

# Madrona Voices



**Orcas Island Community Survey**

**Coronavirus Survey Introduction**

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This survey is being done by Madrona Voices, which is a 501(c)(3) organization operated by Steve and Jennifer Smith. We live on Orcas Island. No one is paying us to do this survey. We asked about 20 people to review this survey in order to help us remove any unintended bias. We intend this to be a scientifically-valid survey that will be representative of the community. Please go to MadronaVoices.com. There, you may review our methodology and look at our past work as well as discover who we are and why we do this.

We realize this is a stressful and emotionally-laden topic. In writing this survey, we are attempting to represent the arguments for each extreme in how they are often communicated -- dramatic language intact. It has become a debate about how many and who will die, if we make one decision instead of another. With each side of the debate, we want to most accurately reflect what many see as the worst-case consequence or outcome of that position. That does not mean that most survey takers will land at those extremes. Our goal has been to choose as closely as possible "neutral language" while still representing each polar viewpoint. It is our hope that this survey helps you to communicate your opinion as best as you can.

You can return to the survey and change your answers any time until the survey is closed, even if you've already completed the survey. Your responses are anonymous; your name and email will not be shared with anyone. The combined anonymous results will be shared with County decision makers and will be shared on our website. We require answers to some of the questions so that we can validate the survey against official sources and to make the results more comparable.

The purpose of this survey is to measure community response to the virus.

We use your email address to track the survey. We do not sell or share your email address. If you want to be removed from our mailing list, just click on the unsubscribe button we include on each email. If you have a friend who would like to take our surveys, please direct them to MadronaVoices.com where they can sign up to be included.

Your participation in the survey helps make it representative of the community.

Click "Next" to begin. The survey should take about 5 minutes to complete, unless you want to spend more time adding comments or pondering the nuances of the possible answers. There are approximately 33 questions. The number varies depending whether an answer causes a follow-up question to be asked. If you are on a computer, you might notice that we place some questions on their own page so they are more easily read. On some devices, every question is on its own page, and you can navigate between questions with left and right arrows. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and opinions.

## Orcas Island Community Survey by Madrona Voices

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### Page description:

1. Are you living on Orcas Island as you take this survey? \*

- Yes
- No

## Contact Information

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2. Please make any corrections to your contact information: \*

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

## Survey Questions

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3. Is your primary home on Orcas Island \*

- Yes
- No

4. Do you, or any of the places you have worked this year, normally provide services to visitors to the island?

- Yes
- No

5. The CDC recognizes people as "high risk," if they are:

1. Over the age of 65
2. People of all ages with:
  1. Chronic lung disease or moderate-to-severe asthma
  2. Serious heart conditions
  3. Immunocompromised
  4. Severe obesity
  5. Diabetes
  6. Undergoing dialysis
  7. Liver disease

Including you, is anyone in the home where you are living considered to be in one of the high-risk groups?

- Yes, due to age
- Yes, due to one or more health conditions
- Yes, both age and health risks
- No one lives in the home who is in these at-risk categories

6. What age range are you in?

We ask this question because it allows us to compare survey responses to Census numbers, thus aiding us to validate the survey. The age brackets match those used by the Census.

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- 85+
- 75 to 84
- 65 to 74
- 55 to 64
- 45 to 54
- 35 to 44
- 25 to 34
- 18 to 24
- 17 or younger

7. When the Census asks your gender, how do you respond?

We ask this question so we can compare survey responses to Census ratios, thus allowing us to validate the survey.

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- Male
- Female

[Local](#) Show/hide trigger exists.

8. Did you work for wages or a salary at any time this year?

- Yes
- No

[Local](#) Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #8 Question "Did you work for wages or a salary at any time this year?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

9. At how many jobs do you work for pay?

- 1
- 2
- 3+

[Local](#) Hidden unless: #9 Question "At how many jobs do you work for pay?" is one of the following answers ("1","2","3+")

10. Has the virus affected the location of where you work at your PRIMARY job?

- No, I continue to work outside the home
- No, I continue to work from home
- Yes, I still work, but work from home now
- Yes, I am affected, and I am NOT able to work now
- Other - Write In

[Local](#) Show/hide trigger exists.

