



Madrona Voices Community Survey

The Virus and Orcas Island's Response – **With Comments**

We are publishing two versions of this report -- one with comments, the other without. This version includes comments. The comments add 49 pages to the report. Please visit the MadronaVoices.com site to see the version without comments.

June 3, 2020

Survey Results

Results of this survey start on page 11.

Purpose of the survey

The purpose of the survey is to provide a representative snapshot of the community, how the virus and our response is affecting us, and our opinions about how we are responding.

Survey dates

The survey was run from Tuesday, May 26 through Monday, June 1, 2020. The survey was open for six days.

Survey reports

The report on the survey is/will be published in several versions

1. A version with all comments embedded in the report. – This version
2. A version without all of the comments embedded.
3. Several anticipated comparative analysis studies. Examples: Do those who own residential rental properties share opinions with those who do not? Is there a difference in opinion between those who have earned income vs those who do not? Those studies are not included in this report. They will be published when they are complete.

Thank you

A big thank you to those who participate in the surveys. Another big thank you to those who helped review the survey before it was released.

Who received this survey?

Invitations to take the survey were sent to everyone who had completed a Madrona Voices survey in the past and anyone who had requested surveys be sent to them via the Subscription Form on the Madrona Voices page.

The survey is of people who live on Orcas Island at least part of the year.

Survey statistics

We estimated it would take 5 minutes to complete the survey, plus time for adding comments. The median completion time was 13 minutes. Those who added comments took more time.

The survey was sent to 1,333 email addresses. 1,263 unique people have taken previous Madrona Voices surveys. Not everyone takes all surveys. Seventy (70) people asked to participate in this survey who did not receive the initial email. Since our last survey, a year and a half ago, six (6) email addresses became inactive and our invitation to them bounced. Fifteen (15) had unsubscribed. We have another 2,000 island email addresses.

We verify all email addresses. Invalid addresses are removed from our system. We remove from our system anyone who has unsubscribed.

This survey was completed by 617 people.

Privacy

We do not sell or share your email address. We do not publish any information that would associate your name or email address with any of your responses or comments. One only person at Madrona Voices can associate the responses with the email and, with hundreds of responses, rarely chooses to look at any one response (and that is usually due to some kind of problem or abnormality).

The survey responses are stored on the Survey Gizmo cloud. The data downloaded to our computer to prepare the reports have the names and emails converted to a reference number.

Who we are and why we do this.

Madrona Voices is a nonprofit 501(c)(3). It is operated by Steve Smith and Jennifer Smith. We have lived on Orcas Island for six years. We do this as a service for our community. No one paid us to do this survey, and we do not advocate for anyone. All costs associated with doing the surveys are paid by Madrona Voices.

What is done with the survey?

When the survey is complete, we prepare a report. This is what you are reading now. The report is shared on our website. A link to the report is sent to everyone who completed the survey and to any decision-makers who might find the information helpful.

For this survey, the decision-makers are the County Council and Public Health Department. The opinions of the public may not be as much of a factor for the Public Health Department as they are for the decisions made by the County Council. The Public Health decision-maker is unelected and charged with protecting the health of the public, regardless of what the public's opinion is. County Council is tasked with taking more issues than just health into consideration.

Is the survey representative of the community?

In short, this survey is representative of the voters on Orcas Island. Those who vote in elections are not representative of the community at large nor is this survey representative of the community at large. Few of the young participate in elections, and few of the young participate in these surveys.

There are many ways of measuring whether something is representative. We choose to ask several questions in the survey that we can compare to official sources. Specifically, we ask questions about age, gender, and home tenancy. We compare these to the voter registration rolls and to Census data. If the responses we receive are proportional to those data points, then the survey is representative of those who match that group.

All survey methods, including randomly-selected groups, are responded to voluntarily. Any survey of human opinions requires the voluntary participation of the person being surveyed. It does not matter if the survey is sent by snail mail, solicited via a phone, by knocking on the door, by stopping people on the street, or queried via email. Under each method, responses are only collected by people who are willing to participate.

The Pew Foundation switched to using email as their primary method of conducting surveys. It is the method we use as well.

A random selection of a population requires that a very high percentage of those randomly selected will voluntarily choose to participate. If those who are randomly selected refuse to participate, the survey will fail. Those doing the survey can make a new random selection, or they can repeatedly ask those who were randomly selected to participate. However, neither approach usually works. So, what most of those who survey public opinion choose to do is compare the number of respondents to chosen demographics. This is different than how hard-science surveys work, which measure things that do not require a voluntary response. Please visit MadronaVoices.com in the methodology section for more detail about how surveying public opinion is done.

Age

Age - This survey is representative of the community that votes.

We have two official estimates of age. The first being the Census estimates. The last actual count was in 2010 and published in 2011. The census updates their numbers each year; but as time goes by, those become more of a guess.

The other official record is the voting registrations and actual votes. We have demonstrated a need for the information, and the County has provided a record of every registered voter and which elections each person participated in.

A comparison of the age census estimates, the voter registration, the voters of the 2018 vote, and those responding to the survey shows a close correlation between voting and taking the survey. In other words, the age range of those taking the survey is very close to those who vote. We under-represent those over the age of 85 in comparison to the vote but are close with all other age groups.

Age - Comparison of Census, Voting, and Survey

Age	Numbers					Percentages				Age
	2018 Census	Registered Voters 2018	Voted in 2018	Survey		2018 Census	Registered Voters 2018	Voted in 2018	Survey	
85+	124	144	108	14	3%	3%	5%	2%	85+	
75 to 84	451	535	411	100	9%	13%	18%	16%	75 to 84	
65 to 74	1077	1,115	772	232	22%	26%	34%	38%	65 to 74	
55 to 64	1041	853	477	154	22%	20%	21%	25%	55 to 64	
45 to 54	664	573	218	69	14%	14%	10%	11%	45 to 54	
35 to 44	567	440	133	29	12%	10%	6%	5%	35 to 44	
25 to 34	572	404	97	18	12%	10%	4%	3%	25 to 34	
18 to 24	331	144	28	1	7%	3%	1%	0%	18 to 24	
Total	4,827	4,208	2,244	617	100%	100%	100%	100%		

617 people completed the survey. 66 of those do not consider Orcas to be their primary home. 551 of those completing the survey do consider Orcas to be their primary home. 551 divided by 2,244 voting in the 2018 election gives us 25.6% of the people who vote. We do not know if it is the same people who vote that took the survey; but given that the survey participants match the age and gender of the voters, there is a good chance there is a high correlation.

The older a person is, the more likely they are to vote.

Age Range	Percent of age group that votes
85+	87%
75 to 84	91%
65 to 74	72%
55 to 64	46%
45 to 54	33%
35 to 44	23%
25 to 34	17%
18 to 24	8%

Gender

Gender - This survey is representative of the community at large.

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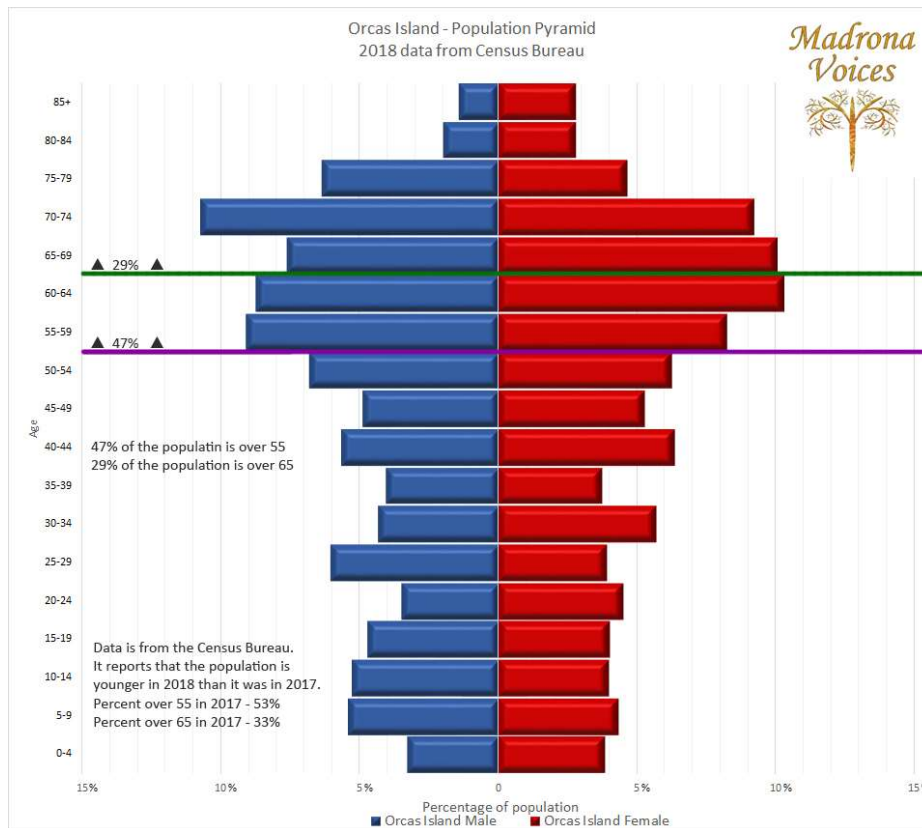
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Gender - Comparison of Census, Voting, and Survey

Gender	Numbers				Percentages				Gender
	Voting Age 2018	Registered Voters 2018	Voted in 2018	Survey	2018 Census	Registered Voters 2018	Voted in 2018	Survey	
Male	2237	2,016	1,018	282	46%	48%	45%	46%	Male
Female	2590	2,211	1,226	335	54%	52%	55%	54%	Female
Total	4827	4,227	2,244	617	100%	100%	100%	100%	Total

Background information for understanding population demographics for the island. Source: Census.
 The two graphs give the same information but presented in different ways.



Home tenancy

Ratio of owners to renters - This survey is NOT representative of the community at large.

We only have one official provider of home tenancy numbers -- that being the Census Bureau. The Census updates their estimates each year. These are based on numbers provided by the States which get their numbers from the counties. The County reports annual estimates that it provides to the State Office of Financial Management. The County bases its estimates on property tax rolls and on building permits. The County is unable to provide Madrona Voices with Orcas Island building permit data for 2018 or 2019, which means it may not provide the State up-to-date information either. With that understanding of where the numbers come from, we can consider the housing data from the Census.

2018 Census estimated number of residents by tenancy		
Owned vs Rented	2018	Pct
Units occupied by owners or guests	4,025	75%
Units occupied by long-term renters	1,328	25%
Total	5,353	100%

2020 Survey responses		
Owned vs Rented	2020	Pct
Respondent lives in owned home	565	92%
Respondent lives in a rented home	52	8%
Total	617	100%

There are several potential reasons for the difference in percentages between the Census and the survey responses.

1. One possibility is that renters tend to be younger than homeowners, and the young are less likely to participate in civic activities like participating in community surveys. This theory is supported by the fact that the age of the respondents to the survey match the age of those who vote. In other words, our election system is not representative of the young because very few of them choose to participate, even when the ballot is mailed to them.

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2. It is possible that we do not have contact information for renters. We have over 3,300 email addresses. Over 1,250 different people have participated in past surveys we have done over

the years. We sent this survey only to those who had taken a past survey and those who newly subscribed to our surveys. We reach out to the public in a variety of ways. This includes the media, social media, and in-person efforts. If we find a renter, we basically beg them to participate so they are represented. Renters by nature are transitory. That makes it more difficult to identify them, since many of them are new to the community.

3. Another possibility is that the Census estimates for rental units is higher than what actually exists. The Census data is ten years old. In that time, there have been some significant changes in the number of rental units. The significant loss of long-term rental units over the last five years has made rental housing difficult to find.

In summary, we have worked hard to make the survey representative of the community. We have done extensive research in identifying renters and reached out to them. We believe that we are not representative of the renters because renters tend to be younger, and the younger portions of our population choose not to participate in many civic activities, including voting and our surveys. If you have suggestions on how to increase renter participation, we would like to hear your ideas.

Housing tenancy research

In our research about renters, we have compiled information about rental units, vacation rental units, and owned units. Even though this research is not represented in any of the questions in this survey, it does show the number of rental units. You might find some of the information interesting.

This table shows the shift in housing types between 2013 and 2018. The source for the data is a combination of Census numbers and County vacation permit data. The County data has been verified with the County Planning Department as being accurate. There has been a significant reduction in the long-term rental housing units over the last five years. We do not have Census data for the island for a ten-year comparison. About half of the loss of long-term rental units went to vacation rentals. About half went to people purchasing the homes to live in. Seventy-eight percent (78%) of the homes on the island are owned by an owner who occupies them at least part time or uses them for short-term rentals. Twenty-two percent (22%) are occupied by long-term renters.

Orcas Island Housing Units	2013	2018	Pct of 2018	Delta 2013 to 2018	Delta 2013 to 2018 %
Total Housing Units	5,037	5,353	100%	316	6%
Owned	3,549	4,025	100%	476	13%
Occupied Full time	1,333	1,687	42%	355	27%
Occupied Seasonally	2,216	2,338	58%	121	5%
Rented	1,488	1,328	100%	(160)	-11%
Rented Full time	1,190	887	67%	(303)	-25%
Rented Seasonally	298	441	33%	143	48%
Ratio of Owned to FT Rental	34%	22%			
Rental to Total Units ratio	29.5%	24.8%		-4.7%	-16%
FT rentals as % of total units	24%	17%			
FT rentals as % of total rentals	80%	67%			
VR as % of total housing	6%	8%			
VR as % of total rentals	20%	33%			
Population	5,056	5,481		425	8%
Population per housing units	1.00	1.02			
Population per occupied units	2.00	2.13			

FT = Full-time
VR = Vacation rental

How the survey is created

Madrona Voices identifies a topic of interest to the community. From that, we identify the purpose and goal of the survey – what is it we are trying to learn from the survey? One of the criteria is if the topic is of interest to the Orcas Island community.

From there, we draft questions and possible answers that we think will accomplish the purpose of the survey. We try to think of the questions and possible responses from different people’s perspectives.

We, then, share the draft with people who have expressed an interest in helping us design, review, and test surveys. We also reach out to people who may be well informed or have expressed opinions on the topic of the survey. We ask our reviewers to help us with several things:

1. Identify and remove bias in both the questions and possible answers.
2. Revise questions. This includes eliminating questions and adding questions. Bias can easily exist in what questions are present and what questions are not present.
3. Revise answer options. Bias can exist in which options are available and not available. We try hard to make sure that every possible opinion has an option available and that we do not “lock” people into choices that do not reflect their opinion. In case all reviewers missed thinking of an option, we provide space for comments. [In this survey, several questions had space for writing in more information; plus, there was a comment box at the end where participants could fully express any of their opinions. See upcoming section regarding “Comments.”]
4. Help us verify that the survey is compliant with all regulations. These might include regulations about collecting data from those younger than 18 or with HIPPA regulations.
5. Test the survey for flow.
6. Test the survey for grammar.
7. Test the survey for compatibility with various devices.
8. Identify people who may have a special interest in the topic of the survey.

After all of that, we release the survey to the public.

Madrona Voices takes responsibility for the final version of the survey.

Report for Orcas Island Community Survey

What is reported

Not everyone who starts taking the survey completes it. We choose to report the number of responses for each question, including those who did not complete the survey. If we compare the responses from one question to another, then we only use the responses of those who answered both questions.

There were 705 responses to the first question. There were 617 completed surveys. Eighty-eight (88) started but did not complete the survey. The vast majority of those choosing not to complete the survey stopped when we asked them to verify their name and email address. Some do not like associating their name with their opinion. The assurances of their privacy are unpersuasive.

Each of those who stopped at this point had completed surveys with Madrona Voices before. In this and in previous surveys, we have always associated the email address with each participant.

We use the email address for a variety of reasons:

1. Using email is the only affordable way of doing representative surveys of the community. The well-respected Pew Foundation now does their surveys using this method.
2. We use verified email addresses to help assure that one person is not taking the survey multiple times. We cannot use IP addresses or browser cookies to do this.
3. We can reduce the length of future surveys by not having to ask the same identifying questions in each survey.

Comments

There were five opportunities to comment in this survey. Fifty-four percent (54%) of the respondents availed themselves of the opportunity. We received a total of 951 comments.

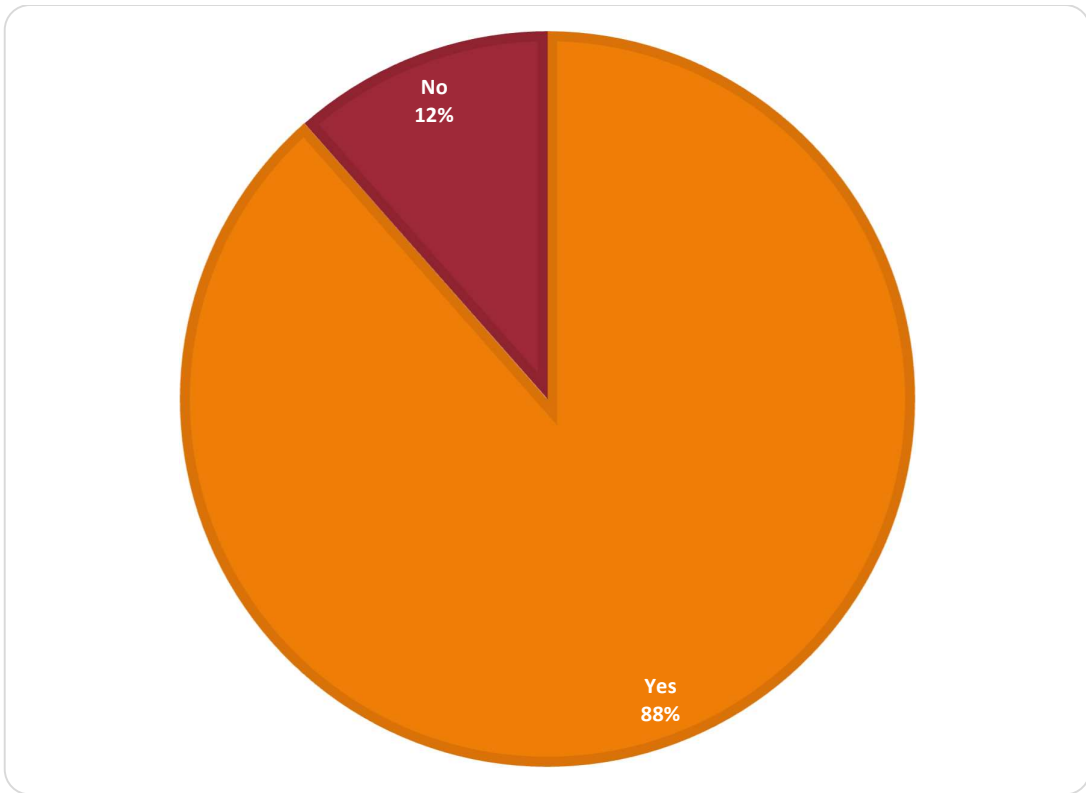
We are impressed with the comments that were made as a part of this survey. We think they are worth reading and hope you will take the time to look at them. The comments give a sense of the community in ways that the numbers do not. We know that there are some who wish all questions permitted essay responses rather than quantifiable responses. It is our belief that a mix is the most productive.

The only edits we made to any of the comments was to remove identifying information such as names of people or places. Those were replaced with “_____”.

Question Numbering

Survey Gizmo dynamically numbers the questions as they are presented. Some of the questions have follow-up questions that are only presented if appropriate. For example, question 7 asked, “Did you work for wages or a salary at any time this year?” Those who answered “Yes” were presented with a question that those who answered “No” did not see. With dynamic numbering, the question numbers from this point on might vary by respondent. The final report numbers all questions sequentially, including the ones that some respondents were not shown. This will cause some confusion for those who refer to a specific question number in their comments.

