

## Roanoke College Poll Topline

### COVID-19

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Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19 and the response to the virus.

#### 1. Have you or anyone you know gotten the coronavirus?

Yes	31%
No	70%
Refused	0%

#### 1. a. [IF YES] How do you know this person?

I have/had it [SKIP TO 3. a]	3%
Family member [SKIP TO 3]	25%
Friend/relative	48%
Co-worker	11%
Other	14%
Refused	0%

#### 2. How concerned are you about you or someone in your household catching the coronavirus?

Very concerned	34%
Somewhat concerned	33%
Not very concerned	25%
Not concerned at all	8%
Refused	0%

3. If you personally were infected with the virus, do you think you would have no symptoms, be slightly ill, be very ill, or be extremely sick and perhaps die?

No symptoms	10%
Slightly ill	49%
Very ill	14%
Extremely sick and perhaps die	14%
Unsure/Don't Know	12%
Refused	1%

3.a. [IF R HAD THE VIRUS] I'm hope that you are feeling better now. How sick were you? Did you have no symptoms, were you slightly ill, very ill, or extremely sick? (N=5)

No symptoms	0%
Slightly ill	20%
Very ill	80%
Extremely sick	0%
Unsure/Don't Know	0%
Refused	0%

4. Have the measures taken by the federal government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

Appropriate	43%
Gone too far	8%
Not gone far enough	46%
Unsure	3%
Refused	1%

5. Have the measures taken by the government of Virginia to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

Appropriate	62%
Gone too far	17%
Not gone far enough	18%
Unsure	2%
Refused	0%

6. Have you had any of the following happen because of the coronavirus outbreak?

Started to work from home for the first time

Yes	34%
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Someone in your household is now working from home

Yes	49%
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Have your or anyone in the household been laid off

Yes	21%
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Have you or anyone there lost income due to fewer hours or lost business

Yes	43%
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Have you struggled to pay your bills?

Yes	18%
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6.a. [IF SOMEONE WORKING FROM HOME] Would you or they prefer to continue working from home in the future or would you prefer to be in the workplace?

Home	31%
Workplace	57%
Combination [VOL}	12%

Unsure	0%
Refused	0%

6. b. [IF NO ONE LAID OFF] How concerned are you that you or someone in your household will lose their job because of the coronavirus outbreak? Are you

Very concerned	8%
Somewhat concerned	17%
Not very concerned	25%
Not concerned at all	49%
Refused	1%

7. Which concerns you more—that you or a family member will become seriously ill due to the coronavirus or that you or a family member will be hurt financially by the restrictions due to the virus?

Illness	62%
Finances	26%
Both equal [VOL]	7%
Unsure	4%
Refused	1%

8. Which worries you more about responding to the coronavirus and restrictions that require most Americans to shelter in place and only leave their homes for essential needs: (ROTATE)  
That the United States will move too quickly in loosening restrictions and the virus will continue to spread with more lives being lost. That the United States will take too long in loosening restrictions and the economic impact will be even worse with more jobs being lost.

Move too fast	60%
Move too slow	30%
Unsure	10%

Refused	1%
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9. And which worries you more about Virginia’s loosening the restrictions—that the state will move too quickly or take too long?

Move too fast	48%
Move too slow	34%
Unsure	18%
Refused	1%

10. Would you give the government permission to track your movements through your cellphone in order to track how the virus is transmitted and help identify those who may have it?

Yes	24%
No	69%
Unsure	6%
Refused	1%

11. Which is closer to your view: we need a national strategy to deal with the virus because it is a national problem or we should allow states and regions to have different strategies because the virus has hit some areas harder than others?

National strategy	47%
State/regional strategy	46%
Unsure	7%
Refused	0%

12. Which is closer to your view: In Virginia we need a statewide strategy to deal with the virus or we should allow counties or regions to have different strategies?

Statewide strategy	60%
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County/regional strategy	35%
Unsure	5%
Refused	0%

13. When do you think the coronavirus will be contained in the United States to the point that the economy can return to normal and businesses can re-open and people can go back to work? It has already has, in the next few weeks, in the next few months, in the next year, longer than the next year, or never?

