

Inmate Survey Results

#	Question	Response	
1	Has COVID-19 affected your life during the pandemic?	Yes	91.33% (1,328)
		No	8.32% (121)
		REFUSED	0.28% (4)
		CONFUSING ANSWER	0.07% (1)
2	Have you received education about the COVID-19 virus and ways to decrease your chances of infection?	Yes	83.43% (1,213)
		No	14.99% (218)
		REFUSED	0.76% (11)
		CONFUSING ANSWER	0.83% (12)
3	How did you learn about the COVID-19 virus and how to protect yourself?	From television news or programs	81.16% (1,180)
		From family members and/or friends	53.85% (783)
		From correctional facility posters or updates	42.78% (622)
		From newspapers or magazines	36.93% (537)
		From healthcare providers or staff	35.42% (515)
		From incarcerated individuals	25.93% (377)
		From correctional facility officials	24.62% (358)
		From correctional facility staff during informal conversations	18.98% (276)
		From the Office of the Ombudsman	16.09% (234)
		REFUSED	3.16% (46)
		CONFUSING ANSWER	
		DON'T KNOW/ NOT SURE	
		Other (please specify)	14.79% (215)
		Common "Other" responses included:	
4	Did you follow the COVID-19 standards provided by the Office of the Ombudsman and that were posted on the walls in your units?	Always	42.37% (616)
		Frequently	29.78% (433)
		Sometimes	14.17% (206)
		Rarely	4.61% (67)
		Never	2.96% (43)
		REFUSED	4.81% (70)
		CONFUSING ANSWER	1.31% (19)
5	Has COVID-19 impacted your daily duties/activities?	Yes	88.10% (1,281)
		No	8.12% (118)
		REFUSED	3.71% (54)
		CONFUSING ANSWER	0.07% (1)
6	What factors about COVID-19 affected you the most in your correctional facility?	Frustration from being locked in	74.21% (1,079)
		Lack of activities like the gym, library, canteen	69.74% (1,014)
		Lack of yard time	65.61% (954)
		Worry about your family at home and their needs (i.e. kids at home, elderly rela..	65.27% (949)
		Quarantine periods of time	64.10% (932)
		Lack of out of cell time	63.27% (920)
		Exposure to others	62.86% (914)
		Fear that you would get the virus	58.87% (856)
		Lack of visitation	57.02% (829)
		Lack of programming	56.26% (818)
		Wearing a mask	44.70% (650)
		Need for enhanced environmental cleaning	43.26% (629)
		Not allowed to go to work	42.37% (616)
		No religious services in person	39.00% (567)
		Quality of personal protective equipment	35.83% (521)
		Loss of Good Time	34.59% (503)
		Required compliance with Standards from the Office of the Ombudsman	28.06% (408)
		Closure of the chow hall	27.99% (407)
		Fear that you would transmit virus to family, friends or others	25.65% (373)
		Vaccine availability	17.33% (252)
		Not knowing how to protect yourself	16.37% (238)
		REFUSED	0.83% (12)
		CONFUSING ANSWER	
		DON'T KNOW/ NOT SURE	
		Other (please specify)	20.15% (293)
	Common "Other" responses included:	DOC staff/vendor staff risk: bringing COVID in	
		Vulnerability/risk of illness	
		Loss of programming, work, religious services, activities	
		Fear of illness/death	

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#6	Question Common "Other" responses included:	Response Mental health issues Disconnection from friends/family Double bunking Distrust of information about COVID Quality and availability of masks and PPE Poor communication Quarantine process Legal process issues Vaccine Non-compliance Lack of leadership										
7	Were there positive things that you experienced during COVID-19 at work?	Free phone calls More time to yourself More cleaning being done Zoom calls to family/friends More COVID-19 education and awareness Enhanced Infection control practices More communication More control over activities REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER DON'T KNOW/ NOT SURE Other (please specify)										
	Common "Other" responses included:	None Free email and phone calls Appreciation for life and self More time to read and to educate Meals & Meds being delivered to the unit More time to write Protection of incarcerated people by the DOC guidelines More time alone More cleaning Stimulus checks Better communication More working together										
8	Did you frequently use soap and water, or antiseptic hand sanitizer to keep your hands clean?	Yes No REFUSED										
8A	Are you still doing this?	Yes No REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER										
9	Did you wear a mask when required to do so?	Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER										
9A	Do you still wear a mask when required?	Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER										
9B	Will you continue to wear a mask for your own protection?	Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER										
10	Did you follow social distancing guidelines?	Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER										
11	Do you understand the need for more consistent	Yes										