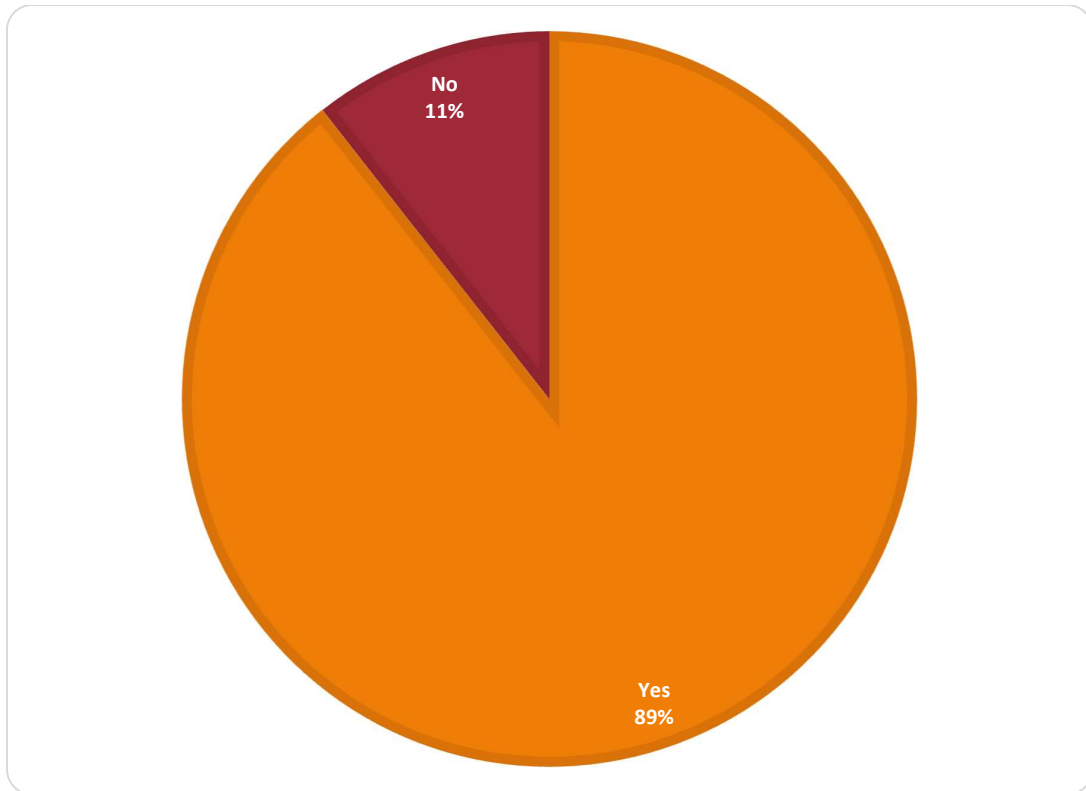
1. Are you living on Orcas Island as you take this survey?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	88%	623
No	12%	81
	Totals	704

Question 2 asked people to verify their email address and name.

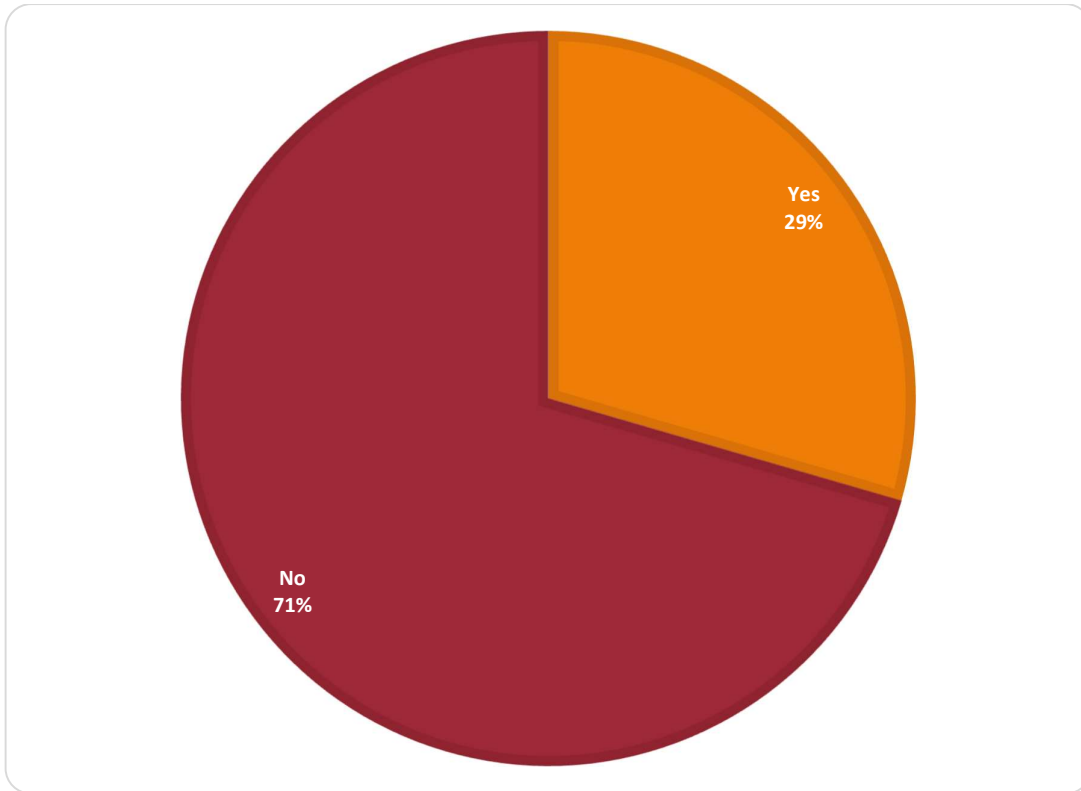
3. Is your primary home on Orcas Island?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	89%	554
No	11%	66
	Totals	620

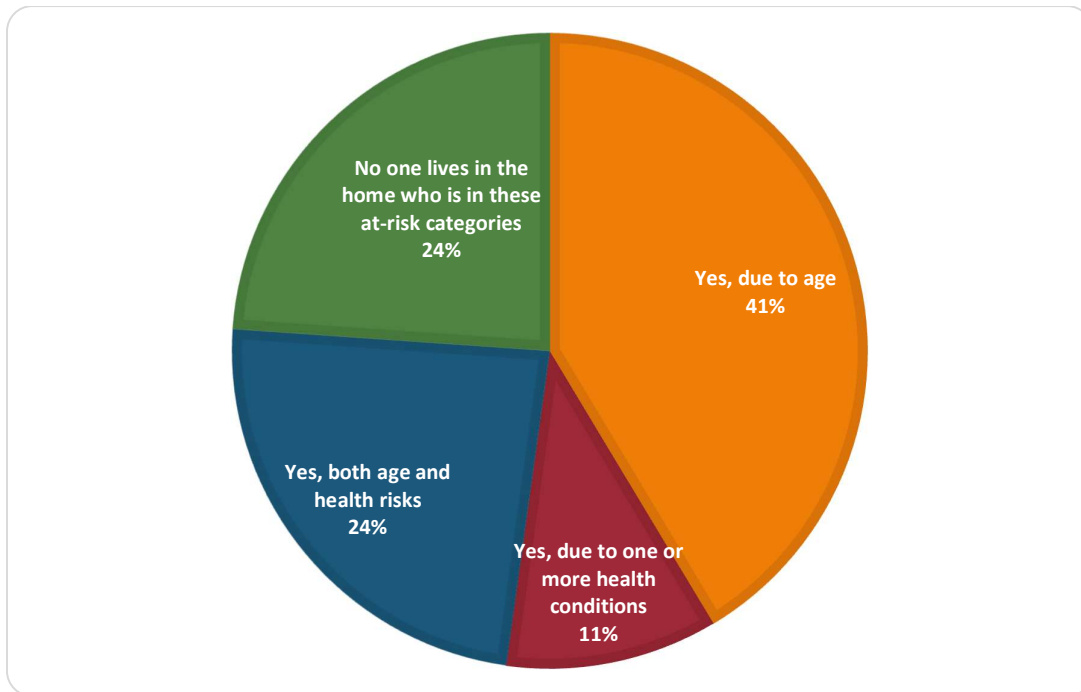
We permit and encourage people who own homes on Orcas Island, but whose primary home is off-island, to participate in surveys. We will compare, in a later report, how this group's opinions compare to those whose primary home is on-island.

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



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	29%	181
No	71%	432
	Totals	613

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



Value	Percent	Count
Yes, due to age	41%	256
Yes, due to one or more health conditions	11%	67
Yes, both age and health risks	24%	148
No one lives in the home who is in these at-risk categories	24%	148
	Totals	619

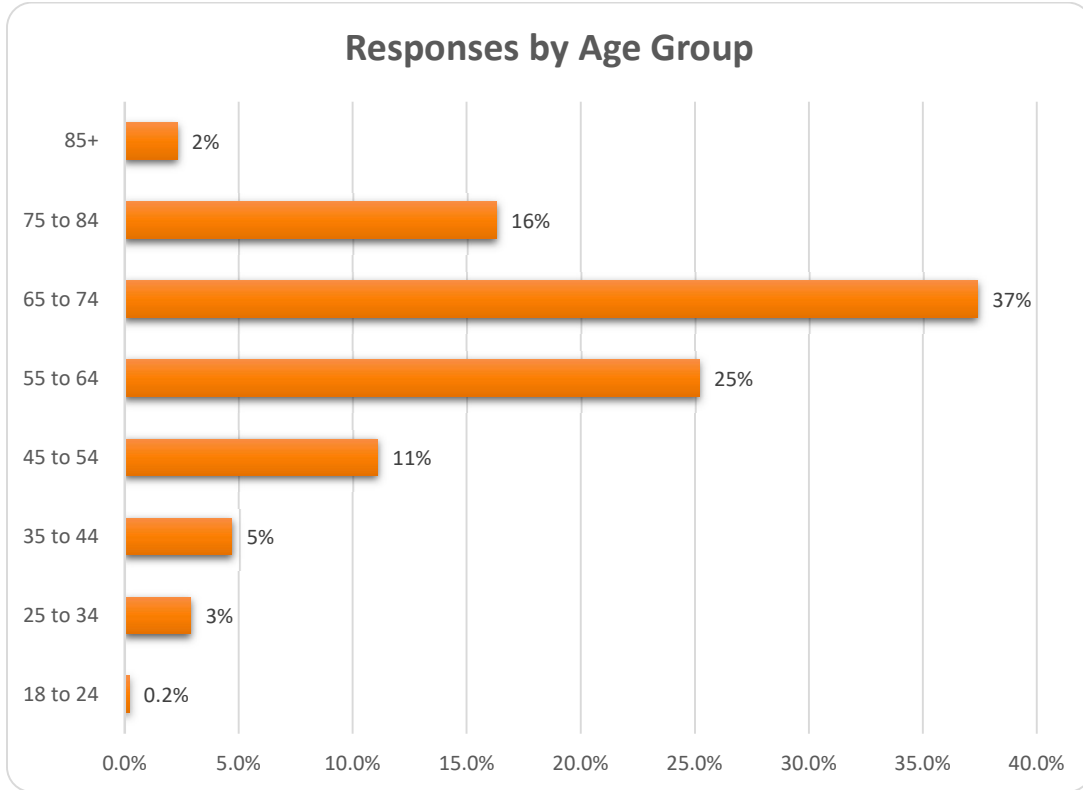
Full question text:

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

- Over the age of 65
- People of all ages with:
 - a. Chronic lung disease or moderate-to-severe asthma
 - b. Serious heart conditions
 - c. Immunocompromised
 - d. Severe obesity
 - e. Diabetes
 - f. Undergoing dialysis
 - g. Liver disease

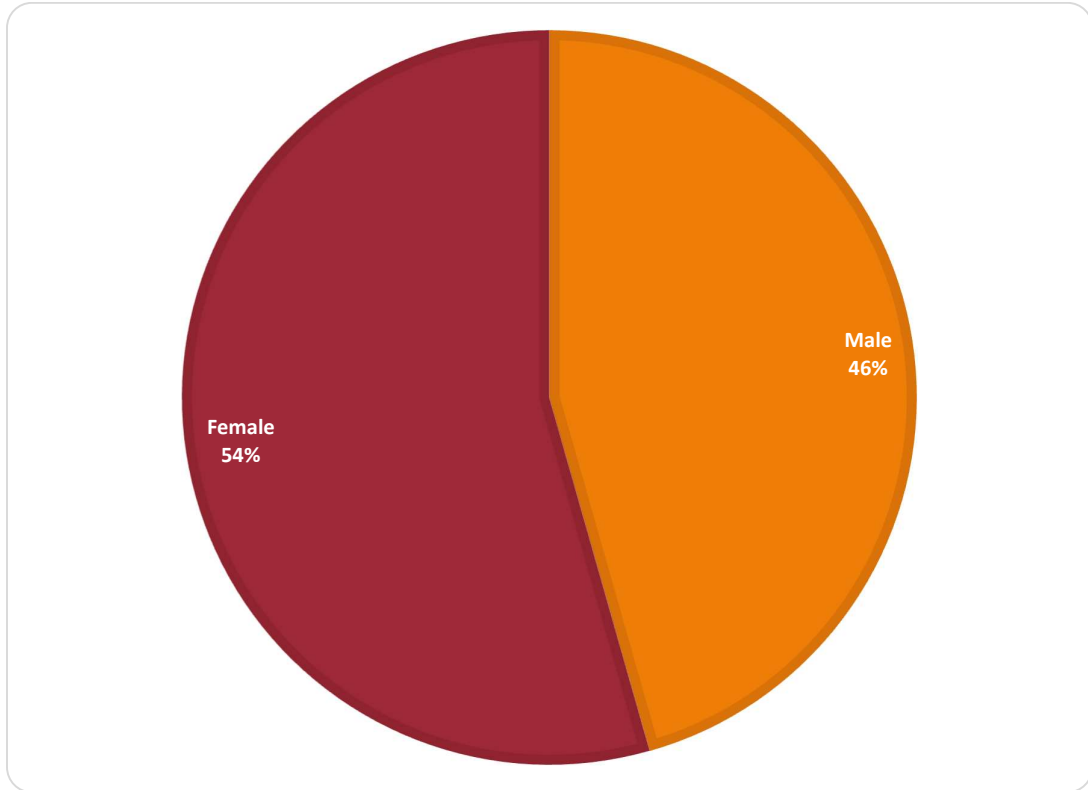
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6. What age range are you in? We ask this question because it allows us to compare survey responses to Census numbers, thus aiding us to validate the survey. The age brackets match those used by the Census.



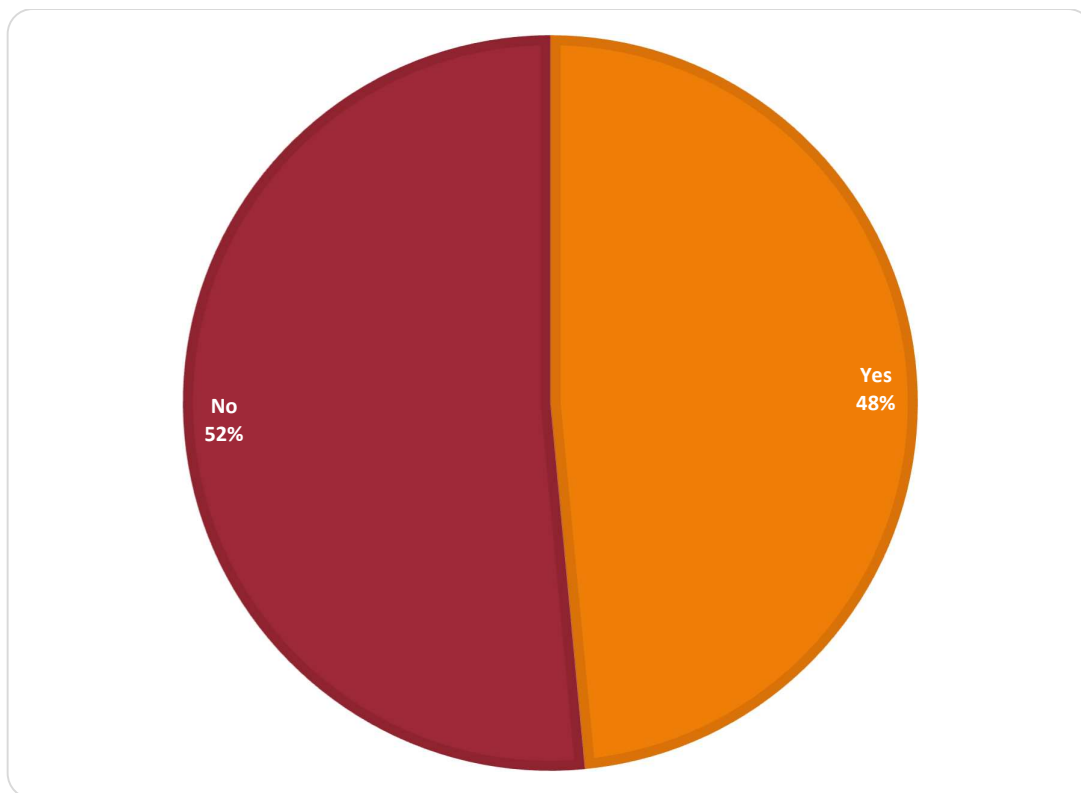
Value	Percent	Count	2018 Census	2018 Vote
85+	2%	14	3%	5%
75 to 84	16%	101	9%	18%
65 to 74	37%	232	22%	34%
55 to 64	25%	156	22%	21%
45 to 54	11%	69	14%	10%
35 to 44	5%	29	12%	6%
25 to 34	3%	18	12%	4%
18 to 24	0.2%	1	7%	1%
	Totals	620		

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.



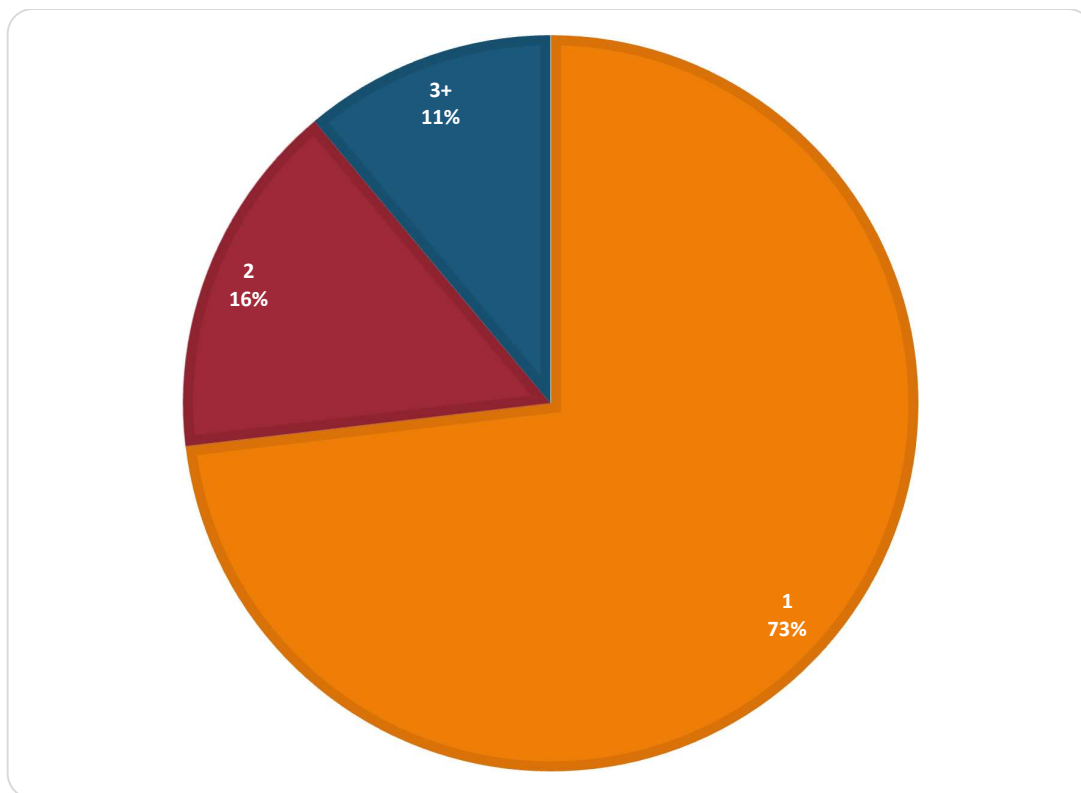
Value	Survey Percent	Survey Count	2018 Census	2018 Vote
Male	46%	283	46%	45%
Female	54%	337	54%	55%
	Totals	620		