Already has	4%
Weeks	6%
Months	36%
Next year	28%
More than a year	18%
Never	3%
Refused	5%

14. Which of the following concerns you more? That the federal government will spend too much money to try to boost the economy and as a result will drive up the budget deficit, OR That the federal government will spend too little money to try to boost the economy and as a result the recession will be longer?

Spend too much	40%
Spend too little	46%
Unsure	13%
Refused	1%

15. In general, do you think the news media coverage of the coronavirus has been accurate, made things seem better than they really are, or worse than they really are?

Accurate	28%
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Better than things are	10%
Worse than things are	49%
Unsure	12%
Refused	0%

16. As you know, there has been a great deal of discussion related to reopening all workplaces, restaurants, gyms, etc. For each of the following conditions, please tell me if you think each would be absolutely necessary, if it would be good but not necessary, or if it would not matter for you feel comfortable returning to normal?

	Necessary	Good, not necessary	Does not matter
Regular testing	55%	30%	13%
Infections near zero	33%	43%	21%
Infections lower but not near zero	40%	42%	14%
Social distancing in place	66%	23%	10%
Facemask requirements	49%	34%	16%
Frequent cleaning and sanitizing	85%	11%	3%
Temperature checks for all workers and customers	32%	36%	28%

17. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

Male	49%
Female	51%

18. Region

Southwest Virginia	13%
Southside	5%

Shenandoah Valley	5%
Central Virginia/Richmond	16%
Northern Virginia	37%
Tidewater	24%

19. Thanks so much for your patience. I have a few questions about you for statistical purposes. Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

Married	48%
Living with partner	7%
Divorced	9%
Separated	1%
Widowed	7%
Never married	27%
Refused	2%

20. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school	3%
High School	11%
Some college/technical school	28%
Associate's Degree	6%
Bachelor's Degree	29%
Advanced Degree	23%
Refused	1%

21. In what year were you born? [CODED INTO CATEGORIES]

18-29	22%
30-44	27%
45-64	35%
65 or older	15%
Refused	1%

22. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Yes, Hispanic	6%
No, not Hispanic	93%
No answer	2%

23. What is your race? Are you White, African-American, or some other race?

White / Hispanic / Latino	74%
African-American	18%
Other/multi-racial	5%
Refused	3%

24. I'm going to read several income groups. When I come to the group that includes your annual family income, please stop me.

Less than \$20,000	5%
\$20,000-\$35,000	10%
\$35,000-\$50,000	9%
\$50,000-\$75,000	19%
\$75,000-\$100,000	14%
More than \$100,000	35%
Refused	9%

25. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	19%
Moderate	44%
Conservative	29%
Other/Unsure	3%
Refused	5%

26. And would you describe your political party affiliation as Democrat, Republican, Independent, some other party or no affiliation?

Democrat	28%
Republican	25%
Independent	22%
Other/None	18%
Refused	7%

26. a. [IF INDEPENDENT, OTHER OR REFUSED] As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic party or toward the Republican party? [RESULTS ARE COMBINED WITH THOSE IN Q. 22]

Democrat	48%
Republican	37%
Neither/Refused	15%

Thank you for your time and have a nice <HOUR1>.

## Partisan Divide

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>
Very concerned Respondent or family will contract virus	48%	16%
If Respondent contracted disease, would be asymptomatic	8%	15%
Would be extremely sick, perhaps die	19%	9%
Federal government response insufficient	77%	11%
State government response insufficient	25%	12%
More concerned Respondent or family member will become ill	70%	46%
More concerned about financial impact of lockdown	17%	40%
More concerned U.S. will reopen too soon	80%	32%
More concerned Virginia will reopen too soon	60%	28%
Favor national strategy over state/region	64%	22%
Favor state strategy over county/region	79%	32%
More concerned federal govt. will spend too little	62%	26%
Media coverage accurate	45%	11%
Media coverage makes it seem worse than reality	24%	81%