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11	Do you understand the need for more consistent cleaning?	No	4.06%⁽⁵⁹⁾
		REFUSED	3.58%⁽⁵²⁾
		CONFUSING ANSWER	0.07%⁽¹⁾
12	Are you participating in keeping your areas clean?	Yes	92.02%^(1,338)
		No	4.40%⁽⁶⁴⁾
		REFUSED	3.51%⁽⁵¹⁾
		CONFUSING ANSWER	0.07%⁽¹⁾
13	Do you clean high-touch areas after use? (i.e. phone)	Yes	75.38%^(1,096)
		No	20.15%⁽²⁹³⁾
		REFUSED	4.20%⁽⁶¹⁾
		CONFUSING ANSWER	0.28%⁽⁴⁾
14	Have you received any booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine?	Yes	58.46%⁽⁸⁵⁰⁾
		No	19.60%⁽²⁸⁵⁾
		REFUSED	0.28%⁽⁴⁾
		CONFUSING ANSWER	0.14%⁽²⁾
14A	How many booster doses?	One	26.00%⁽³⁷⁸⁾
		Two	23.25%⁽³³⁸⁾
		Three	7.63%⁽¹¹¹⁾
		REFUSED	0.76%⁽¹¹⁾
15	Have you been vaccinated for protection against the COVID-19 virus?	CONFUSING ANSWER	0.83%⁽¹²⁾
		Yes	78.47%^(1,141)
		No	17.40%⁽²⁵³⁾
		REFUSED	3.65%⁽⁵³⁾
15A	Have you received the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines?	CONFUSING ANSWER	0.48%⁽⁷⁾
		Yes	75.31%^(1,095)
		No	2.61%⁽³⁸⁾
		REFUSED	0.48%⁽⁷⁾
16	Do you intend to receive the new bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccine for protection against the Omicron variants?	CONFUSING ANSWER	0.07%⁽¹⁾
		Yes	52.20%⁽⁷⁵⁹⁾
		No	43.74%⁽⁶³⁶⁾
		REFUSED	3.85%⁽⁵⁶⁾
17	Did you ever test positive for COVID-19 infections?	CONFUSING ANSWER	0.21%⁽³⁾
		Yes	53.99%⁽⁷⁸⁵⁾
		No	44.02%⁽⁶⁴⁰⁾
		REFUSED	1.58%⁽²³⁾
17A	How sick did you get?	CONFUSING ANSWER	0.41%⁽⁶⁾
		Hospitalized	2.54%⁽³⁷⁾
		'Flu-like' illness	17.74%⁽²⁵⁸⁾
		Moderate symptoms	7.36%⁽¹⁰⁷⁾
18	Did you test positive for COVID-19 infection more than once? (at least 90 days apart)	Mild symptoms	13.07%⁽¹⁹⁰⁾
		No symptoms	9.70%⁽¹⁴¹⁾
		REFUSED	1.86%⁽²⁷⁾
		CONFUSING ANSWER	1.72%⁽²⁵⁾
18A	How many times have you had COVID?	CONFUSING ANSWER	1.72%⁽²⁵⁾
		Yes	13.55%⁽¹⁹⁷⁾
		No	38.17%⁽⁵⁵⁵⁾
		REFUSED	2.06%⁽³⁰⁾
19	Have you ever had to quarantine for 10 days due to being a close contact of someone at work/facility?	CONFUSING ANSWER	0.21%⁽³⁾
		Two	8.80%⁽¹²⁸⁾
		Three	3.09%⁽⁴⁵⁾
		Four	0.89%⁽¹³⁾
20	Do you participate in COVID-19 testing?	REFUSED	0.69%⁽¹⁰⁾
		CONFUSING ANSWER	0.07%⁽¹⁾
		Yes	72.15%^(1,049)
		No	22.76%⁽³³¹⁾
21	Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, would you say your overall emotional health has:	REFUSED	4.75%⁽⁶⁹⁾
		CONFUSING ANSWER	0.34%⁽⁵⁾
		Yes	64.86%⁽⁹⁴³⁾
		No	30.74%⁽⁴⁴⁷⁾
22_1	I've worried about being infected with the COVID-19 virus	REFUSED	3.30%⁽⁴⁸⁾
		CONFUSING ANSWER	1.10%⁽¹⁶⁾
		Improved	10.11%⁽¹⁴⁷⁾
		Stayed the same	43.26%⁽⁶²⁹⁾
22_2	Have you ever had to quarantine for 10 days due to being a close contact of someone at work/facility?	Gotten worse	42.50%⁽⁶¹⁸⁾
		REFUSED	3.44%⁽⁵⁰⁾
		CONFUSING ANSWER	0.69%⁽¹⁰⁾
		Always	27.24%⁽³⁹⁶⁾
22_3	How often do you worry about being infected with the COVID-19 virus?	Frequently	14.10%⁽²⁰⁵⁾
		Sometimes	27.44%⁽³⁹⁹⁾
		Rarely	11.21%⁽¹⁶³⁾
		Never	17.61%⁽²⁵⁶⁾
22_4	How often do you worry about being infected with the COVID-19 virus?	REFUSED	2.27%⁽³³⁾
		CONFUSING ANSWER	
		Yes	
		No	