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



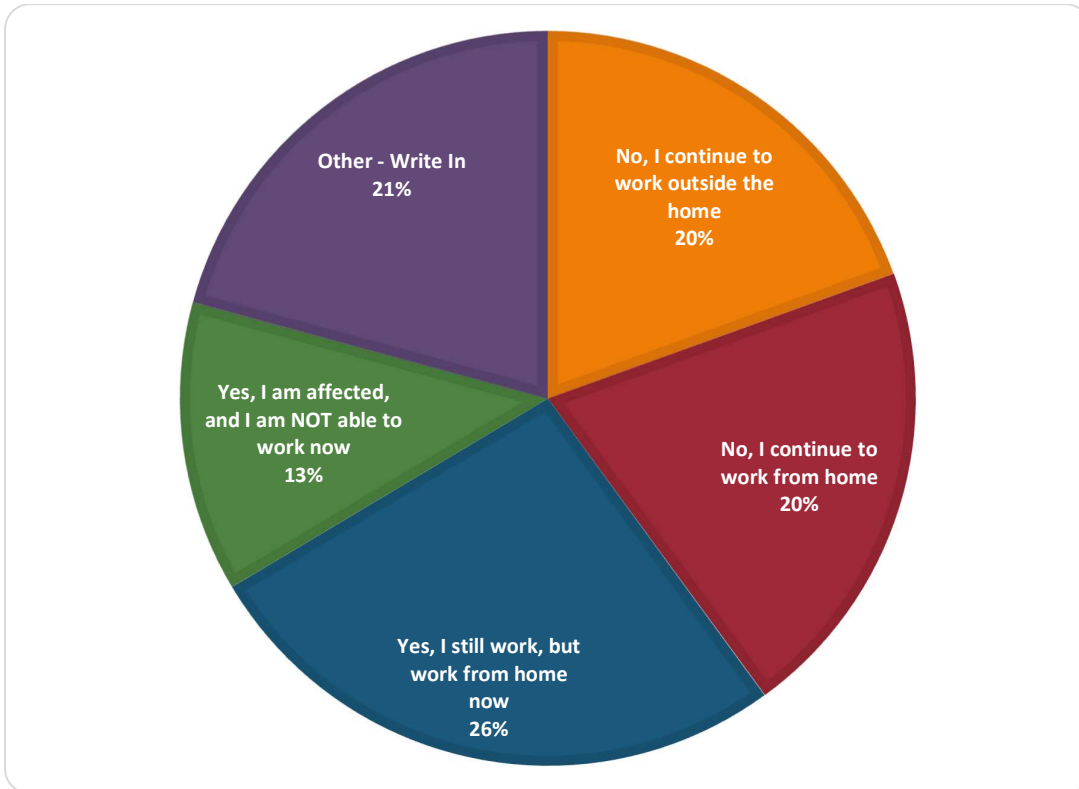
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	48%	299
No	52%	318
	Totals	617

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



Value	Percent	Count
1	73%	218
2	16%	47
3+	11%	33
	Totals	298

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



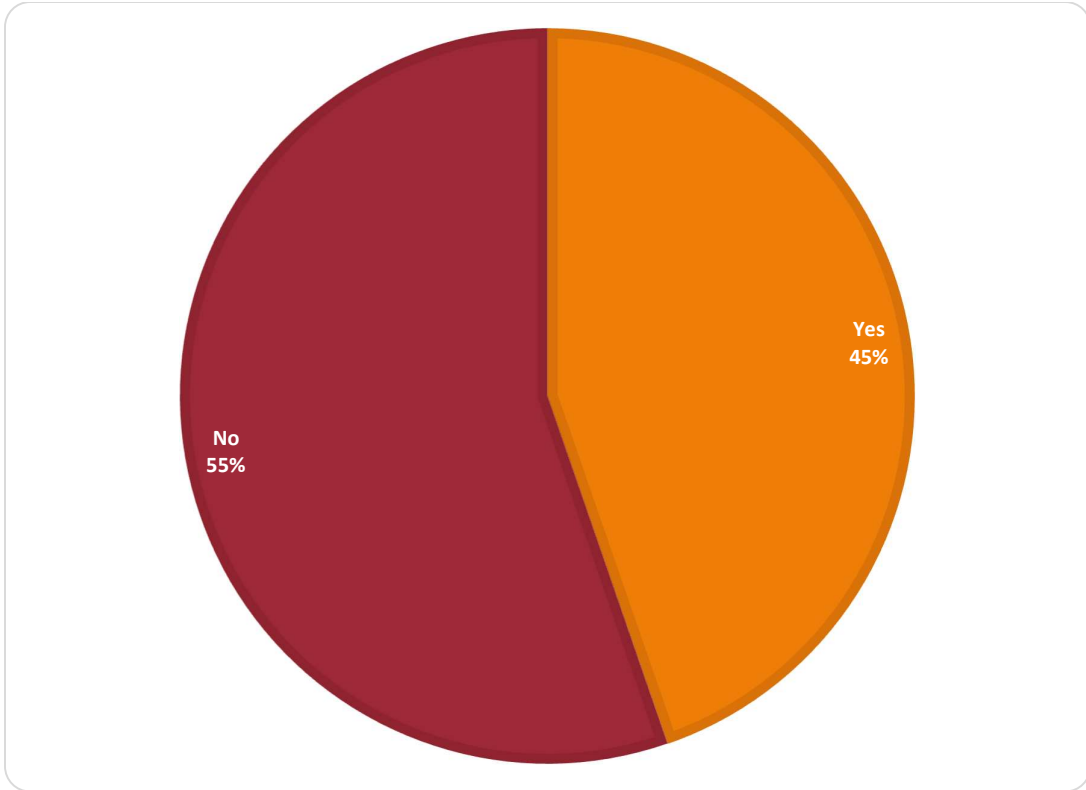
Value	Percent	Count
No, I continue to work outside the home	20%	58
No, I continue to work from home	20%	61
Yes, I still work, but work from home now	26%	79
Yes, I am affected, and I am NOT able to work now	13%	38
Other - Write In	21%	62
	Totals	298

We received 59 comments in response to this question. We have removed the names of locations and people from the comments. We have not corrected grammar or made any other modifications.

Q10 - Comments about work
Yes, was out of work for a month. Now back with precautions, not working in houses or around others
Yes, limited hours at work
Yes my work is considered essential so I work taking precautions
Yes I am affected. I continue to work but I split my time between working at home and working solo at the office. We have established a protocol where in general, only one employee is in the office at one time.
Yes I am affected I partially work from home but my other work is just gone
Yes business affected, but designated essential
Work full time mix
Work from home when I can but do go to the office several times a week.
Work from home however isolation has caused our business to plummet
Work from home and limited outside from home.
Work both outside and from the home
We do couples workshop retreats as one of our jobs - have had to cancel all of them, losing half our income
We are now allowed, by the state to work (construction) although we have not yet resumed working. We plan to resume work under the new protocols on June 1st.
Various jobs, some can still do outdoor work, other I now do from home
To Go Service only
The facility is closed to the public but staff continue to work.
still work at location
Started back Working at a restaurant yesterday
some work, 75% reduction
Some home, some field based for essential work
retired/self-employed part time
retired from business, Apr. 2019
Retired
part time/store is closed
Own _____ so it has stayed open to long term tenants. Do more from home but go meet with people at _____.
Our hours have been reduced.
No, I go to different clients
My work at home job was disrupted, but I am currently working. My other part time spring/summer job was cancelled.
My travel related work has been cancelled
My secondary job (online tutoring as independent contractor) has become my primary source of income. My former primary source-- substitute teaching-- is no longer available to me.
My part time income has been affected by the virus but not my other sources of income.
My job offer disappeared so I am consulting for now
My business was CLOSED on March 16. Doesn't mean I'm NOT working--Does mean there was--over night-- NO REVENUE--ZERO--for --several weeks until we Re-Opened for Take Out & Delivery--at 20% of former gross
Left _____ in late January 2020

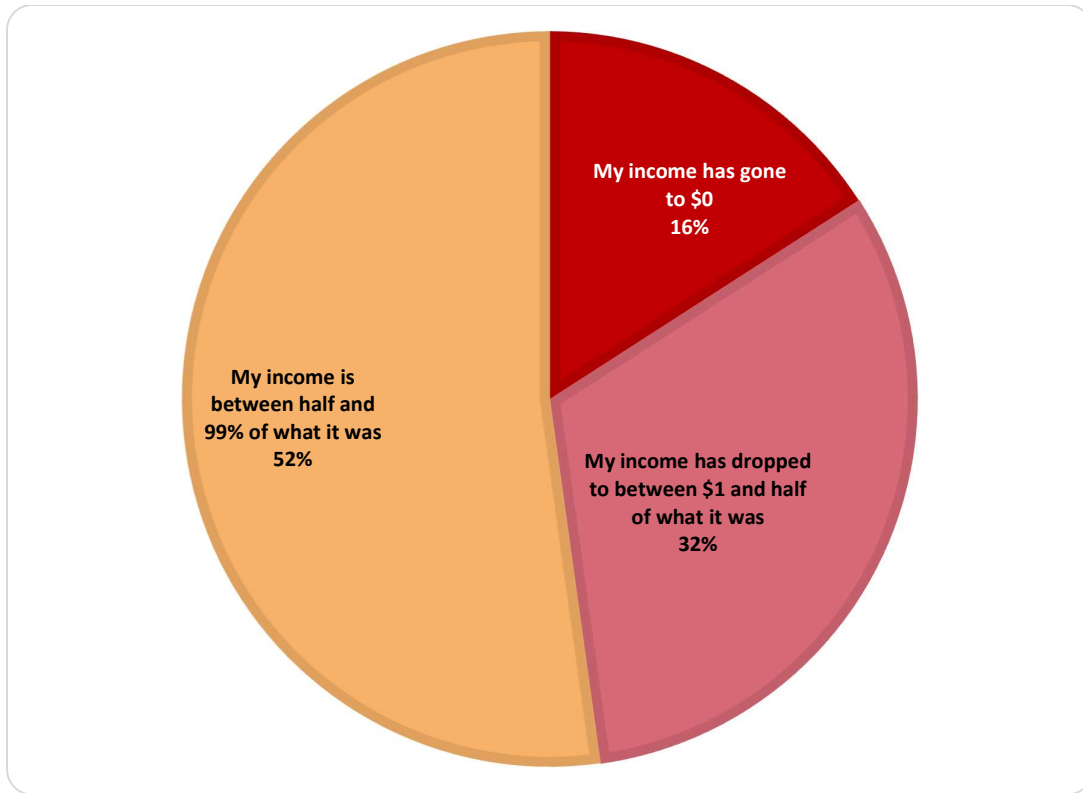
It was a temp job. over now
it did, but am back to work now
Initially I was not working but I am now.
I'm a small business co-owner of a restaurant in town. We were closed for about two months but now we have reopened. My ability to work is minimal due to having two small kids and no school
I would work from home, but have been forced to close my business.
I worked from home for three weeks and then returned to work in office.
I work MUCH more sporadically now, but have adequate savings
I work in the studio next door
I work full time but my sales are 1/3rd of what they would normally be this time of year
I work for our family business, which is construction related. Business had slowed down, but is picking up again.
I was unable to work, due to Gov't mandates, but am now able to work again
I recently restarted work in construction.
I own the company and don't have any of my staff. Very difficult.
I have a low paying job at my home, but now I can't pick up odd jobs to bring in needed income
I cannot do live, paid storytelling now
I can work but I am severely limited as to where and when.
I am only able to work one day per week for about 4-5 hours, as the business' normal amount of business is down over 50%
I am not working with the public, but I do go in a couple of times a week to perform tasks that only I am licensed to do.
I am in danger, but I have to work. I work in the medical field and I contracted it from a guest in the home of one of my patients because I handled his dishes etc. He was asymptomatic at the time. 5 days later he became ill as did his entire family. I got my first symptoms 12 days after I saw him. treated it with colloidal silver in the entire upper respiratory system. I was over the symptoms in less than an hour, but continued the treatments every 4 hours for 4 days and stayed in isolation for 14 days and then worked from home dictating medications etc to patient's homes and lost 41 hours a month
I am choosing not to work during this time
Decreased hours still essential worker
Continue to work from home but eliminated work travel
Business closed
As a musician, I am no longer able to perform for pay. However, I am still able to do the aspects of my work that involve creating music at home.
A Combination of working from home and at the office
Home, one job is inside the home. I continue to work both.

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



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	45%	276
No	55%	341
	Totals	617

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

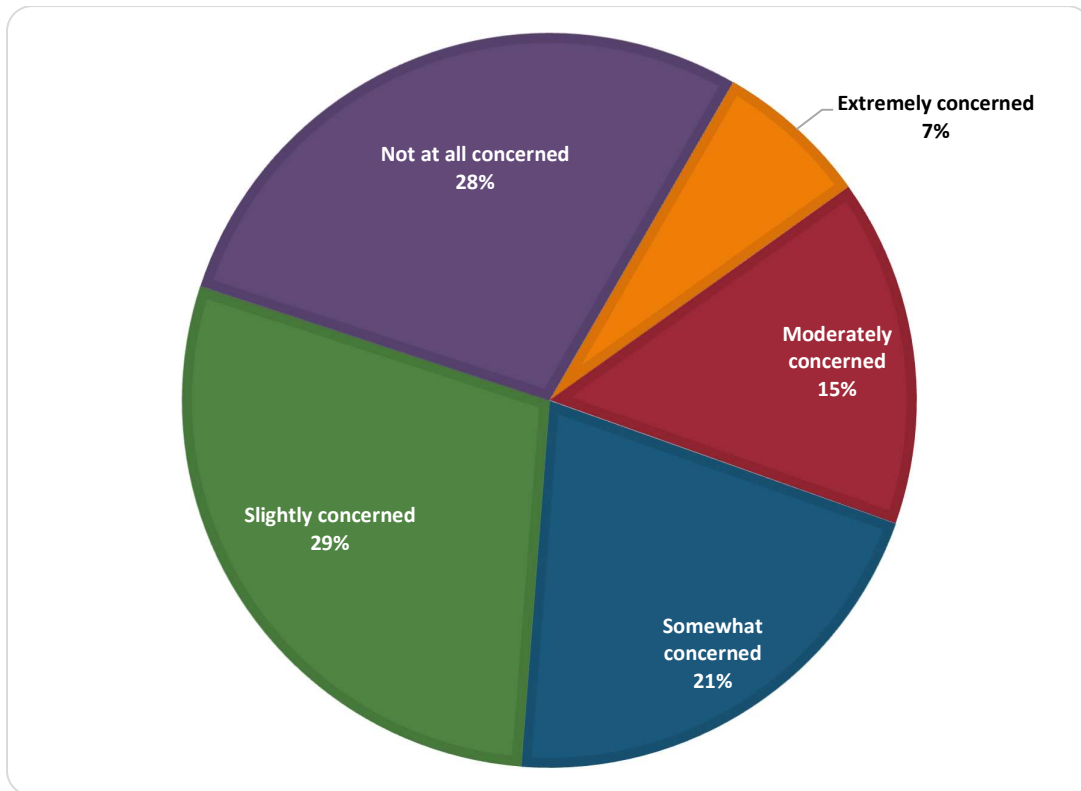


Value	Percent	Count	1,035 Island Workers Affected
My income has gone to \$0	16%	43	165
My income has dropped to between \$1 and half of what it was	32%	86	330
My income is between half and 99% of what it was	52%	141	540
Totals		270	1,035

It is important to remember that the survey count is of those who took the survey.

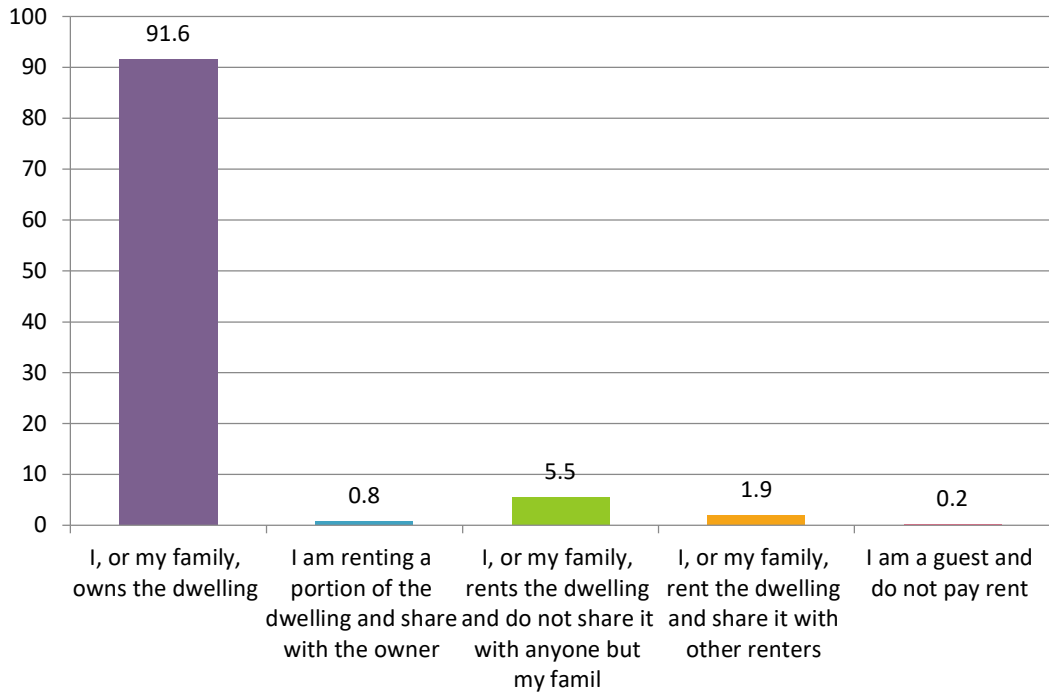
If we apply the percentages found by the survey to the working population of the island, we can estimate the number of individuals on-island who are financially impacted. There are approximately 2,300 people working for wages or a salary on Orcas Island. That number is derived from the Washington Office of Financial Management. The response to the previous question tells us that about 45% of the survey participants who work have seen their income from any source affected. We presume, for most, that income is wages or salary, but that is a presumption that may not be accurate. The final column applies the percentages found by the survey to the number of workers on-island who might have had their income impacted.

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



Value	Percent	Count
Extremely concerned	7%	42
Moderately concerned	15%	95
Somewhat concerned	21%	129
Slightly concerned	29%	178
Not at all concerned	28%	175
	Totals	619

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.

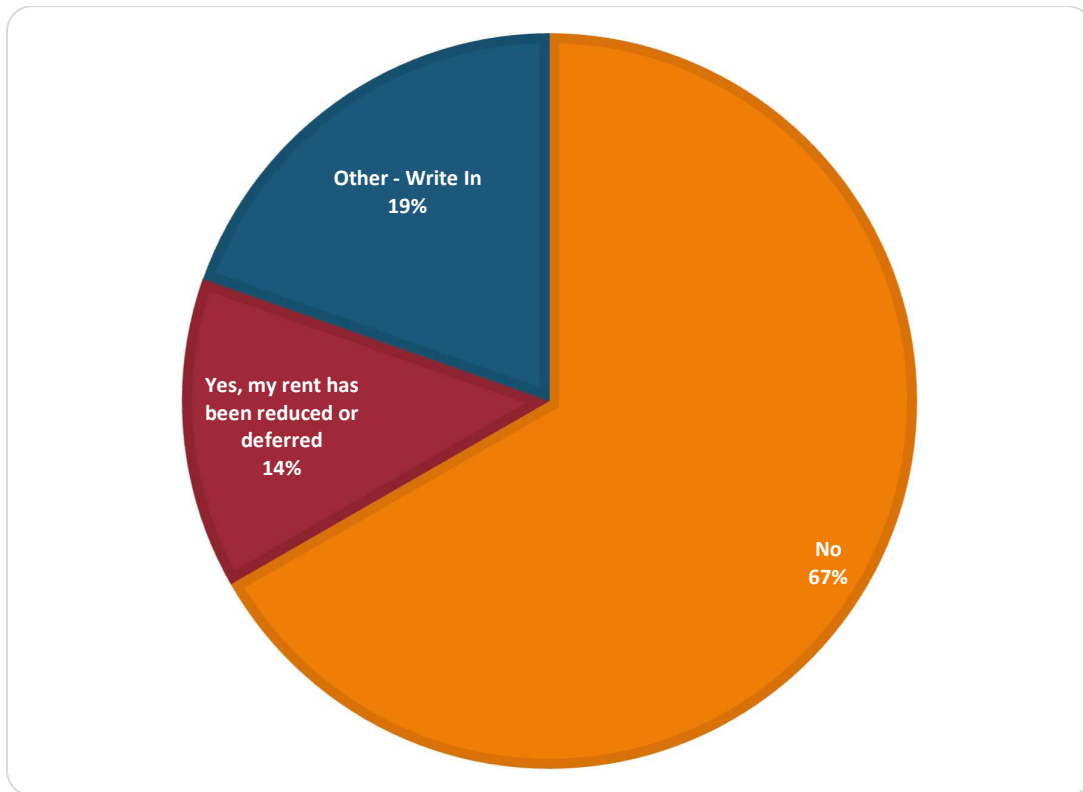


Value	Percent	Count
I, or my family, owns the dwelling	91.6%	564
I am renting a portion of the dwelling and share with the owner	0.8%	5
I, or my family, rents the dwelling and do not share it with anyone but my family	5.5%	34
I, or my family, rent the dwelling and share it with other renters	1.9%	12
I am a guest and do not pay rent	0.2%	1
	Totals	616

We would like to see the ratio of owners to renters at 78% / 22% to better match the Census numbers. Because it does not, this survey is NOT representative of the renters in the community. And, the number of renters is insufficient to be able to bootstrap the results with any degree of acceptable accuracy. (See our website for a description of bootstrapping.)