11. Has your income from any source been affected by the quarantine?

- Yes
- No

[Local](#) Hidden unless: #11 Question "Has your income from any source been affected by the quarantine?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

12. How significant has the reduction in your income been?

- My income has gone to \$0
- My income has dropped to between \$1 and half of what it was
- My income is between half and 99% of what it was

13. How worried are you about the impact of the virus on your ability to meet your financial obligations?

Extremely concerned

Moderately concerned

Somewhat concerned

Slightly concerned

Not at all concerned

[Show/hide trigger exists.](#)

14. Please describe ownership / rental status of the dwelling you are in.

We ask this question because it allows us to validate the survey against Census data. **If you own the dwelling but rent a portion of it to someone else, please just check that you own the dwelling.**

- I, or my family, owns the dwelling
- I am renting a portion of the dwelling and share with the owner
- I, or my family, rents the dwelling and do not share it with anyone but my family
- I, or my family, rent the dwelling and share it with other renters
- I am a guest and do not pay rent

[Hidden unless: #14 Question "Please describe ownership / rental status of the dwelling you are in.](#)

We ask this question because it allows us to validate the survey against Census data. **If you own the dwelling but rent a portion of it to someone else, please just check that you own the dwelling.**

" is one of the following answers ("I am renting a portion of the dwelling and share with the owner", "I, or my family, rents the dwelling and do not share it with anyone but my family", "I, or my family, rent the dwelling and share it with other renters")

15. Has the landlord offered help with the rent?

- No
- Yes, my rent has been reduced or deferred
- Other - Write In

16. How many people live in the house you are in?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7+

17. How many people are in your bubble? We define "bubble" as including those around you with whom you do not observe six-foot distance guidelines nor wear a mask?

- 1 - Myself only
- 2
- 3 to 6
- 7 to 10
- 11 to 20
- More than 20

18. Do you have school-age children living with you?

- Yes
- No

19. On average, during Phase 1, how often did you leave the house to go to places where other people were likely to be?

- Daily
- A few times a week
- Once a week
- Less often

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20. During Phase 1, how many times did you go to the mainland?

- 0 (Zero)
- Once
- Twice
- Three times
- Four or more times

Logic Hidden unless: #20 Question "During Phase 1, how many times did you go to the mainland?" is one of the following answers ("Once", "Twice", "Three times", "Four or more times")

21. Why did you leave the island? Please check all that apply. \*

- Family
- Medical
- Supplies
- Recreational
- None of the above

22. Because of the virus, do you have anyone living with you now who wouldn't normally be with you?

- Yes
- No

23. Are you satisfied with the County's actions in response to the virus?

- Yes
- No

24. Comments on County policy in response to the virus

25. (In this question, what we mean by "opening" is permission to have full occupancy without restrictions.) (For this question, please assume that the Governor will allow San Juan County to move to Phase III in late June. The policy decision rests with the County Health officer, Dr. Frank James. He can choose to follow the Governor's lead or choose more restrictive policies.)

Given the following options, what would you like to see the County do in regard to short-term visitor lodging?

- The County Health officer should open all lodging properties as soon as the Governor permits
- The County Health officer should delay opening lodging properties until fall
- The County Health officer should delay opening lodging properties until next year

26. All vacation rental permits are currently treated the same way. Some are advocating that there should be a distinction made between short-term rentals that have a year-round resident on the property and those that do not. If a distinction were made, then it would be possible to treat one type of short-term rental properties differently than the other. This would permit some units to be: disallowed, allowed different operating periods of time, closed to mitigate virus risk, charged different permit fees, allowed different capacity limits, or a variety of other ways of being treated differently. However, creating a distinction between resident-occupied vs non-occupied may violate property rights and be considered discriminatory.

Should the non-resident-occupied, short-term rental properties be:

- Treated the same (current policy)
- Treated differently (policy would need to be changed)

27. Comments on County policy regarding opening the hospitality industry

**Local** Show/hide trigger exists.

28. Do you own residential rental property on Orcas Island?

- Yes
- No

**Local** Hidden unless: #28 Question "Do you own residential rental property on Orcas Island?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

29. What type of residential rental property do you own?

- Long-term rental(s) only
- Short-term rental(s) only
- Both short- and long-term rentals

**Local** Show/hide trigger exists.

30. When the restrictions are lifted and all public gathering sites are allowed to open again, are you likely to -

- Return to them as soon as allowed
- Delay my return, even if they reopen

**Local** Hidden unless: #30 Question "When the restrictions are lifted and all public gathering sites are allowed to open again, are you likely to -" is one of the following answers ("Delay my return, even if they reopen")

31. How long might you delay? (check all that apply)

- Until a vaccine is developed, even if that is months or years from now
- Until testing is common, even if such testing is months from now
- Until there is herd immunity (until about 70% of the population has contracted the virus and recovered or until about 70% have received the vaccine)
- Until there are effective treatments
- Until I feel safe, regardless of how long from now that might be
- Please select your option(s) and then, if you like, add a comment

### Introduction to the next questions

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The next set of questions are each on their own page to make them easy to read. We try to fairly represent the polar positions of various ideas. We have asked people who express each side to review the questions and options for bias. People on one end of a debate may object to the language and ideas on the other end of the scale; but, they agree that the viewpoint they prefer is fairly represented. Often the language used on each end of the scale is dramatic and emotional in nature. We use it because it represents what ideas are being advanced. It is likely most people will express opinions somewhere in between the two ends of the scale. We have worked hard to allow for every position to be expressed. We have worked hard to make sure that the question and the answer options do not push you to answer the question in a pre-determined way. We want you to answer each question as you think best. There is no right or wrong way to answer any question.