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22_1	I've been worried about getting infected with COVID-19 virus	CONFUSING ANSWER								
22_2	I've been concerned about the stability of my living situation	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
22_3	I've been concerned about someone else's mental health	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
22_4	I've been concerned about my own mental health	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
22_5	I've been more irritable or easily angered than usual	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
22_6	I've been more sad or depressed than usual	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
22_7	I've been more anxious than usual	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
22_8	I've been concerned about increased frustration or anger in my home/unit	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
22_9	I've been stressed by changes to my routine	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
22_10	I've been worried about losing privileges and 'Good Time'	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
23	I know someone who died during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Yes								
		No								
		REFUSED								
24_1	I was worried about contracting COVID-19	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								

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24_1	I was worried about contracting COVID-19	Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
24_2	I was worried about transmitting the virus to others	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
24_3	I was worried about infecting family and friends	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
24_4	I closely followed the social distancing, masking, handwashing, and vaccine guidelines	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
24_5	I feel the COVID educational information provided to me was helpful	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
24_6	I was frustrated with COVID-19 restrictions	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
24_7	The items provided to me (Masks & PPE) helped protect me from contracting COVID-19	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
24_8	I have more difficulty sleeping	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
24_9	I am more worried about my personal health and safety	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
24_10	I am worried about the future of my family and friends	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								
		REFUSED								
		CONFUSING ANSWER								
24_11	I am feeling more angry or irritable	Always								
		Frequently								
		Sometimes								
		Rarely								
		Never								

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24_11	I am feeling more angry or irritable	REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER
24_12	Things that once excited me no longer have meaning	Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER
24_13	I am less interested in doing things with family or friends	Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER
24_14	I have trouble controlling my emotions or moods	Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER
24_15	I am worried about the breakdown of society	Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER
24_16	I feel tired and have little energy	Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER
24_17	I have trouble getting out of bed in the morning	Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER
25	What could be done better if we have another infectious disease outbreak?	Communication within the facility More access and applications for the Tablet More zoom options to see people virtually Communication in the public (through television or newspapers) Improved personal protection equipment Alternative programming for incarcerated individuals Infection control measures put in place sooner Mental health support Quicker restrictions on movement in facilities REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER DON'T KNOW/ NOT SURE Other (please specify)
	Common "Other" responses included:	Mental health support Free phone calls & emails Improved communication Improved health care Infection control education Journaling Release people from prison Vaccination Better DOC staff awareness Consistency with guidelines for all Less quarantine Let things evolve like all other viruses Mask availability and improved quality Meals on the unit

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25	Common “Other” responses included:	More healthy food More humane treatment and compassion More programming on tablets or available More tablet entertainment More time for phone calls More time out of cell (i.e. fresh air) Ongoing cleaning Oversight committee over DOC Phone calls on the tablets Separate at risk incarcerated people from the rest Single bunks Testing plans Visitation
26	What is your age?	18 to 24 25 to 34 35 to 44 45 to 54 55 to 64 65 or older REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER
27	What gender do you identify as?	Male Female REFUSED Prefer not to answer Other
28	Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?	Yes, Hispanic or Latino No, Not Hispanic or Latino REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER
29	What is your race? Please select all that apply.	White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander REFUSED CONFUSING ANSWER DON'T KNOW/ NOT SURE Other (please specify)
	Common “Other” responses included:	An additional 22 races listed by incarcerated individuals.