However, it is our belief, based on age and gender points, that the survey is representative of the community that votes. This would imply that renters tend to be younger and that, the younger a person is, the less likely they are to vote. Perhaps some renters do not currently feel as connected to the community and choose not to participate in civic activities for that reason. Again, we try very hard to get renters to participate, but have not found a way to engage them yet. We are open to suggestions.

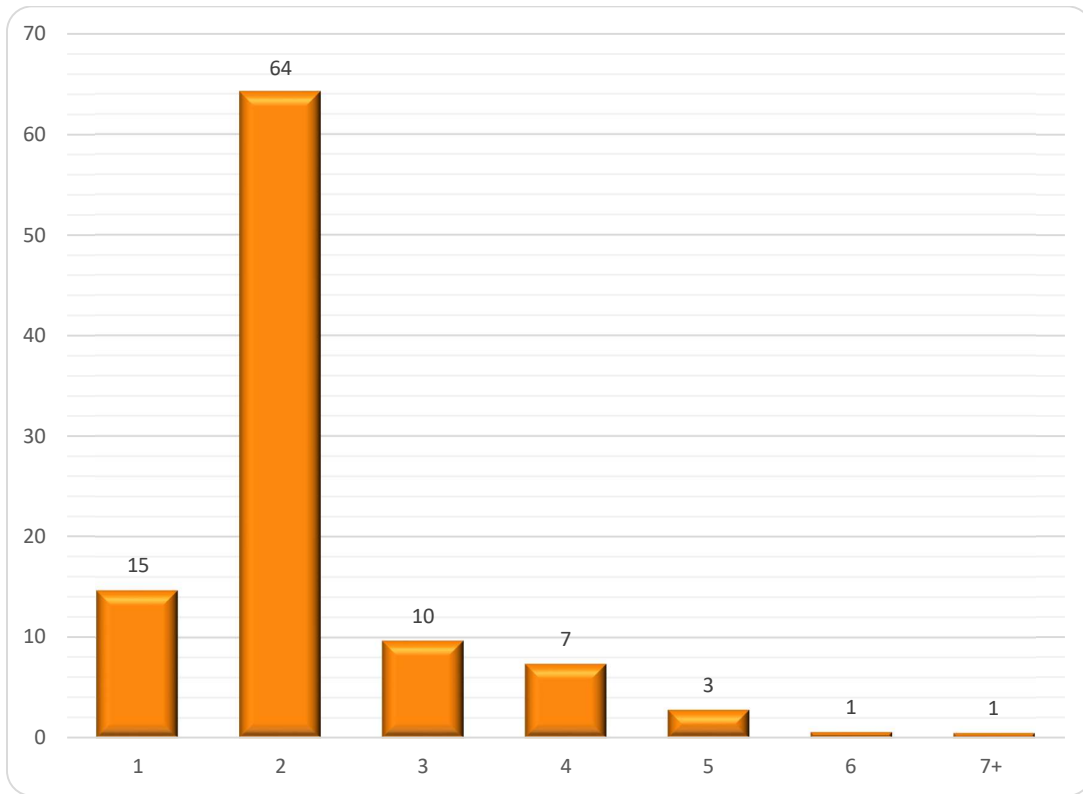
15. **Has the landlord offered help with the rent?** [This question was accessible to only those who stated they were renters.]



Value	Percent	Count
No	67%	34
Yes, my rent has been reduced or deferred	14%	7
Other - Write In	20%	10
	Totals	51

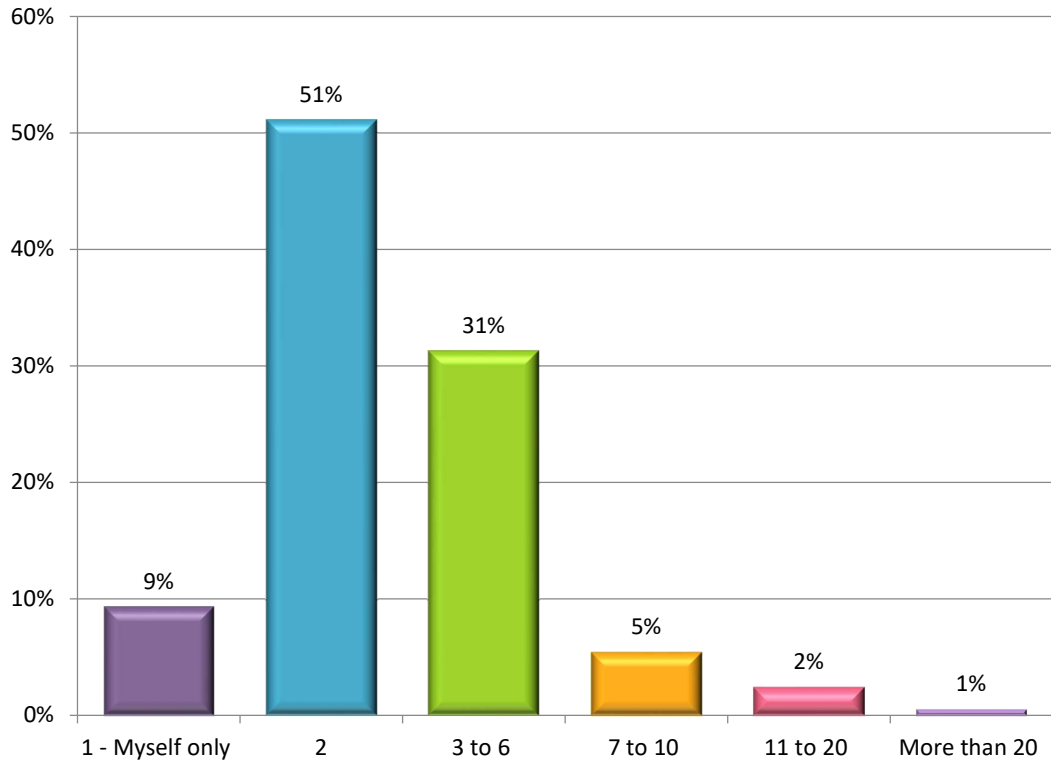
Q15 – Comments about rent
Yes, offer for reduction or deferment but no need since our income has been stable
We had set up a bartering system of rent prior to the onset of the virus: our labor in exchange for very limited space.
They probably would if I asked. But I haven't had issues so far.
subsidized low income rental
since I am still working I can pay the rent.
No- they raised the rent.
Live-in employee
in Trade at \$10/hour
I was offered a reduced rate because the house is on the market and we were put on a month to month lease, not COVID related.
I don't have a problem paying the rent.

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



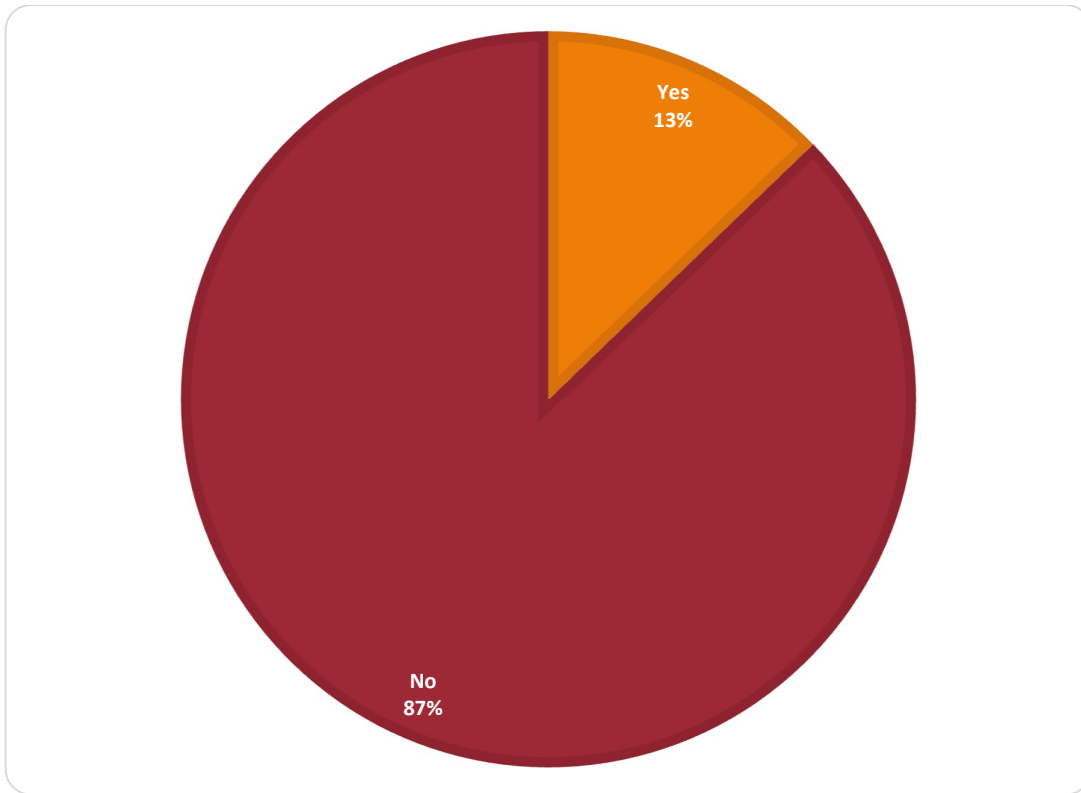
Value	Percent	Count
1	15%	91
2	64%	397
3	10%	60
4	7%	46
5	3%	17
6	1%	4
7+	1%	3
	Totals	618

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?



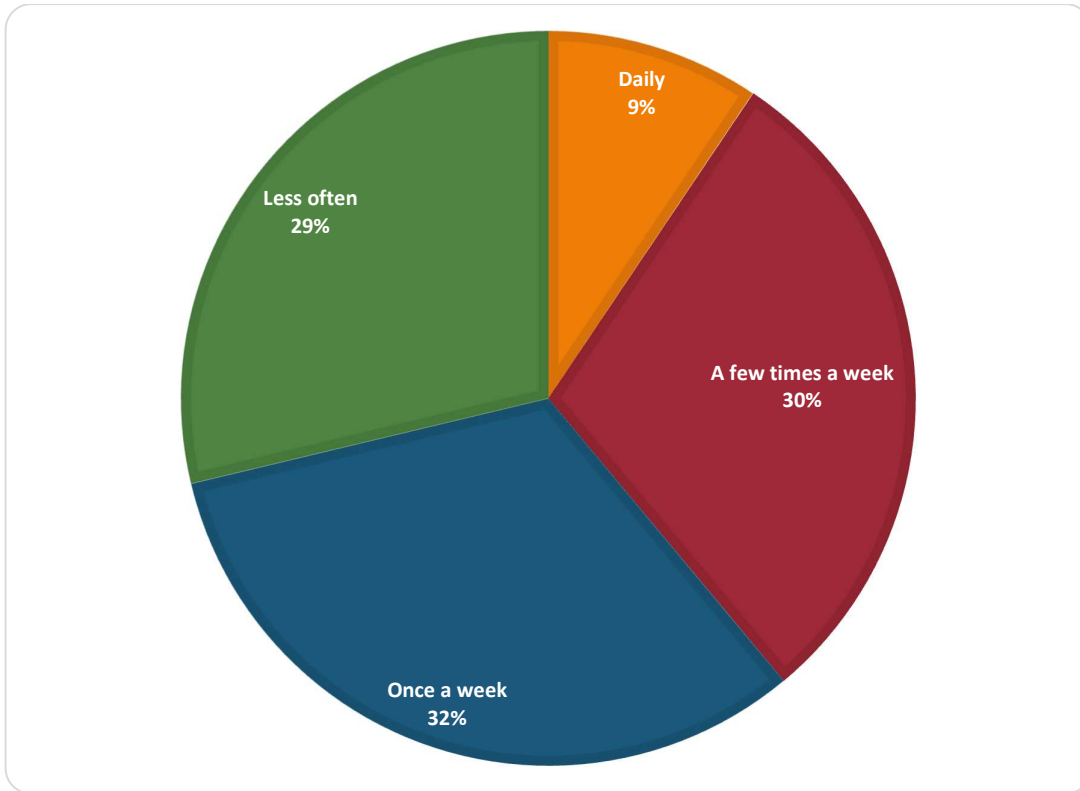
Value	Percent	Count
1 - Myself only	9%	57
2	51%	315
3 to 6	31%	193
7 to 10	5%	33
11 to 20	2%	15
More than 20	1%	3
	Totals	616

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



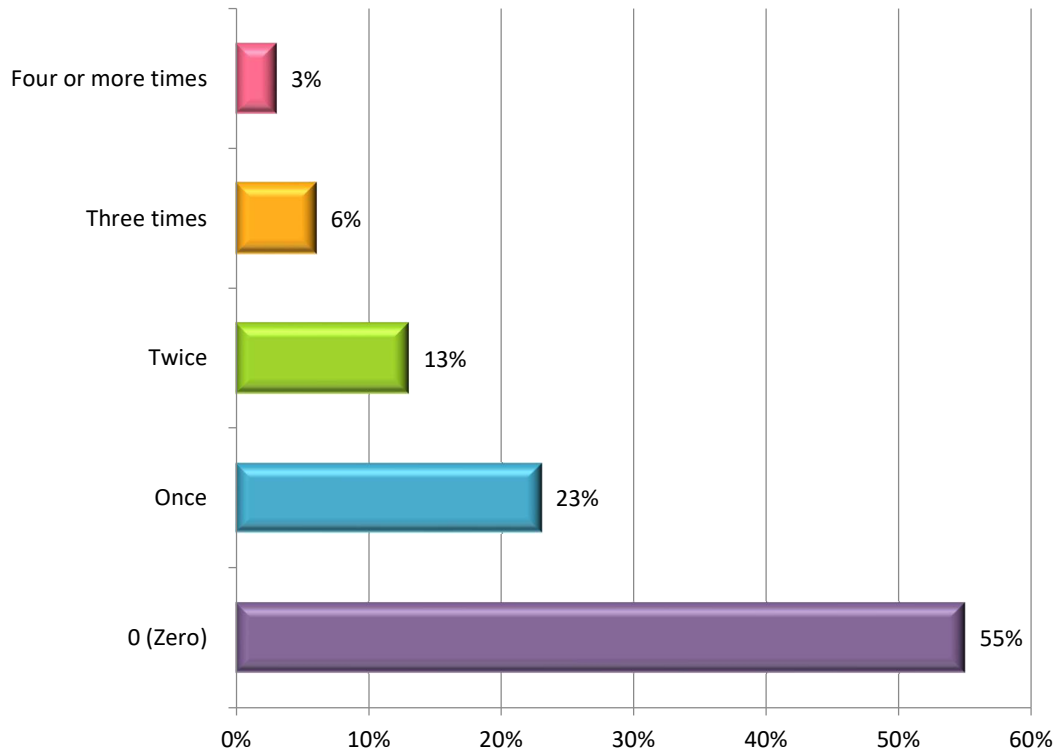
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	13%	79
No	87%	536
	Totals	615

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



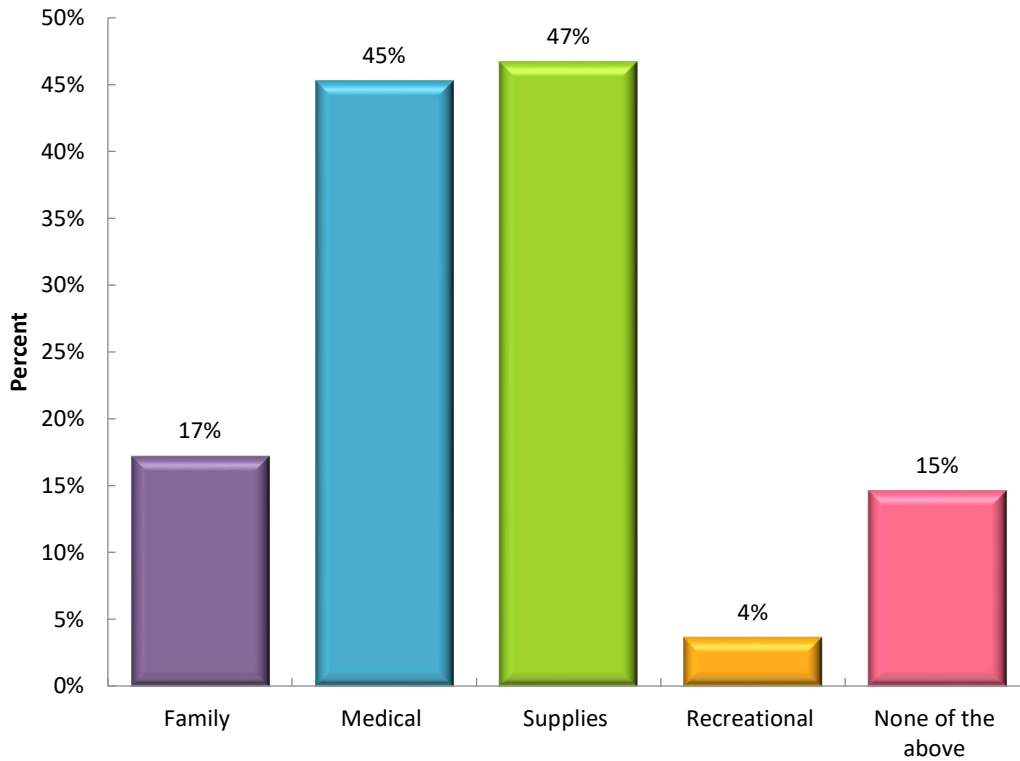
Value	Percent	Count
Daily	9%	58
A few times a week	30%	182
Once a week	32%	199
Less often	29%	177
	Totals	616

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



Value	Percent	Count
0 (Zero)	55%	328
Once	23%	140
Twice	13%	77
Three times	6%	37
Four or more times	3%	20
	Totals	602

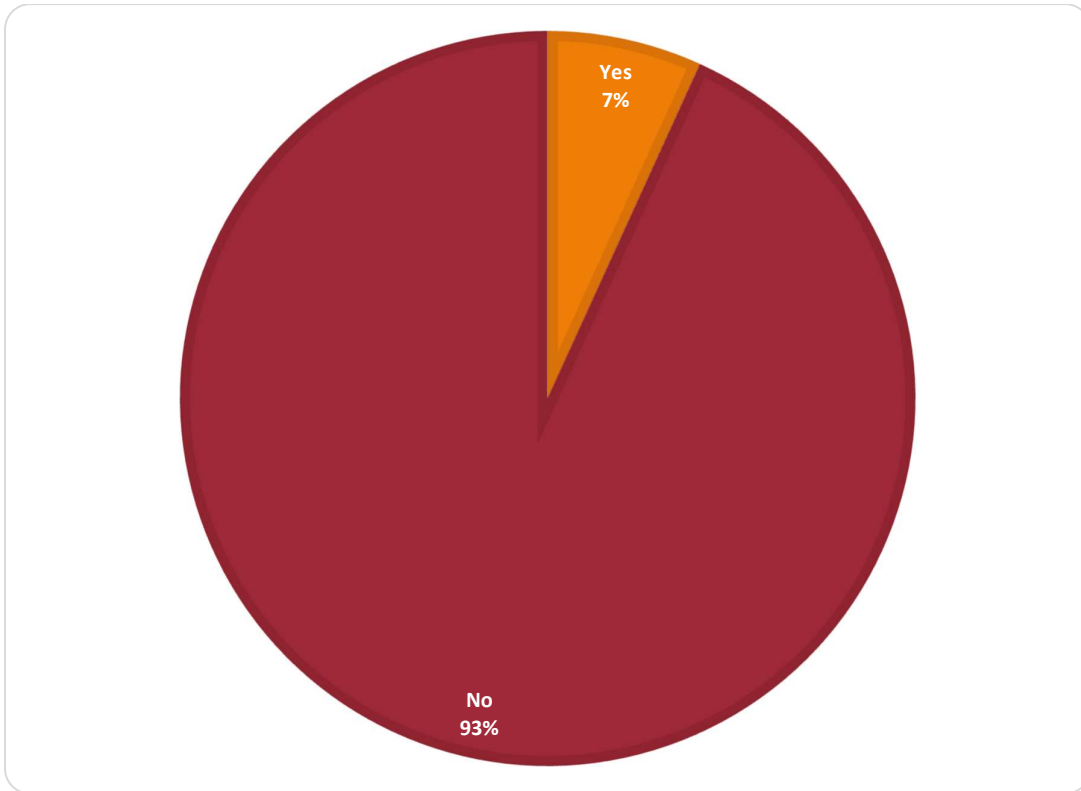
21. Why did you leave the island? Please check all that apply.