A long comment box is provided at the end of this series of questions.

### Public Health vs Economic Security

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VALIDATION: Min = 0 Max = 10

32. What is the proper balance between the two polar positions of public health and economic security? (Drag the slider to what you think is the correct balance.)

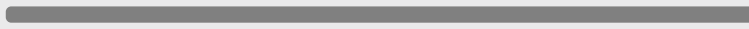
The further **left** you move the dot, the more **you want the focus on protecting the economic interests of the community's businesses and individuals while placing a lower priority on the coronavirus risks to the health and life of community members.**

The further **right** you move the dot, the more **you want the focus on the health and life threat from coronavirus while placing a lower priority on treating other health problems, maintaining supply deliveries, and preventing financial ruin for some businesses and individuals.**

(You need to move the dot to be able to go to the next question)

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Economic security



Neutral

Public health

### Trust no one vs Trust everyone

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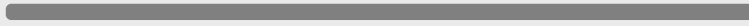
33. Here we ask where the balance should be between the County's duty to protect the community versus the individual's rights. Some people want the County to impose restrictions because they think there are too many people who cannot be trusted to be considerate of others. Some want less County involvement because they believe that everyone's situation is different and that people should be trusted to make the best decisions for themselves and those around them.

The further **left** you move the dot, the **more you want the County involved in imposing restrictions.**

The further **right** you move the dot, the **less you want the County involved in imposing restrictions.**

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More



Neutral

Less

### Threats and Reactions

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Background information for the next two questions.

LOW THREAT PERSPECTIVE: According to some, the virus turned out to be not as much of a threat as previously thought.

HIGH THREAT PERSPECTIVE: According to others, the virus will remain a threat to the community until one or more of several things happen:

1. An effective vaccine is developed.
2. Testing is so common that everyone can be tested on a regular basis.
3. Treatments are developed that cause the virus to be much less threatening.
4. At least 70% of the population has contracted the virus and recovered from it.

The first three do not exist at this time and may not exist for months or years. We all hope that science is able to provide these options soon, but they do not exist now. There is no assurance that they will come into existence quickly.

The fourth option will result in some people dying or suffering lifelong, negative health effects. We do not know the percentage of people who will die or suffer, but it is higher than we like.

The CDC recognizes people as "high risk," if they are:

1. Over the age of 65
2. People of all ages with:
  1. Chronic lung disease or moderate-to-severe asthma
  2. Serious heart conditions
  3. Immunocompromised
  4. Severe obesity
  5. Diabetes
  6. Undergoing dialysis
  7. Liver disease

As the regulations are eased and more people travel to and from the island, there may be an increased possibility of the virus spreading on the island.

**VALIDATION:** Min = 1 Max = 10

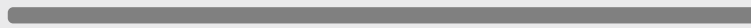
34. Move the slider to reflect the threat level you consider the virus to be given the current regulations, enforcement, and compliance.

The further **left** you move the dot, the **less of a threat you think the virus is to you and the community.**

The further **right** you move the dot, the **higher the threat you think the virus is to you and the community.**

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Low Threat



High Threat

35. How many new cases of the virus appearing on the island should cause the County Health officer to revert to Phase 1 regulations? \*

- 0 - We should go back to Phase 1 now
- 1 to 9 new cases should cause us to revert to Phase 1 regulations
- 10 or more new cases should cause us to revert to Phase 1 regulations
- The first death of an island resident from the coronavirus should cause us to revert to Phase 1 regulations
- We should not revert to Phase 1 regulations unless multiple people die of the virus
- We should not revert to Phase 1 regulations unless the hospitals we would normally go to get overwhelmed
- We should not revert to Phase 1 regulations under any scenario

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#### Comments

36. Your comments will be published. Your identity will not be included. We reserve the right to edit or delete comments that we consider libelous in order to protect both you and us.

When you move to the next screen, the survey will be complete. You may return to the survey and modify your answers until we close the survey. Thank you for participating and sharing your thoughts. The results will be posted on the MadronaVoices.com site.

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#### Thank You!

Thank you for taking our survey. Your responses will be anonymized and shared with local decision makers and published on Madrona Voices.

If you have a friend who would like to take the survey but who has not received an email invite, please direct them to Madrona Voices.

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Email [steve@madronavoices.com](mailto:steve@madronavoices.com) with any questions or comments.

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