person and distance learning where they spend half of each day in-person and the other half distance learning 4
28. And thinking about next school year again, which one is the closest to what you expect the school year to be for your child(ren)?
- In-person classes, just like it was prior to the coronavirus pandemic..... 30%
 - Continued distance learning, similar to what is happening now..... 31
 - A mix of in-person and distance learning, where they alternate days of distance and in-person learning so half of students are at school in a building on any given day..... 35
 - A mix of in-person and distance learning where they spend half of each day in-person and the other half distance learning 5

Finally, a few more questions for statistical purposes.

29. Are you a public school employee or former public school employee? If not, is any member of your immediate family a public school employee?
- Currently public school employee..... 15%
 - Formerly a public school employee 11
 - No, but someone in my immediate family is a public school employee..... 10
 - No public school employee in my household 64
30. In what year were you born?
- 18-24 10%
 - 25-29 8%
 - 30-34 11%
 - 35-39 17%
 - 40-44 21%
 - 45-49 13%
 - 50-54 14%
 - 55-59 4%
 - 60-64 2%
 - 65-69 2%
 - 70+ <1%
 - Refused 0%
31. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?
- 1st-11th Grade 1%
 - High School Graduate 12
 - Vocational or technical school..... 6
 - Some college, but no degree 21
 - Associate degree..... 15
 - 4 year college graduate or bachelor's degree ... 26
 - Graduate school or advanced degree 19

32. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...?

Strong Democrat	23%
Weak Democrat.....	15
Ind/Lean Democrat.....	10
Independent	15
Ind/Lean Republican	10
Weak Republican	11
Strong Republican.....	14
Other	2
TOTAL WITH LEANS	
Democrat.....	48%
Independent	15%
Republican	34%
TOTAL WITHOUT LEANS	
Democrat.....	38%
Independent	35%
Republican	24%

33. Which of the following do you feel best describes your political perspective? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Conservative	26%
Liberal.....	20
Libertarian	4
Moderate	38
Progressive	8
Other	3

34. What is your race? **[SELECT ONE]**

American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	11
Black or African American	15
Caucasian or White	55
Hispanic or Latino.....	16
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.....	<1
Multiracial	1
Other	1
Prefer not to answer	1

35. Last year, that is in 2019, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? **[ALLOW TO SKIP]**

Less than \$20,000.....	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	9
\$30,000 to under \$50,000	16
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	21
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	17
\$100,000 or more.....	30
Refused	1

Thank you for taking the time to complete this interview.

Region	
Rest of Cook.....	21%
Collar Counties.....	25
Rest of Chicago.....	12
Downstate North.....	17
Downstate South	25