Value	Percent	Count
Family	17%	47
Medical	45%	124
Supplies	47%	128
Recreational	4%	10
None of the above	15%	40

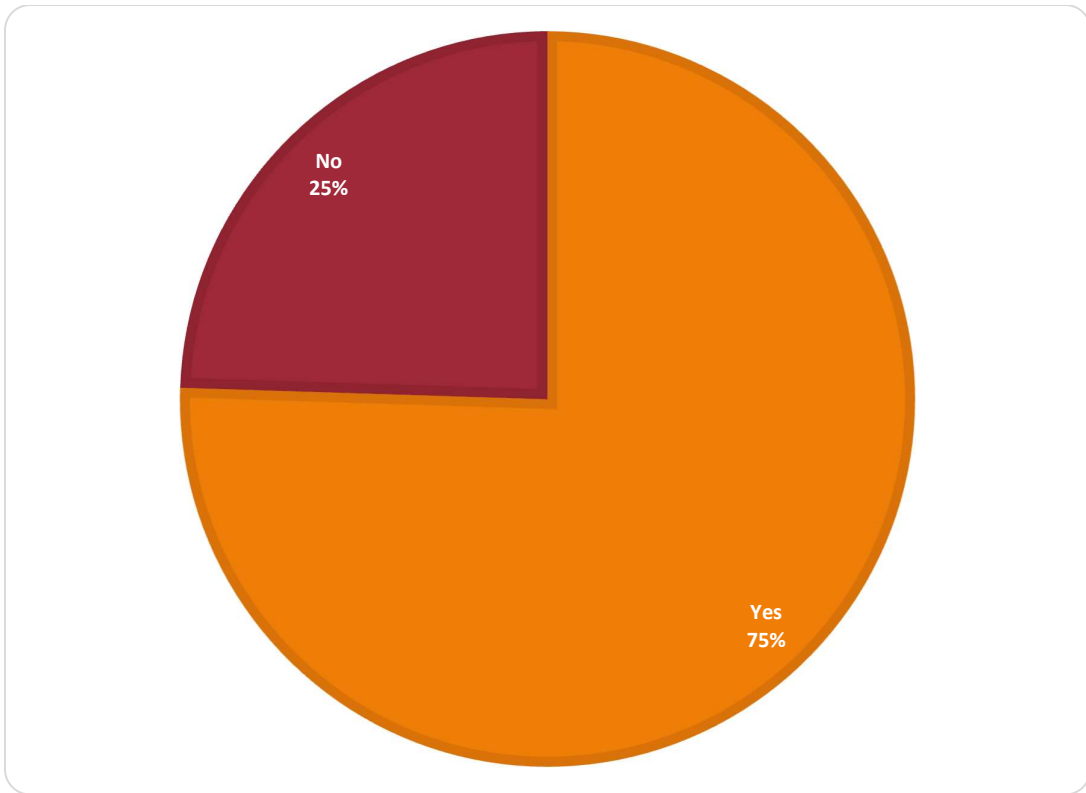
In retrospect, and even though we had multiple reviewers, we did not catch a couple of options on this one. We should have included “Work” as one of the options. We should also have included “N/A” as an option for those who were not currently living on-island

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



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	7%	42
No	93%	575
	Totals	617

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



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	75%	458
No	25%	149
	Totals	607



There are 318 comments about how the County is doing. We have not edited any comments in this section.

Q24 Comments County policy - Sorted alphabetically.
14 day quarantine with enforcement should be instituted. No non essential ferry travel allowed during shutdown. Stop folks at the ferry on both sides of the pond! Like Hawaii.
A little over the top, but then I am not infected ..
Access to unlimited Internet should be universal. It is essential.
against muzzles
Although the counties actions have cost me most of my income, their policies were appropriate and needed to make our community safe.
Although visiting the island is discouraged, there is no way to stop the influx of visitors. I have mixed feelings about this.
Appropriate
Approve
Benchmark status..good.
Caused people's increase in fear - media kept fear high by lack of balanced reporting, emphasizing cases and deaths, not covering the recovered cases nor gave normal seasonal flu numbers for comparison, skewing reality and balanced view of the actual situation.
Concerned about the economic impact of the County decisions
Concientous, compassionate. Trying to accomodate as much as an entity can.
Continue to discourage off island visitors
Control tourist's visits. Limit overnight dwellings.
correct response
Could have been stronger
Could have publicized more that we were NOT open to visitation; Thorny issue of people with second homes(?honestly not sure WHAT they could have/should have said about that); wish there had been larger push for mandatory signage about masking-- both for employees and workers; would have liked "atta boys" publicity for those businesses that were doing things well to encourage those who were not to do better; County (policy)emergency response personnel-- in other words the paid county staff, in my opinion, should have been WAY more proactive in getting home made masks for employees around the county. For example, in places like _____, and other small markets where lots of people come through stores, there should have been facilitation of the mask products and leadership to help store owners who have no training in virology to provide products to employees to help them (1) be safer and (2) model correct behavior. County should have made every effort to ensure that workers had SOMETHING to help. (In case of _____ that was used as an example here, that particular store was solved by a neighbor facilitating the purchase of face masks for the employees, many of whom were extremely nervous about the lack of protection for themselves, but unable to agitate for themselves with bosses who didn't fully understand-- apparently-- the severity of the risk)
Could have used the "bubble" concept like New Zealand/Australia, letting no one in but businesses staying open to islanders. If you leave island, you quarantine 14 days
COULD USE MORE DIGITAL PRESENCE
County does nothing to enforce restrictions.
County has over reacted based on the number of infections and deaths.
County is making decisions based on science, which I support.
County needs to clap down on airbnb

County response was unnecessarily domineering and excessive. It involved illogical procedures and mandates that were implemented too late.
County's "official" response is good. Enforcement, not happening. VRs are officially restricted, but no enforcement. People report violations and nothing happens.
County's actions have been just right -- so far
Despite restrictions on lodging in place, several AirBnB, VRBO's,etc were still allowing visitors, thus putting the community at risk. I think it should have been enforced.
Did not like the 'hotline" to report people to the sheriff
Didn't effect me much really just stayed home
Doing a good job in reducing imported infections.
Doing a great job considering such a small county population with limited resources.
Doing the best they can.
Doing their best with information available
Don't hurry to reopen.
Don't know enough to comment
Dr Frank James has been very professional, thoughtful and concerned. Emphasis on Very. Testing level is so important and county testing numbers large. Decisions for our safety have been pertinent and right on.
Enforcement of CDC guidelines has been non-existent.
Enforcement of country codes would be super helpful
Enforcement of masks and social distancing would be appreciated. Would like more dollars put to help.
Enforcement of policies not happening
Especially appreciate health officer's requirement for masks and signage. County still sounds a little as if we need to open up for the economy, but the economy depends on SJC not becoming a hotspot. Wish County had pressed to limit ferry access for non-essential travel.
Excellent
Excellent
Excellent
Excellent and aligned to science as it should be
excellent-- fully support
Excellent. Encourage slow changes because of at risk population
Excellent. Smart. Caring.
Following state guidelines is appropriate
Frank James has done an excellent job informing and guiding county residents, swiftly establishing poicies to protect county residents.
Glad they closed VRs, but with is was more enforced.
Glad they're being cautious
Good
Good
Good job
Good job
Good job
Good job.
good policies but weak enforcement
Good so far...

Good, thorough job
GoodFollowing data for action
Great job!
Have the National Guard in Anacortes to ask visitors where they plan to stay
Hope county provides funding to non-profits on Orcas that provide direct services to the residents, including mental health, housing, social services and food.
Hope the County will work with WSDOT ferries and Governor's office to limit nonessential into the county during Phase 2. Think County working with WA DOH would conduct surveillance testing on general population. Very pleased County requires masks in stores, etc. and requires curbside pickup option for those who do not wish to incur added risk of going inside.
How do we save our economy?
I agree with asking people to wear a mask, limit trips away from home, etc. I disagree with special phone numbers for people to tattle on other community members or any other policy which divides us rather than unites us. The application of who stays open and who does not is patch work is inequitable and doesn't make sense. Pet stores, bike stores, liquor stores and pot shops are essential services as is delivered food and take-out cocktails however a person can not obtain primary medical care or dentistry.
I agree with the stipulations, I want them to be stronger on people "visiting"
I am deeply grateful for the work Rick Hughes has and is doing. He has a challenging balance to keep between keeping us safe and keeping small businesses afloat. My hat goes off to him.
I am extremely disturbed that _____ and other VRBO's are open to the general public. Contact tracing will be extremely difficult if we get a second wave and if we have had visitors from all parts of the country in the world allowed to stay here. On my trip off island, I noticed that people were far less likely to wear masks in stores and other high contact areas. I am deeply concerned about visitors coming to stay on the island right now.
I am generally happy with the County's handling of the response but am concerned that some landlords and marinas are not following the rules about renting to non-residents.
I am impressed by the actions of the county and the information they have provided. I wish however that they would be managing the essential rental situation.
I am proud of our county leaderships actions and the general quality of communication.
I appreciate that they are science-based.
I believe Dr. James is doing an excellent job.
I believe that the way the few tests that were/are available are being withheld by individuals with the ability to do so. It almost seems like toilet paper isn't the only thing people have a desire to hoard.
I believe they are being cautious and that's good
I believe we are being over cautious
I believe we are very fortunate more infections have not been imported by non-residents.
I don't believe they were diligent enough about stopping vacation renters from coming. Even when I called to report one the guy told me that "99% of the cases we look into or legitimate." I find that very hard to believe and more like something he was told to tell people who called.
I don't believe we should be in lock down
I don't know. We kept ourselves mostly untouched, so if tourists bring it in, we will have more.
I don't think they should have gone to phase 2.
I feel that the results have been quite good, even with the blatant violations of county guidelines.
I feel the County has done a good job of communicating with residents -- calm, objective, science-based, transparent.

I firmly believe that Buck Park should have been closed to the public. On almost a daily basis with the exception of rainy days, there were people that congregated at the following facilities of Bark Park: the skateboard park, both portions of the dog park, the tennis courts and the Pickleball courts.
I have very proud of the honesty and transparency of my county.
I haven't been on Orcas since the Lockdown started. My permanent residence is in Oregon, and I think both Gov. Inslee & Brown have been draconian in their edicts and mandates
I our Community Emergency Management Team and Process has worked well. Given that we do live in a digital world, this an island with huge natural barriers, so I believe San Juan County would benefit from utilizing the assigned analog AM station with translators or boosters to broadcast on a reptitive basis with updated information. Communication on the island is slow and cumbersome. Rick Hughs would the right person to lead such a project.
I realize that it was Not the county's fault, initially, and there was not enough testing.
I support the County's policies in response to the virus. I think the County could do a better job of providing clear messaging to the public regarding those policies and changing conditions.
I support the Gov., WaDOH County HCS and Dr. James
I think it has been excellent.
I think it's measured, science based and suitable, given our population. And it is destroying what's left of the middle and lower middle class.
I think keeping vacation rentals shut down was/is good policy for our island, but it isn't clear to me that there has been any enforcement. Clearly there are a lot of tourists here.
I think our county is doing a thoughtful and scientific approach for making decisions to keep us safe.
I think people should take responsibility for protecting themselves and that people who need to work to survive should be allowed to work
I think that the county has contributed to the fears about the main land
I think that the county opening up to visitors, which at least _____ did, was too soon.
I think the county has responded quite well.
I think the county's response was appropriate, but was disappointed to see so little enforcement of the transient rental ban. Our neighbor, who runs a vacation rental, did have some "guests" staying there during the closure.
I think the enforcement of transient rentals and the lack of enforcement around non essential travel to/from the island continues to put our community at risk. Moving to phase 2 on a holiday weekend and the influx of tourists clearly staying in places not recognizing the regulations could have been prevented.
I think they're pushing to open the county too soon, when for years, many of us have implored the county to allow other businesses that don't rely solely on the tourism/real estate/development industry. If we were more self-sufficient, the worst hit would not be the workers in the tourism industry - house cleaners, shop owners, ETC.
I think tourist traffic should have been cut off sooner (feb/march),
I think we should remain at Phase 1 longer.
I think we should remain cautious when opening back up for tourism. My business is somewhat effected by this (not as much as others because we are so small and have very few on staff). But I think our first priority should be to protect our elderly population and anyone else who needs more protection. At the same time, I am not into whatever shaming that is happening. All voices need to be heard. All voices are important.
I trust the county will critically control the tourist traffic highly limiting those who come here from off island. We have no hospital very limited health facility available
I wish the County could have done more to keep visitors from coming to the island.

I wish the essential travel only requirement were better enforced too many tourists coming to the island
I wish there had been more supervision of vacation rentals. Although there is a moratorium on short term rentals until June 1, there are lots of visitors on island. They must be staying somewhere.
I wish they had mandated mask wearing sooner.
I wish they had pursued a testing/tracing policy more strongly.
I wish they were stricter in regards to mask use and on the increase of nonessential travel
I wish transient rentals ban would be enforced.
I work as pulmonary physician
I would have liked to see a more proactive plan for testing and tracing.
I would like more publicity around not traveling to Orcas and enforcement
I would like the sheriff to enforce the prohibitions on VRBO and its ilk.
I would like to have seen a bit more "depth" in the virus counting, specifically hospitalizations and recoveries.
I would like to not open the islands up for tourism this summer.
I would like to see a no visitors policy ENFORCED.
I would like to see enforcement of non-compliance
I would like to see more enforcement.
I would love to see testing be more available and be ready to act to shut us back down if Covid returns to Orcas
I'm concerned about opening too soon, or at all.
I'm glad for the things that have been passed just wish there was a better way to enforce it all
I'm pleased with the mask rule, so I hope it will be enforced better now that we're in stage 2. I haven't been too happy with the way some of the residents and visitors have acted, however. I'm afraid to go shopping at Island Market, for example.
I'm pleased with the regulation requiring masks, but it is not being enforced, which means it is not actually a requirement. I'm very unhappy about that.
I'm too conflicted to give a simple answer
in keeping with state guidelines, as far as I know
Inadequate communication
inadequate control of unnecessary travelers and renters
Inadequate enforcement of order for no transient accomodations
Ineffective and no plan at keeping away tourists
Inept.
Instead of a blanket shutdown of the economy, I would preferred to see us shelter in place those who are at risk and have those who are at minimal risk free to go about their lives.
Insufficient funding for direct service providers
It felt somewhat muddled - a mixture of actual rules/laws, suggestions, and reiteration of the Governor's declarations. I think the ferry signs achieved nothing. I appreciate the hard position the county was in - small staff, probably little expertise, reacting to community panic and mainland policies. Not an easy situation.
It is fine with me.
It's a tough job, you should give a try
I've felt the need for more medical/scientific detail from Dr. James and others.
Keep tourists away is good for now
lack of enforcement of airbs

Lack of response to known Airbnb rentals, lack of presence by the sheriff in town to remind about masks in public spaces
Late in restricting over-night rentals and little, if any, enforcement.
Lick down too extreme
Lock down is stupid
Mandatory mask law is against Constitutional and HIPAA rights, and represents governments extreme overreach for unproven pseudoscience. Unalienable rights of persons don't end where public fear and panic begins..
Mask should be required in public.
Masks and social distancing
Masks should have been required some time ago. County should teach owners and guests how to safely visit. With the parks and trails open, guests can have a nice, quiet visit. I would tell my guests bring all their food for their stay and stay out of Eastsound. They must wear a mask on the ferry and so on.
Minimal if any enforcement of non-essential travel ban and illegally operating lodging establishments.
More data to reduce fear by health officer
More enforcement of mask and travel rules
more testing needed
Mostly but would like stricter enforcement of the rules against vacation rentals/visitors.
Mostly yes however the state and county need to have a true, clearly communicated plan as we cannot stay in lock down for 1-2 years.
Much more attention to mask wearing. Due to influx of tourists
My fear is that the powerful hotel business including B&Bs and vacation rentals will allow tourists to the island and we are not prepared with testing and PPEs and I am a vacation rental owner.
Need more testing with fast results
Need stricter enforcement of Air B&B type rentals
Need to open business up for business NOW!!
no
no comment
No comment
No enforcement of the policy puts residents and responders at risk
No leadership...poor communication with the public re rules and poor /no enforcement
No official enforcement and no enforcement of uncritical travel or people visiting their second homes back and forth
No one should be allowed in stores without a mask, no matter what your political bull shit is.
None
None
None
None
None
Not enough enforcement of wearing masks and going after owners who continue to rent.
Not just the county, but the whole country overreacted to a virus.
Not monitoring lodging for visitors in spite of policy by Frank James not to
Not sure about the survey, we are not on Orcas but in our residence in Oregon. Family has been or are in the houses on Orcas.

Obviously people are still renting their vacation homes.or lodging is still available.where the fuck else are all these tourists staying?
Open the island for business!!
Opening summer camps would be a major risk. Too much visitor traffic
Opening up to Phase 2 without notice was unfair to the businesses that could have ramped up for Phase 2, allowing more options for revenue in a more timely manner. To be fair, the State may have granted permission and SJC opened up the moment the State gave permission. Also, the State gives "opens Phases" but doesn't have their specific regulations in place to grant opening to local businesses.
Opposed to mask requirement
Over kill.
Over reaching of authority, mandates unconstitutional. Misuse of power.
Overall the County response has been good. I am concerned that too many absentee owners of transient rentals will not conform to County guidelines or not be as concerned with the health of their renters as our resort owners or owner managed transient vacation rentals. This goes along with the current opinion of many people that absentee transient rental owners do not address the concerns of the Island.
Over-cautious
Overly restrictive on economic activity given low level of cases on Orcas
Perhaps only because I am a retired healthcare professional I totally understand the necessity for the County's policy. It doesn't mean that I like it.
Phase 1 exempted those with medical conditions, Phase 2 removed them barring those people from public accommodations. This is not true of Grant or Grey's Harbor counties that will also see an influx of visitors settin a double standard in the state
phase one = not sufficient and strted 3 months too late
Please keep the tourist away
Pleased that the county is requiring masks for inside public places.
policy is considerate of locals and is working well
Put them back to to work
reasonable and well communicated
reasonable- science based, considering that we haven't faced this before.
require masks
Requiring masks, banning transient lodging, all the clear communication has been great
Rick Hughes looking into ways to help and protect islanders
Rush to reopen
Satified
Seems measured and logical.
seems reasonable
Seems very good
Shameful
Should enforce transient housing ban and face mask requirement.
should have been more proactive to become less restrictive sooner
Should have created clear communication with public how to report vacation rental housing non essential guest and should have created assistant Sheriff's deputies to go in person and check on reported vacationers
Should have enforced the non-essential travel ban.
should have recommended masks much earlier

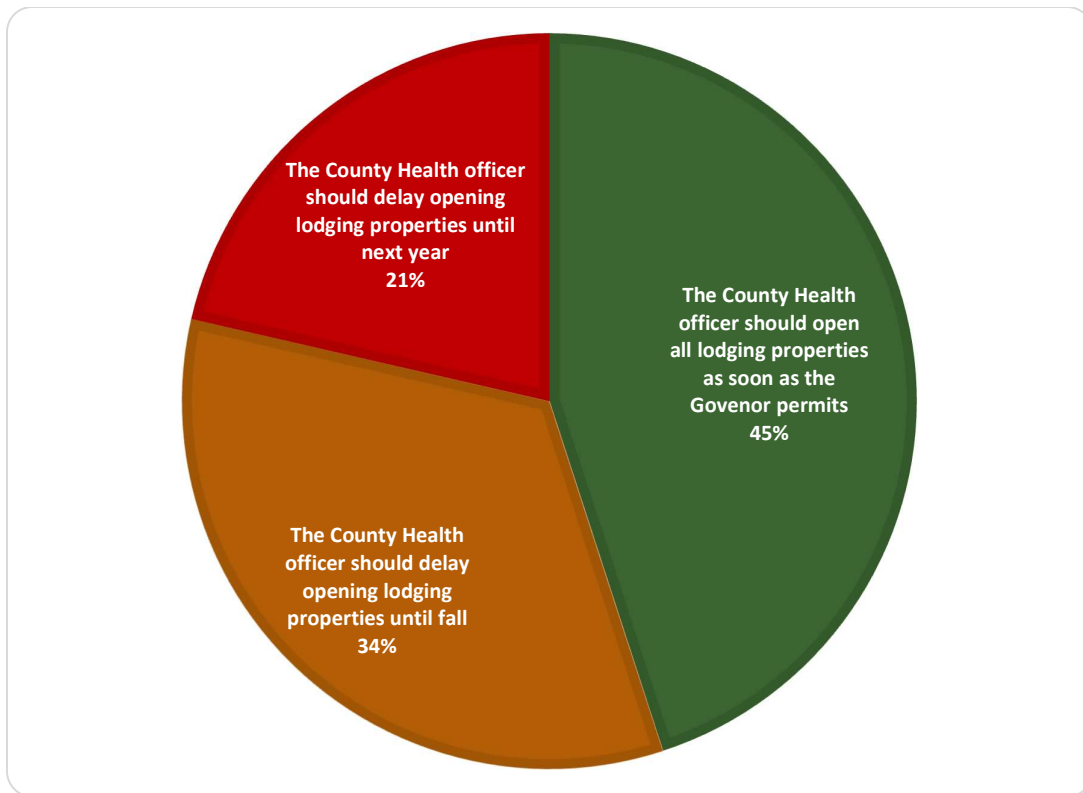
Shouldn't have been so restrictive.
SJ county lacks the density and poverty to ever be at high risk and should take that into consideration.
Slow and lax in responding to the crisis.
"Stay home stay safe" is destroying businesses . COVID 19 is the FLU. Death predictions were inaccurate. By making the flu political the state of Washington has forgotten reality.
Stay safe, using social distancing
Stay vigilant. Autumn and Winter are going to be awful.
Stellar in the beginning. Now locals need to go back to work. Limit exposure to mainland. Maintain CDC guidelines.
still allowing short term rentals
Support need to wear masks and social distancing
Testing needs to be widely available for free
tests should be reported by island. as visitors come and go (ferrys full on fridays) their viral status is reported in their primary county of residence. we have no idea about transmission on the island. this is not helpful.
Thank goodness we're here.
Thank you
Thank you for doing all you do.
Thanks for being intelligent .
The community has been great. Very pleased with _____.
The county could have limited travel and vacation rentals sooner.
The county deserves some credit for low number of SJC cases. Communication has been good. Lack of enforcement most significant concern.
The county has roughly followed state policy, which I think has been correct (and the evidence supports it).
The county is delinquent in causing harm by implementing excessive restrictions on travel, businesses.
The County is doing the best it can, but State and Federal Governement need to ramp up availabilty of testing.
The county officials are workings towards keeping residents safe from covid 19.
The county political officials and health officials are all "delegating up" their responsibilities to state guidelines. They have been extremely passive in representing the reality on the ground in San Juan County.
The county seems unwilling or unable to keep tourists from visiting.
the county should have but a ban on tourism to the san juans and enforce people to wear masks
The county should not have allowed the OPAL project to continue construction, when all private construction was stopped, even that where people's houses were under repair or remodel. That was an illogical and discriminatory political decision that San Juan County should have recognized as unfair and stopped ALL construction.
The County suffers from the same situation as the State. It enacts policies that are not and probably cannot be enforced. Vacation and 2nd homes were being utilized. The defnitiion of essential business and essential workers is not realistic. How can April's Grove, being built in Eastsound by off-island labor that travel back and forth be considered essential? There needs to be a greater focus on what can the County, State and Country do to protect our vulnerable populations and ensuring we all do what we can to be as safe as we can. My wife and I were wearing masks before the government advised us to do so. We must recognize the virus will be with us for months if not longer. You cannot wall off the island so stop trying to do so and allow those who need to get to work to support themselves and their families. Comfy County officials

and employees should not be telling the population that they cannot work because they are not essential.
The county took action to some degree, but there wasn't really any follow up, action items, or enforcement.
The enforcement aspect of our county policy has no enforcement aspect. You cannot 'suggest' to a selfish person that they rectify their bad behavior because they will not change what they are doing if given the choice to continue.
The limits on visitor accommodations, required masks and 6' social distancing Should be posted more than just in the islands. The restrictions should be posted at the Anacortes ferry landing on the reader board. There should be posted at the ticket booths. Mask wearing deputy sheriffs should be standing with the traffic director on the arrival of every ferry. All shops should enforce the no mask no entry rule. Folks have the right to not wear masks but business owners have the right to refuse service. Folks need to be adults and respect the safety of others.d be posted on the reader board
The local businesses and state government did the majority of the work for keeping us safe.
The mandated masks is a tricky one that I think instantly creates an us versus them division between both locals and tourists. Seeing how judgmental and abrasive the island has been towards those not wearing masks is really unfortunate and saddens me. But that's more an individual issue than the county policy.
The neurotic approach to dealing with the virus has hurt too many livelihoods. We are a free people and understand the risk to ourselves and others. Orcas has limited health care resources. Many (mostly wealthy) people who live here at times though, do not, however, rely on these resources.
The policy has been fine, but the state and local reinforcement of the policy has been a joke.
the technology of the meetings is ridiculous.. the CARE funds are not distributed to the resource center, help with foodbank or housing relief
The WSFerries didn't coordinate sufficiently with the ferries to educate and maintain the "un-essential" trips here by visitors. That was very disappointing. Also, the County didn't help facilitate the testing that could have been done. It would have taken a proactive, creative stance, but counties in other states were acquiring tests and I felt particularly vulnerable without adequate health care service on Orcas. I was 'put off' as were neighbors over 70 years because a bleeding ulcer and heart issues causing chest pains, shortness of breath 'weren't enough of a problem' for me and my neighbor had a 103 degree fever, COVID symptoms and is 73 years old, told she wasn't sick enough for the COVID test and attention. Both of these were telemedical conference calls. We have insufficient health care here on Orcas for our vulnerable population and too many 20-30 year olds visiting in an un-essential way. (medically, mid April for me and my neighbor mid/late March. Visitors were especially noticeable from Easter on. Don't know how much is County, and how much Health District. That
There has been a tremendous amount of effort to keep current as events moved quickly. There was no rule book.
There is a need to regulate visitors to the island, especially if they walk or jog without masks where residents walk.
There was an opportunity early on to keep the virus OUT of the county and they squandered the opportunity.
They are doing their best with the resources and information they have available
They are keeping us safe
They could enforce accommodation closure better so visitors have no place to stay overnight.
They did move proactively and that was good, but we would prefer to see them pushing to completely close the islands to tourists and second-home owners. There are still tourists here, even with the transient accommodations ban. Someone is renting to them.

They do the right thing
They done good
They have absolutely no right making anyone wear something. I am appalled at how the community is treating one another and watching the county sit back and encourage their child-like behavior.
They have done a decent job addressing this emergency. However, I wish the county could have been more proactive in not allowing transient rentals, and not allowing visitor and second home owners to come to the islands.
They have done an excellent job.
They have done an outstanding job!
They pick winners and losers, we are all essential workers.
Think they worked hard to keep us informed
Thoughtful, prudent, well communicated.
Thoughtful, responsible and reasonable
Time to get back to normal
To restricted
too restrictive
Too lax with visitors and vacation rentals
Too many closings
Too many visitors and 2nd homeowners here even though supposedly not currently allowed.
Too much fear-mongering, and inequality of closures. Why were the retail sections of _____ open for business as usual, when no other retail store on Orcas Island was allowed to be? _____.
too restrictive
too restrictive
Too restrictive and too slow to move to phase 2
Too restrictive to date
too soon to phase 2
Too weak then too strong... open up already
tourists are clearly still coming to Orcas. Many are not wearing any face covering. This WILL impact the measures that the county has instituted as well as the hazard to locals
Tourists should not be allowed on ferries. County should provide long term business loans to incentivize businesses to remain closed during duration of pandemic. Businesses (whale watching, restaurants, retail shops, etc) should not be forced to reopen due to financial hardship.
Transient rentals/lack of enforcement
Transparent q
unnecessarily restrictive
Vacation rentals operating illegally hurt everyone and the county/sheriff have no plan to address this issue
Vacationers were restricted, but the restriction was not enforced. That didn't work.
Very effective
Very efficient!
Very good
very good
Very good
Very good policy

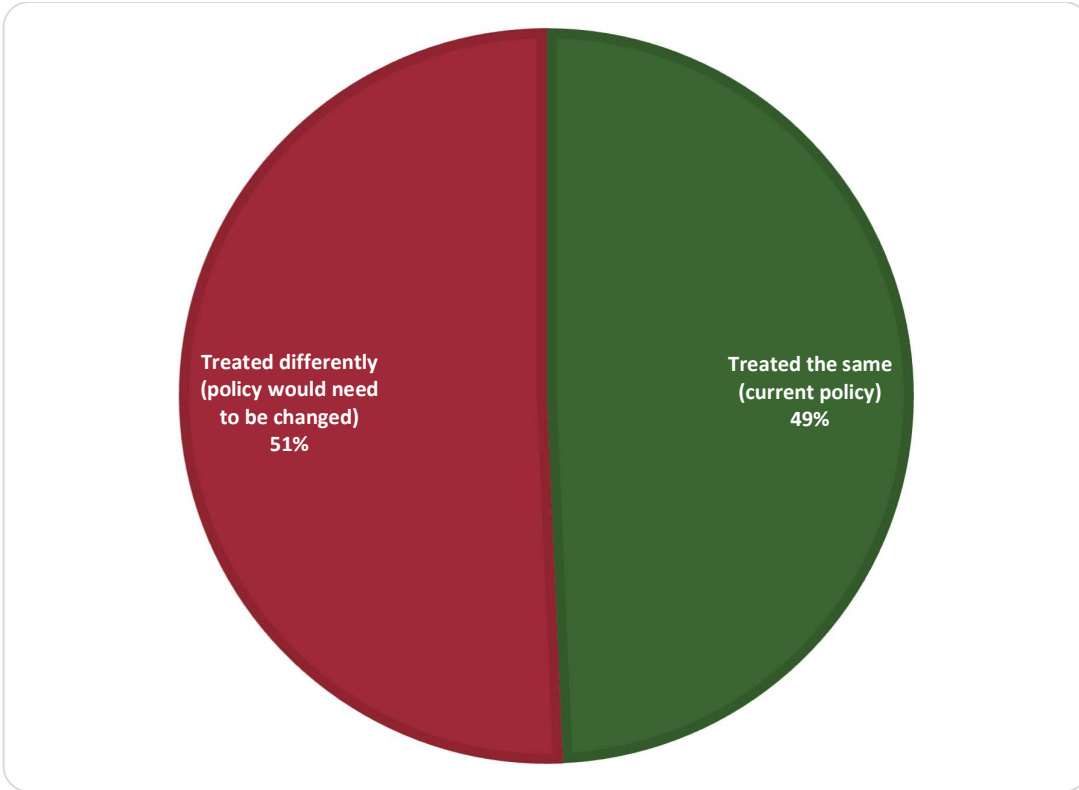
Very happy to the extent our county is taking precautions
Very little enforcement.
Very pleased about the county mask stand; we must protect what we have here in the islands.
Very pro-active
Visitors need to be stopped. But that's almost impossible.
Way over the top - just like the state requirements.
Way too many restrictions, sending those who are not wealthy and not holding a job into dire straights, closures, bankruptcies.
we are no living on the island currently, but from afar we are pleased with the science based approach
We are not on Island and have canceled plans to visit our summer home.
We believe we should have stayed in Phase 1 longer and restrict transient travel to the island at this time to protect the people living here. Although infections have been slight, so has travel to the island. If this is like the Spanish Flu, then the second round will come at us even stronger.
We face greater risks quite often! To a certain degree this is nothing more than a power-play by the political administrators.
We live in a difficult bind--many depend on visitors others fear them. It would be nice to see the phases rolled out as implicated, but the policing of that is more than we can handle.
We need more enforcement on vacation rental ban.
We need to open business to allow those in our community to make a living this summer. If they don't they will not make it through the Fall and Winter season. People need to now be responsible for themselves and do the precautions they need. Stay home if needed. Economic needs are vital for the summer season for so many islanders.
We should be doing more to restrict people from showing up here. no local address on drivers licence then stay at your primary residence.
We should have been doing a better job of protecting Islanders and our resources from non-islander transient visitors (not sure how though)
Well conceived and executed. Good effort
Well done
When characteristics of the virus were unknown with estimates of high mortality to infection ratio, initial cautious response was warranted.
While good, I think that we must apply common sense to the continued restrictions.
Why aren't taking temperatures when people get on ferry? Turn them back if not normal
Wimpy. Late to react. We should have had a mask required law back in March
wish the county had not asked to move out of phase I
Wish they could enforce mask wearing
Would be nice to prevent tourists from coming to the islands
Would like more detailed information on contact tracing.
Would like to see enforcement of the phase rules.
Zero enforcement of the rules

25. County policy on short-term lodging:



Value	Percent	Count
The County Health officer should open all lodging properties as soon as the Governor permits	45%	265
The County Health officer should delay opening lodging properties until fall	34%	198
The County Health officer should delay opening lodging properties until next year	21%	126
	Totals	589

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



Value	Percent	Count
Treated the same (current policy)	49.3%	294
Treated differently (policy would need to be changed)	50.7%	302
	Totals	596

Full Question and preamble:

(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?



There are 295 comments on what the County should do in regard to the hospitality industry. These are sorted alphabetically. With the exception of Rick Hughes or Dr. Frank James who both serve in an official decision-making capacity, we have removed names and replaced them with “_____”. We found all comments to be respectful and we made no edits except for names.

Q27 Comments on County policy regarding opening the hospitality industry
A struggle
Absentee landlordism should be disallowed permanently.
agree that great caution regarding visitors needs to be sustained due to risk to island residents
airbnb is operating without any enforcement
All non-residents should be tested with a reliable, quick COVID test before being allowed on the island.
All short term rentals should be disallowed until the health crisis is past.
all should have virus mitigation time and measures between any possible guests
all the difference in the world. Those that have full time resident owners provide income for island residents rather than to off islanders.
All tourists should be tested before coming to islands. Otherwise we need to stay closed longer
Although my vr income has been decimated I do not feel we are safe if we open the islands to tourists. If all vr's and hotels were required to meet certain protocol for cleaning, gaps between guests, limiting how many are in a certain size home or something, maybe that could reduce impact.
Anything other than same treatment would be highly discriminatory, and legal proceedings would ensue.
As I do not own rental or a business, this question does not affect me.
As I have already stated, I think we should very careful and if we open up the guests should be tested before getting on the ferry.
As long as there are not idiots like we see in the media right now, social distancing would allow at least some income to businesses from local residents. On the question below, there is no answer for us. We have a vacaiotn home and do not rent it out.
as soon as possible but with restriction similar to hotels
As soon as we open lodging the tourists will return. We need them to keep our economy alive.
At this time I feel it is unwise to open rental properties as that will only encourage non essential travel to San Juan county
B&Bs and resorts have more regulations and should be allowed to open with limited capacity
Be careful
Be careful please
Be careful wash your hands where your mask stay in your seat at and go home

Be careful.
Be cautious
Be cautious about opening up too soon.
better safe than sorry .
Can't comment -- we don't know enough. I trust the County Health officer to make that call.
Capricious
CAUTION
Caution
Caution is needed as enforcement of rules is difficult
caution needs to be in place
Cautiously, safely, and supportively
Changing the policy infringes property rights. If the county allows hotels, B & Bs, _____ etc to open they cannot disallow short term VRBO type rentals. It's the same market.
county policy is. correct
County should consider density (amount) of visitation until such time as WA CV cases are in steep decline or a vaccine is available.
County should continue to be the "bad guy" by mandating masks AND other preventive measures, so the hospitality owners all will play by same rules.
create list of pre-approved cleaners for short term rental properties.
creating a distinction between resident-occupied vs non-occupied may violate property rights and be considered discriminatory
Current policy and social distancing are compatible.
Different businesses should be treated in different ways. Restaurants need different regulations than rentals.
Do it slowly with firm and enforceable health practices
Do it yesterday. Ridiculous draconian control being placed on the hospitality industry.
do not rush the opening
Do what you want
Don't
don't
Don't do it until there is a vaccine. Those of us who live here are endangered by anything but a seriously enforced policy.
don't know
Encouraging vacation rentals weakens our community
Established hotels, bed and breakfasts, inns practicing sanitation protocols might be allowed to open first before airbnb-type short-term rentals
First of all, I can't really make a decision about opening lodging because I don't know what's going to happen. I do think we should wait until it's safe, and realistically, that will not be until next year.
Focus at county level should be on protecting (isolating?) vulnerable population from the virus while the rest of us cautiously, carefully re-start the economy.
Follow recommendations of health professionals
Follow the board of health's recommendations.
follow the dsta to determine relaxation of occupancy
Follow the Health Officer recommendations
Follow the numbers
Following the Governor's Guidelines for petitioning to move forward to Phase 3 is adequate. As long as there is no outbreak, 10 cases or less, we should open up our businesses with social distancing practices.
Food ok, people staying we should wait as long as possible.
Full occupancy should not be resumed until at least phase 4.

Get it done
Get on with opening up
Given the revised numbers on mortality to infection rates, and given that the original intent of shelter-in-place policy was to prevent overwhelm of hospital systems (not to prevent general population from eventually being exposed to the virus), I believe that shelter-in-place is only warranted for high risk individuals, and that businesses and schools should re-open to prevent irreversible harm, i.e., bankruptcy of businesses, mental health issues, damage to supply chains, etc.
go slow
Good so far, but local businesses are really hurting. Need to strike a balance between this virus and allowing businesses to ride this out.
Gov. Inslee's guidance is sound. Following it -- including visitors following the rules -- should suffice.
Health officer can put CDC guidelines in place
Help heal the absentee landlord and investment ownership blight.
High risk visitors. They are more likely less concerned about contagion and face mask and social distancing must be emphasized
hold off till 2021
Hopefully the opening will be Handled with great care
Hospitality is incredibly important to Orcas and specially for working class Islanders. While clear guidance should be provided (e.g. strict guidance on using masks in public inside or crowded outside places) we should allow the economy to recover at a safe place.
Hotels & B&Bs can be monitored & inspected more easily; short-term private rentals cannot be monitored, and should be barred for the time being. Your survey does not allow for a variation depending on whether new cases emerge in the summer or fall. High levels of tourism will likely reintroduce Covid into our small island community.
hotels and b&bs should open first, because they are regulated by health codes
Hotels would open; homes with residents living on the property or in island could rent. Air BnB type short term rentals with off island landlords should be restricted. Of course enforcement is the key .
I already commented on this on question 21.
I am conflicted about this. I could have easily chosen to recommend to deal openings until the fall. From a self preservation POV that is what I would choose, but, particularly as a former island business owner, I'd like to do what's possible to support island businesses. If lodging is to open sooner than the fall, then strict procedures for sanitizing and distancing must be taken. There are good examples of this available. Tough choice!
I am glad that the county policy indicates that we will wait until we're in phase 3. I think we will likely have a second wave of the virus. I think we should be cautious.
I am not concerned about the behavior of the tourists as they are in their rental accommodations , but worried about their respect for the social distancing and mask wearing behavior when they are in public, possibly infecting the members of our community who have been so conscientious throughout this pandemic.
I am not qualified to answer this question, since I have not considered the issue in all its complexities. Moreover, I have little respect for people who confidently opine on matters of public policy about which they know basically nothing.
I am very frustrated that there are some on Orcas who have used Covid to promote their anti-tourism opinions.
I answered closed until the fall, but it really depends on the spread of the virus. And it could be that fall openings are limited to Washington state residents
I believe enticing visitors increases risk of importing infections.

I believe it should be up to the county health officer Dr. James, we barely have adequate health facilities for residents
I believe there should be more done to ensure the policies being created are enforced. It does little good to create policy and close non-essential travel and short term rentals, when in reality both are very much open currently and little to nothing is being done to discourage it.
I believe we do need tourism & it should be opened slowly & according to importance
I can't answer about the rentals until we know whether the new traffic will bring Covid back to Orcas or not
I do think that we have such a housing bind on Orcas, residents must be allowed to find housing.
I don't like any of the options you offered in question 24. We could all short term rentals to open at less than full capacity to limit the overall number of visitors on island at any time. For example the vacation rentals could be allowed to rent for up to 15 nights per month.
I don't think we are in a position to decide when the County Health Officer should open lodging properties.
I feel that hotels should be allowed to continue business. I honestly never felt the SJI were prepared through infrastructure for vacation rentals in the first place. Definitely do not think we could take on vacation rentals with this COVID tragedy
I have a vacation rental near my home and it has had renters. As far as I know no action was taken by the county
I have a very hard time answering the first half of this question, things are changing so much day by day, too early for me to say when I feel they should reopen lodging.
I have no problem with tourists or tourism; they are the financial engine of San Juan County . Most of us have been a tourist periodically in our lives somewhere else on planet earth. That said, until we have a viable and widely dispensed vaccine to eradicate the COVID-19 virus. We aren't ready to open San Juan County to any travelers/visitors from another part of the world. Our medical facilities are really lacking on many fronts. I don't see how we could possibly address and meet the strategic demands of an outbreak of COVID-19 virus.
I need to make a living but It's not worth putting myself or others at risk.
I preempted your question in my comments above. I think lodge and resort owners can put in place guidelines to allow for them to safely reopen but should address absentee ownership differently.
I think a staggered opening of available rentals would be a good idea.
I think hospitality should be opened with safety plans.
I think it needs to be phased in at phase 4.
I think that we need to wait and see what the established markers look like ie new cases and case tracing. We do not understand enough about this virus to push ahead with a too soon scenario. Especially after seeing tourists this past weekend not paying attention to our mask wearing posters and requests.
I think they should all be treated as a hotel/BNB because that is essentially what they are. The are commercial entities that should be regulated and taxed as such.
I think they should be treated the same but with all having a low occupancy limit like 40% or less.
I think we have been extremely lucky because we have been diligent. If we open the hospitality industry before next spring, we risk medical catastrophe.
I understand the dire economic need, however I fear for the health of our residents if a sizable influx of non-islanders occurs.
I will be very attentive to debate in this area
I will not be giving my contact information out because I choose to eat out. But I also won't likely go eat out until they lift the ridiculous face mask policy either.
I would delay the rental of non- resident properties until we get to Stage 3.t
I would leave it up to those who have real data and knowledge

I would prefer that no short-term rentals be allowed until we understand the effect of allowing residents to stop the lockdown and go about their mainland business and calculate the additional risk when that is magnified by tourism.
If it's working don't change
If occupancy requirements for short term rentals were treated differently it could allow for a slower rollout of our tourist season which virus wise could be safer.
If we want to survive, we need to open travel and hospitality and observe distancing and masks.
I'm worried that the _____ is not able to support the increased number of shoppers.
In a health emergency such as the current one, short term rentals owned by off-islands should NOT be allowed.
Industry should be opened with restrictions.
Initiate testing
ISLAND ECONOMY IS DEPENDENT ON TOURISM WE NEED TO BE OPEN FOR BUSI ESS
It appears that vacation rentals area active judging from the number of off-island visitors. This was even in phase one. People within their own "bubble" staying in a single house is considered low to medium risk, however what they do in public is another story.
It currently isn't policing this industry so not hopeful that they will do anything if this should be closed until fall.
It is a tough call for owners who count on hospitality income, however encouraging an influx of visitors puts everyone (including them) at risk, from what I understand.
It is OK
It is too early to tell what should be done about opening hospitality units. I think we have to see if we have a lot of new cases with Phase 2.
It isn't the fault of vacation rentals that there's a shortage of long-term rentals Every small community in the nation has this issue sometime, it seems. Having a UGA in place that is designed for a big city is a big part of the problem. Restricting growth like this makes it hard for a rural community to flourish healthfully.
It makes absolutely no difference who owns the property to how much risk a visitor presents to the community. Hotels with common spaces and restaurants are FAR more likely to be points of infection than single family homes rented out. What is the difference between a family renting a house for the weekend and a summer resident coming to their house for the weekend?
it seems to me that the people who are objecting to tourism are people who have enough money and not dependent on tourism to make a living. i.e. isn't it nice that "you" have enough money
It should remain closed until next year for the health and well-being of Orcas' aging population (median age is significantly older than mainland).
It will be a disaster for residents
it would be prudent to wait to see if in other states that have "opened" if there is a rise in # of cases as a result. we have done well why blow it now
Item 21 does not allow the option to support the position of the county health officer, which is my position.
It's great as long as people respect and follow the rules
It's not enforced. I seriously doubt a majority of rentals even have permits. It was out of control before the virus happened.
It's out of control
Its some people lively hoods.. it needs to be opened
It's tough - I know that we need to enable lodging properties to open because the island economy is so dependent on tourism. That said, this is the home to 5500 people and people who come to visit may not follow the social-distancing/mask rules. I think that the way to thread the needle here is to have businesses strictly enforce mask, handwashing/sanitizing, and social distancing.

But we cannot have laissez-faire policies in both lodging and businesses - otherwise we'll see a recrudescence of cases here in a place that doesn't have a great healthcare infrastructure.
July and August may turn out to be safer than the fall we don't know yet.
Just not sure.. need to have more information and time to think about this.
Keep all transient lodging- including vacation rentals- closed until next year. Keep tourists off the islands. Open services for local residents only.
Keep it slow
Keep the visitors away longer.
Keep visitors out.
Lack of enforcement on short term rentals has meant the County's policy is useless.
Let it open
Let the county Health Department decide what is locally best practice.de
lets get the small business shops open
Let's go with whatever the governor decides.
Like it or not, tourism is the linchpin of our economy. I believe we should allow reopening for hospitality providers, with specific guidance on how to operate safely. My bigger issue is the extent to which vacation rentals have depleted affordable year-round housing stock. I also believe the County should do more to enforce regulations relating to vacation rentals.
like much of the country, we're seeing the result of over-promotion of tourism
Limit the amount of customers in any given restaurant or hotel.
limit to family use
Locally owned lodging and lodging where owners live in or nearby should be allowed to operate at a reduced and prescribed way
Look to LA for airbnb policy or other Cities that have enacted limitations for non owner occupied property
Maintain restrictions through term of present and any follow-on coronavirus pandemic.
Maintain social distancing until a vaccine is available
Make sure visitors abide by local special health requirements like masks and isolation for two weeks.
Many already open in defiance of policy
Moratorium on any new permits
More mainland exposure will increase risk. The virus needs to be knocked down before we can resume normal activity.
Most people who are not retired and not independently wealthy rely on tourist dollars. It is heartless, in my opinion, to ignore that for the sake of fear of what MIGHT happen.
Much too early
must depend on virus transmission on the island--which we do not know and public health data collection is not organised to find out.
Must maintain social distancing and require masks. No shirts, no shoes, no mask, no service. No one thinks asking a patron to wear the other two items is a violation of their rights.
My assumption is that there will be, as has been the case with other viral outbreaks, a resurgence in the fall, so I would prefer keeping the flow of people to the island at a minimum.
My mother has a VR permit for her home on Orcas as the income is needed to help pay her assisted living expenses. She wants to keep the house furnished in case she is able to return (which she'd like to do). This is not a scenario I've heard mentioned though I'm sure others are in a similar situation.
Necessary out supplementary funding for most locals
Need to proceed very cautiously.
no comment
no comment

No comments
no comments
No Enforcement of transient housing ban.
No matter who owns the rental property, they still contribute to this community in the form of property tax . All rental property owners are taking risk with their investment and they should be thanked, not vilified. I do not own rental property .
no non residents should be allowed to travel to the islands until the whole county has been tested and contacts are traced, there is testing available at will and required for non residents wishing to visit the islands. for those without symptoms. Those who chose to begin a business here selling the quiet of a rural community without medical infrastructure are not owed the health and lives of their neighbors.
no policy works without meaningful penalties and enforcement
None
None
None
Not at this time
Not yet! Only when numbers go way down in the country
number of rental permits should be controlled; non resident owners who do short term rentals should be required to have more controls: a resident manager/ pay higher taxes/ limit numbers
Officious intermeddlers have exerted undue influence on county officials to curtail these rentals. Most are managed by island residents or by professional property managers. They should NOT be restricted.
Ok
One size does not, cannot, fit all - resorts are not hotels , Resorts that have individual living unites 20 to 200 ft apart where families can go outside and not mix with others. In actuality these resorts are semi-essential businesses because of providing essential mental health and well being to people otherwise cooped up in close neighborhoods.
Only is using and enforcing extreme caution regarding masks and distancing.
Open as soon as possible observing county health department virus prevention safety practices
Open immediately!
Open it
open it
Open it up. 100%
Open it, we are all adults , a lot of the jobs on orcas depend on this industry
OPEN IT.
Open next year, or have serious limits in place for the number of tourist permitted on island
Open quickly with guidelines
Open soon
open up or give grants to support them. required masks are great
open with caution
Open with restrictions and limited capacity.
Opening the hospitality industry is important for financial health of many but it needs to be linked with virus counts and closed if they begin to rise.
Other than government (County and School District) we have construction and hospitality. Let them all get back to work. Seniors and vulnerable should be supported with information and if necessary services to lower their risk, that should be the focus.
Our medical infrastructure cannot support visitors who might bring the virus
_____ and is apparently operating, even though we are supposed to be closed to the general public during phase 1 and two. If this is true, it's extremely concerning to me. It doesn't seem like the current safety rules are being enforced, if this is the case. Prior to prioritizing income over lives

is wrong in my opinion. We have an island of largely retired folks, Mini with other exacerbating health conditions. This needs to be taken into account we also do not have the medical infrastructure to handle a large second wave, and I see this coming if we open to the general public.
Owner-occupied transient rentals should be allowed with compliance to community health measures as provided by the County or Governor
perhaps too stringent
Presence of the hospitality industry here is critical to most of our County population. However, strong policy and enforcement is critical to be sure there's a level playing field and some people violating policy don't endanger the community.
Prevent local infections
Proceed with great caution. Everyone goes to the same places on the island. If someone is infected, it would spread easily. I don't see consistency in wearing masks. I think masks should be required.
protection is working off island people should be expected to respect locals and to comply with recommended protocols, masks and distancing. If they don't like it they can try again next year.
Put off till next year
question 24 is talking about 2 different aspects of short-term rentals: how the county should treat them during the pandemic, and how they should be treated from now on. * I tried to delete my 23 answer but couldn't. To answer that needs qualifiers..restrictions placed, and enforced on renters (hard to do)
Rental properties should only be permitted where owners are on island and monitor the rental units
Rentals without a year round resident are just cash cows for people who live somewhere else and don't care about Orcas.
Reopen in phases with requirements that reduce harm/risks.
Restrict short term rentals
return to normal economic activity by July 1. Do not use the virus as an excuse to limit exercise of property rights.
Same comment. Without enforcement it is meaningless for the county to "decide" anything. Tourist are already here. Most staying in vacation rentals. The county could pull those permits but they are not. So what's the point.
Short-term rentals need to be restricted regardless of COVID.
Should be careful & follow proper medical advice
should be delayed till the fall, or next year if we have a second wave
Should be open slowly
Should not be done until imported infections can be prevented.
Should reopen June 1 2020
Slowly PLEASE
Slowly, carefully with presence and fairness
Some are open in open defiance of the order. They should be fined appropriately as it's not fair to those following the rules.
special consideration to year round residents.
start with hospitality lodgings like BnBs, and hotels that are carefully regulated whereas Vacation rentals are generally not regulated for safety, occupancy for social distancing
stop infringing on peoples right to choose where and when they spend their time.
Strongly support tourism, but not at the cost of our health. A ravaged community cannot recover its economic strength, so we need to prevent SJC from becoming a hotspot, which means stopping non-essential travel from outside of SJC -- for now.
Thank you for being careful

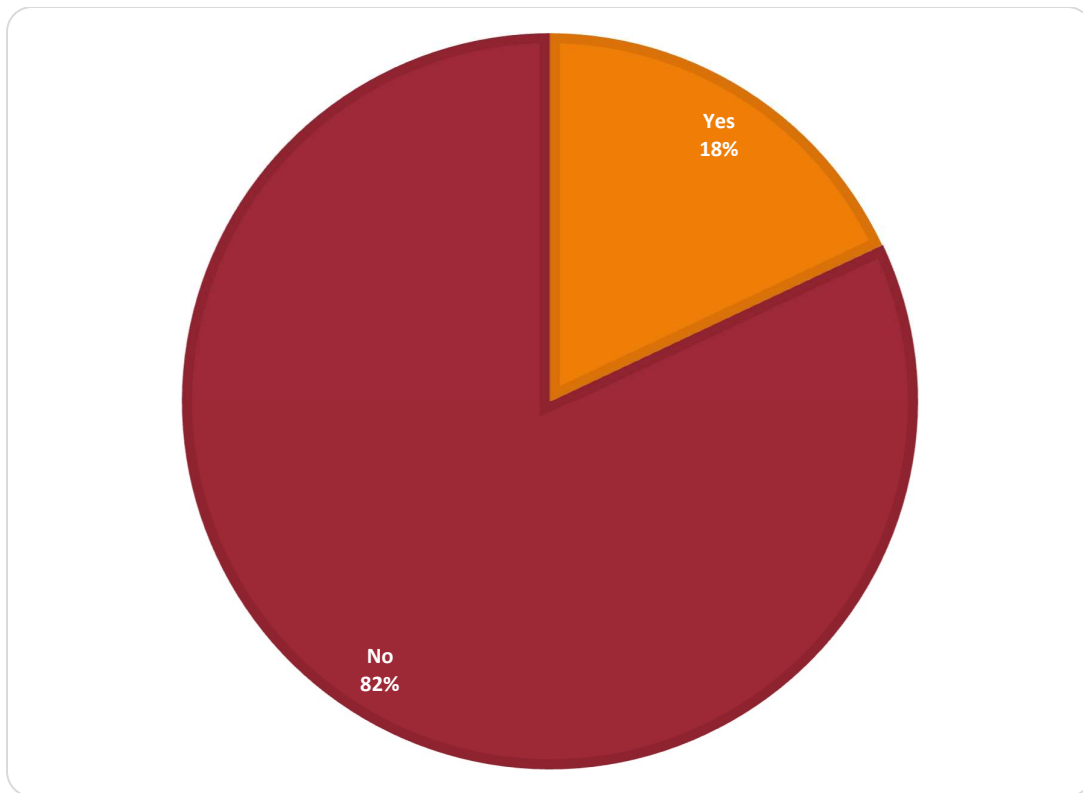
That will be a disaster if opened too soon, and It would bring people to the island who may have already been contaminated unless they have a test at the with results within the day of departure and still wear masks and practice social distancing
The County Health Office should have the option to delay opening all lodging depending on the conditions. He should not be making a decision now for no opening until next year. Conditions change.
The county is engaged in a very delicate balancing act between health and economic concerns.
The county should diligently reinforce the no short-term rental occupation until threat of the virus is at a minimum
The county should not be involved in any manner.
The County should not discriminate between people. Isn't that illegal anyway?
The county should place a moratorium on granting short-term rental permits and do a better job of enforcing the current shut-down of itinerant lodging (except for essential workers)
The islands should be opened, guidelines set for businesses, but trust must be given to business owners and residents. The current climate is destroying the islands, back biting, tattletale behaviour is damaging in a permanent way.
The only reason we have been successful with numbers is because we've had limited outside exposure to mainland visitors. Even with the tourists that illegally came over Memorial Day, it was made very clear that they don't consider our lack of available resources like groceries, medical care etc. Banging on stores, not wearing masks and not observing social distancing were common behaviors shown and that was with the small amounts of people that were here. Opening hospitality will lead to a drain on our resources and people not allowing us to figure out how to open and function within our local community let alone with an influx of tourists. Our shops are tiny, our restaurants aren't large and have small entry areas. I don't see how we can safely have a "tourist summer season" and expect our year round community to stay healthy. It's a serious concern to me.
The short term rentals are much riskier during the pandemic, because they attract more visitors because they are much less expensive than our hotels, etc. They are also riskier because they are hard to regulate because the owners may not admit what they are doing, even if we tried to regulate them, which we haven't.
There are restrictions on VRs, but actual enforcement is just not happening.
There needs to be restrictions for places to be rented. So, neither of your choices are the right one. Follo
There needs to be some kind of enforcing of the rules
There should be a public posting all over the island to inform any visitors that masks are required, especially in every store.
There's probably no way to do it but I would be for some percentage of vacation properties opening, but don't want to see a deluge of tourists from off-island. On the other hand, maybe people will be more reluctant to travel these days.. .
they should err on caution
They're all renting them anyways so why does it matter? People are coming here by the carload and staying somewhere. Why not enforce mask wearing once they arrive instead of the ineffective position of disallowing the rentals?
this is a big risk until the rest of WA who would love to come up here is in Phase III
This is a footnote to my response to Item 21. I do hope in the long run for differential treatment for resident-occupied vacation rental. I don't think it makes sense to me to make this distinction in relation to corona virus re-opening. However, I do think our island has too high a density of tourists for overall island health in a larger sense - the wellbeing of the community and the natural environment. I do want to give preferential treatment to island residents whose livelihood depends on vacation rentals, as over against large companies investing in vacation rental properties not engaged in our community and escaping the taxes that hotel and B&B owners must

pay. I do not know if there is a legal way to make this distinction, but I have just talked myself into changing my answer to 21 from "the same" to "differently"
This is a very difficult question to answer due to my lack of understanding of the policy currently in place.
This is so tough. For some, like my mother, the air bnb income that she has received in the past is how she has afforded the largely unexpected increased condo fees that have been levied in the ten years since she bought the property. Due to deferred maintenance and apparently mismanaged previous policies, these fees make it impossible for her to afford the total payments on the space in which she is living. Loss of this income may mean that she is unable to continue living in the property, and will result in her being unable to be here on the island in an independent living situation. Meanwhile, opening the property to short term rental guests in her extra, duly permitted room, could potentially result in her death from COVID-19. She is elderly, and severely asthmatic, on daily medication. This is the situation, I fear, for many in this industry, and in others that are tied to the tourism industry. HOW can we afford to keep our citizens safe from death, and at the same time keep them safe from financial ruin. Do they/we pay with their/our lives OR our ability to own homes and businesses that generate our very livelihood?
This should be based on the science of the epidemic, not the politics surrounding vacation rentals on Orcas Island.
those with health risks be cautious, otherwise be hospitable
Though we are very concerned about the health and safety of our community and ourselves, we depend upon the income from our short term rental to make our mortgage payment. Therefore, we wish to open and to take serious precautions to keep the VR safe and to also ask our guests to bring food and supplies with them. It would be so nice if we could test all guests as well.
Too early to open
Too fast...
Too restrictive - it's going to negatively impact a major source of economic vitality
Too slow.
Too soon!
Transient accommodations should only be opened if the data and the Governor support not.
Traveling home from Arizona now so haven't seen the county's response up close, and therefore don't feel comfortable weighing in but recognize many businesses, including home rentals rely on summer guests to remain afloat.
Treating the short term rentals differently would discriminate against the non-resident occupied owner.
Tricky situation for sure. No easy answers here.
Undecided at this time, as I still want to feel safe and " isolated" in my community.
Unfortunately the tourists have no interest nor feel any responsibility towards our local community and as such put their own interests and wants above the safety of our residents. I expect letting the island fill with guests will be catastrophic. In our small community just the loss of a few people would be devastating.
Unsure
Until crucial and robust testing, contact tracing, and quarantine protocols are in place the county should remain closed to non-residents.
Until we have more data, opening might create a much worse situation. I go slow is ghe best method.
Vacation renatals owned by non residents have made rental housing for island residents very difficult to find
Vacation rental houses, separate buildings with land around them, should be considered safe to open. These are not different from second homes to which owners can come up and check on things, or do work. Visitors who are responsible people, wear masks, stay away from others, should have always been allowed.

Vacation rentals which remain unoccupied for most of the year have removed worker-family housing from the marketplace. This is a crime, socially speaking, and needs to be mitigated by force of law.
Very difficult decisions ahead. With tourism being the main source of income for so many of our residents, we want to be able to keep businesses open, but the risk of people coming onto the island before there is testing available is risky.
Visitors are fine, but we're in an extraordinary situation. Should there be a true outbreak of the virus here on Orcas, our already strained medical staff would be ill-prepared. It's terribly short sighted to open businesses and lodgings prematurely. I feel for those businesses. But I don't want us as a community to be the adults in room, and not let emotion drive the discussion. The outcome of that could change the emotion from frustration to grief.
Visitors pose the highest danger to island residents. No decision to open to transient rentals should be made until there are clear solutions to treating and permanently vaccinating against the virus. Until there is actual, proven safety, the County endangers my health by allowing non-resident visitors.
VR's bring tourists who bring money. Focus should be on managing density, rural character, maintaining natural beauty
wait until next year.
We are a free people. In a pandemic this can work against us. Wash your hands and if you're vulnerable, take extra precautions. People must determine their own level of risk. If the County is unable to logically consider risk on a case by case basis then their blanket edicts will harm more than they save.
We can make hard choices, we need to be hard nosed on this one. If we allow a few in it's only a matter of time for the floodgates to open.
We could continue with the same policy IF the current closure were enforced with fines and loss of permit.
We has a problem with unregulated vacation rentals even before Covid-19, and we saw little or no enforcement of Covid-related restrictions...so my impression is that the County is prioritizing economic growth over the health and welfare of its tax paying citizens
We have far too many vacation rentals, particularly right in the middle of neighborhoods. I do not feel that we need tourists here now, except perhaps for those staying with family who are Orcas residents.
we have worked hard to keep from overtaxing the regional medical facilities. That, along with being diligent with high risk individuals should be the focus.
We live in our guest house and rent our main home as a vacation rental. The reason why I think there should be a distinction between those vacation rentals with a full-time resident on the island and those without is because if guests think or know there won't be anyone there to greet or observe the guests in any way, the people are much more likely to bring many more guests than they stated were in their party and behave differently if no one is within earshot if they decide to do various things that would not be recommended. It would include things like setting off fireworks during a dry summer day; stealing a truckload of wood from a neighboring property resident for a bonfire on the beach; have a visiting high school football coach bring his entire football team with parents over for an afternoon party; etc, etc. And the examples of people just bringing more guests than listed on their vacation rental contract could be a way that would accelerate the spread of the virus around the island. And we have personal knowledge of all of those things happening. Some to our own vacation rental even when were were living right here in the guest house and some at a nearby vacation rental that had no one to monitor their guests.
We MUST put caution first.
We need testing and isolation of those testing positive
We need to adopt safety policies that allow us to limit risk but be open
we need to go slowly rather than opening the floodgates.. maybe in stages

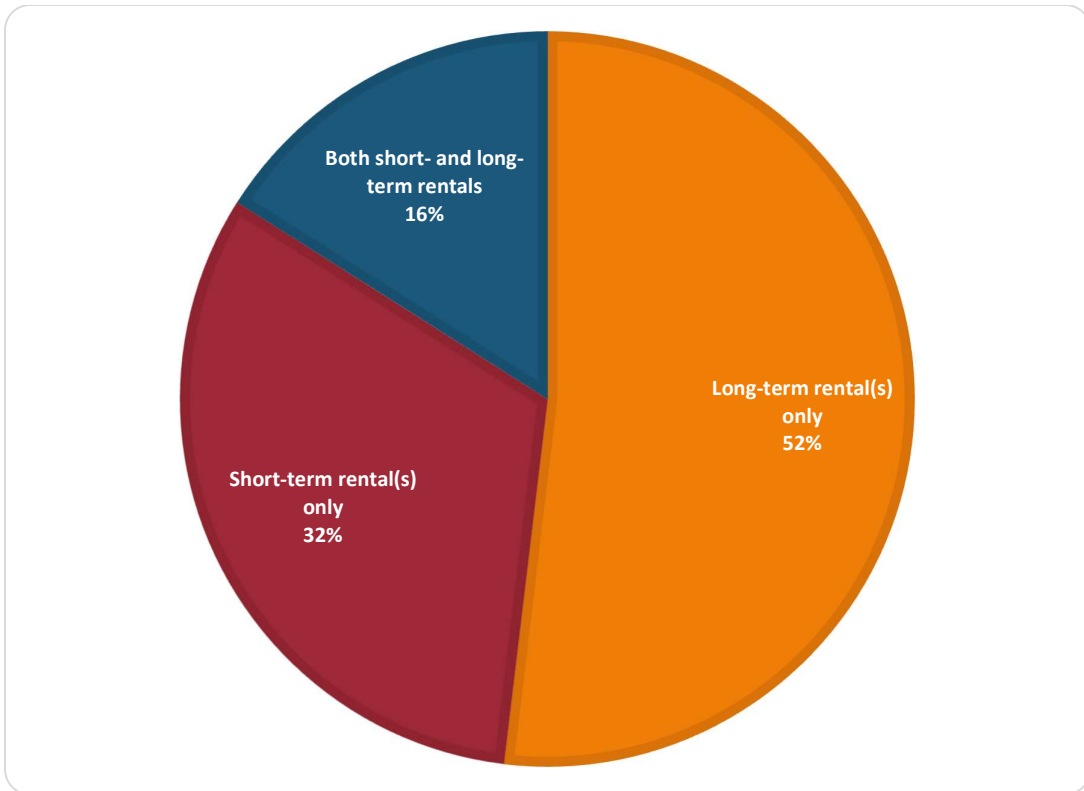
We need to see how this is going to play out in order to make the decision on opening up lodging.
We should do what it takes to protect Islanders and our resources from the annual deluge of visitors this year
We should subsidize hospitality industry (nationally) so we can do what is safe not what is economical.
We've done a good job "flattening" our exposure. Let's keep it that way until the next, unavoidable, wave of infections has passed.
What is the definition of "short term" rental?
Whatever is decided it should be opened vrey cautiously.
When they feel it's safe. Not 1 death is worth reopening.
Why do we have a health administrator making these decisions? Makes no sense. His input might be deemed important but who made him in charge.
With a resident on the property the renter can be monitored for obeying county rules and restrictions
With no relation to Covid, it is harmful to the islands when investors fill our houses and streets with tourists in homes that could be used for local residents. It also causes a loss of neighborhood permanent residents, and makes for too many tourists, traffic, parking issues, pollution, noise, garbage, and crime.
With proper precautions things should open
Would help economy but observe social distancing

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



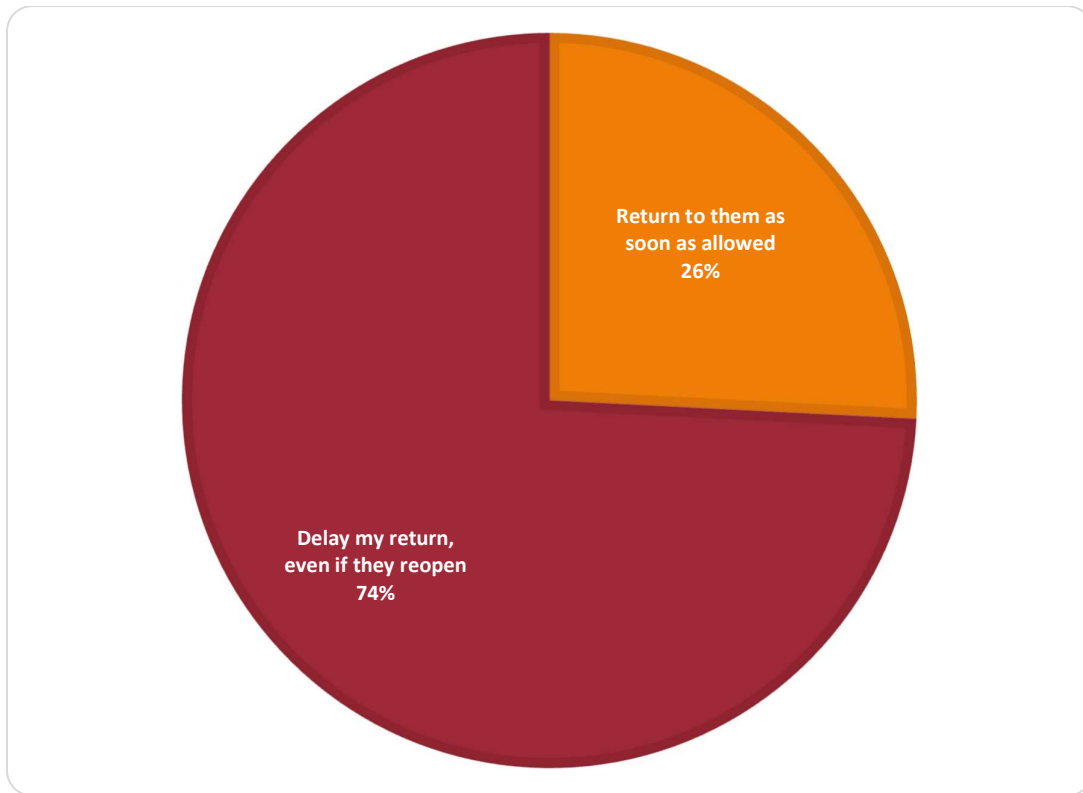
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	18%	110
No	82%	500
	Totals	610

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



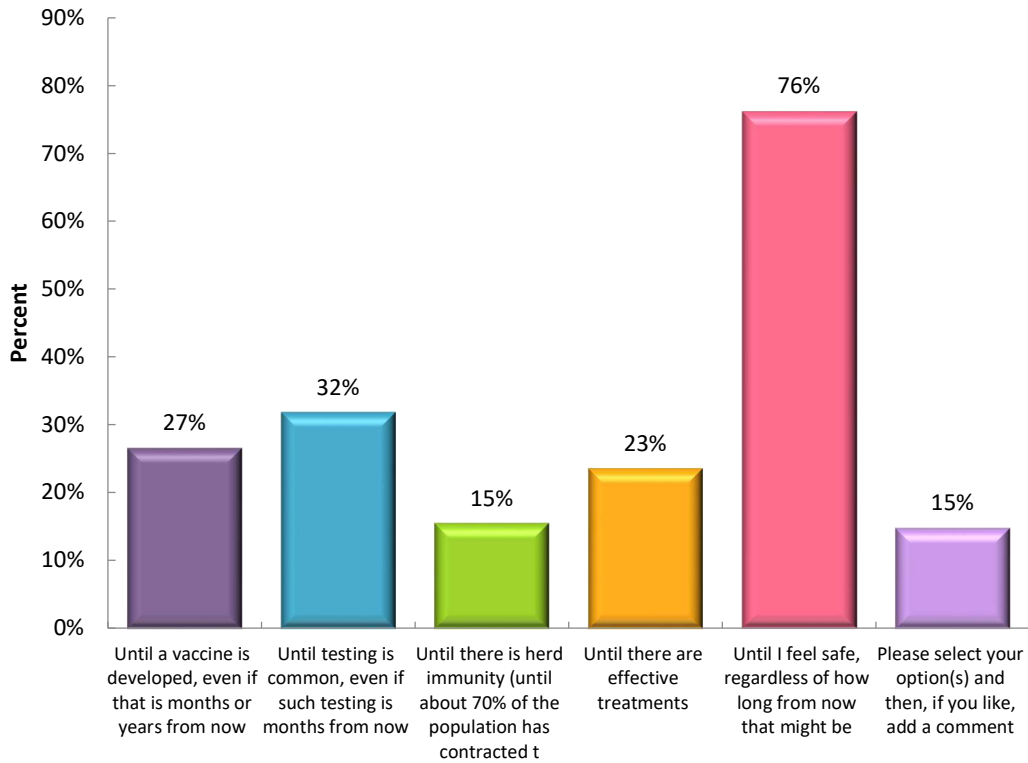
Value	Percent	Count
Long-term rental(s) only	52%	55
Short-term rental(s) only	32%	34
Both short- and long-term rentals	16%	17
	Totals	106

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



Value	Percent	Count
Return to them as soon as allowed	26%	154
Delay my return, even if they reopen	74%	444
	Totals	598

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



Value	Percent	Count
Until a vaccine is developed, even if that is months or years from now	27%	117
Until testing is common, even if such testing is months from now	32%	140
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)	15%	68
Until there are effective treatments	23%	103
Until I feel safe, regardless of how long from now that might be	76%	336
Please select your option(s) and then, if you like, add a comment	15%	65

64 commented on the question of how and when they will be comfortable returning to social settings. Sorted in reverse alphabetical order.

Q31 Comments on when you will return to social settings
Will most likely change as more information is made available
when everyone wears masks and socially distances I feel more comfortable. Outside gatherings are better.
What is a "public gathering site"? I don't expect to sit in a restaurant or cafe this year and probably not next year either.
Want antibody testing first, then perhaps wait for vaccine
Waiting 2-3 weeks until after restrictions are lifted seems wise, to see if there are new local COVID cases as a result.
Until I get some things done I want to get done, then I'll have time to get sick.
Trust is a learned respond - Some people are trustworthy, some are not. different people trust others at different levels, I would give respect in my involvement with others (ie mask wearing or not) to their concerns, balanced with the freedom I have been given. (Grocery store handled it very well I think) -There are signs at various places "enter at your own risk" .with guidelines listed. this respects a person's intelligence and puts the responsibility on the individual, allowing freedom to choose. Business could do the same. To remain Open is at owners risk as well as the extent of precaution taken, to enter a business is the same.
This depends upon size of crowd, location, status of current infection rates, etc
These treatments must be scientifically proven.
There may have to be health requirements before renting. That is, as an owner I will want to feel that my home is safe to rent for the next person or for our own family, however long that takes
There is going to be hesitation halo of large groups and events.. I'm one of those that services to large group events. So until I can safe, I'm sticking to the sidelines helping from a distance. I think that the onsite mindset is now thing of the past.
there are some gatherings I would feel safe returning to more quickly than others
the problem with testing is that there are many false results, better testing is the basic next step
The federal response to this crisis has been such a shitshow that I have no faith we will be safe in the future.
Testing is still inadequate, too little surveillance testing, and the ferries are bringing too many travelers here.
Politics rule?
outdoor locations only
Our health officials are in place to make a ruling about when this emergency is over. It should not be a matter of speculation.
One thing I have noticed about visitors to the island is that they do not wear masks, their children run rampant and mask less on the ferries, and they deplete the meager supplies our one grocery store can get
My reason for being away from Orcas has nothing to do with the virus. (Also, one of my answers above didn't fit the criteria, #18, should be deleted from your data set.)
I've rented my vacation rental out long-term. I'm planning on leaving a long-term tenant in there until we have a firm handle on this pandemic. I don't want to risk the lives of my cleaning person, or our community by inviting in the potential spread of Covid-19

<p>It will depend on what happens here and in other places that reopen, to see if there is more infections. On the other hand, this will be with us for who knows how long, so-- maybe in fact opening is best, and I will live with it. Like all of us, everything seems full of uncertainty until we know more about how this virus operates.</p>
<p>It isn't just my decision. The person I live with is involved in the decision as well.</p>
<p>I'm not sure how I feel about how the vaccine is being handled.</p>
<p>I'm afraid that some people will be careless.</p>
<p>If this disease strikes my wife, I need to know that I did absolutely everything in my power to have prevented it. Therefore, as long as there is any significant possibility of community spread, I will keep my wife at home and minimize my contact with any public space. If we could have easy access to testing, it would go a long way to convincing me there is no community spread or that it would be caught quickly.</p>
<p>I'd probably be slower to start constant exposure, wait a couple of weeks to see what happens. I'd still go out but social distance a bit. I believe many more people have already been exposed to the virus before we started taking any precautions.</p>
<p>I'd like to see state/county numbers decrease more. Too many unknowns to feel safe about public gatherings of any size.</p>
<p>I would wait until i feel comfortable that the measures put in place in the business seem to be effective and there has not been a new outbreak initiated. Probably 2 weeks to 1 month. Many of the public gathering places are avoided by us in the summer anyways.</p>
<p>I would selectively delay</p>
<p>I would probably do more small gatherings in my home, or close friends homes, rather than venture out into the public arena.</p>
<p>I would go to gathering sites outside where I could control my interaction distance with others.</p>
<p>I will maintain social distancing regardless of policy but will decide on a case by case basis where I will go.</p>
<p>I will likely continue to monitor the infection rate compared to the testing rate to determine actual level of spread as areas start to reopen.</p>
<p>I will go into public places if I know there will be social distancing and masks worn. But it's been shown that when places have started to reopen people become careless.</p>
<p>I will continue to use PPE and social distancing</p>
<p>I will avoid the tourist crowds this summer--too much variation and travel. My son and I have asthma and it isn't worth the risk of relying on others to do the right thing.</p>
<p>I think more than testing, vaccines, etc. it'll be a gestalt -- how well people adhere to masks/social distancing, and the incidence/prevalence #s in the state. If case #s are dropping significantly, then the odds of new cases popping up on Orcas gets very low. If, on the other hand, the case #s state-wide stay high or increase, then we'll be more cautious around public places regardless of the lifting of restrictions.</p>
<p>I plan on selling</p>
<p>I haven't thought this through completely but I think my "feeling safe" would be based upon my perception that (1) the number of new cases remains zero or nearly zero; (2) there's adequate access to testing; (3) if new cases are discovered, there's adequate and timely contact tracing; and (4) our local healthcare resources are not overwhelmed.</p>
<p>I have two cancers and a compromised autoimmune system. I'm staying put.</p>
<p>I have no interest in anyone else staying on my property. I have a guest house that sits empty. I don't qualify for a vacation rental permit, don't want the headache of a long term renter or any other kind of renter.</p>

I feel it is all too early to determine what to do about opening up with crowds. We do not know enough about this disease yet and we do not have a treatment or vaccine.
I don't want to get sick and/or die. I don't want to cause anyone else to get sick and/or die. The faster we can mobilize a proper, comprehensive to this pandemic the faster we can begin to return to normal. In my opinion, opening the economy before we are prepared to deal with the inevitable second (or third) wave of the virus would be wildly irresponsible.
I don't really see how I'm going to feel safe unless we have a working vaccine. The idea that I could relax and dine out at a restaurant is absurd. I don't even want to get my haircut because my stylist is one of those people in the high risk group, and I worry about her. I'll just stay here until things are safer.
I do not rely on large gatherings in general, my social needs fulfilled.
I assume that, after a resurgence next Fall, the virus will have run its course, so I will wait for evidence that that has occurred.
I am involved in some island committees, so I would return to my group meetings but probably consider carefully whether to attend larger gatherings.
I am dubious about a flood of people coming from the mainland during the summer but know they are critical to our current economic survival. It's a rock and a hard place.
Honestly? There's too much information and too little actual knowledge about the virus, testing, vaccines, re-infection potential, and yes, treatments.
Go wherever I want as long as there are no crowds.
Follow-on viral attacks could become the New Normal.
Feeling safe, may not be a realistic option anytime soon, but returning to life for many may become a necessary risk. Any combination of the above options further reduces that risk and obviously moves us closer to "normal" life again.
Even if there is a vaccine, the non-vaxer's will probably not comply, so still will not feel safe.
Due to others' unsafe behavior and the high-risk status of my four-year-old, we won't be able to rejoin the community until there's an effective vaccine.
Do what makes sense at the time. More likely a slower ramp up with the ability to pull back if necessary.
both of us assume that if we are infected we will probably die.
Based on data.
As 4 factors of risk make me vulnerable, I prefer to be prudent, rather than be at high risk. I enjoy traveling, and as soon as I judge the risk to be less than the benefit, I will resume that. Herd immunity must certainly be achieved first, unless there exists highly successful treatment. Vaccines may not be adequate as some vaccines' risks are worse than the diseases. I would want good scientific evidence of effectiveness without serious side-effects.
Any of these options are possible. I am not concerned for myself, I'm concerned for family due to health conditions, and I'm concerned for the people that I may not personally know but could be affected by my decisions.
again, varies depending on how things develop, and I do not know what you mean by gathering sites - I might do some but not others...
After working in the public, I will always wonder about tourists whom I have seen first hand travel while sick and continue to touch merchandise after coughing or sneezing into their hand, rubbing their nose or face and not think a thing of it. Some even comment on how sick they are and are still going to be out in public as they are not going to ruin their vacation by staying in.

A proactive approach with testing and case contact tracing and isolation will optimize safe community interaction and function. This virus will be with us a long time, and is not the last pandemic.

70% is insufficient for herd immunity with a virus as contagious as this one. Where did you get that number? Measles requires 93-95%, polio 80+%.

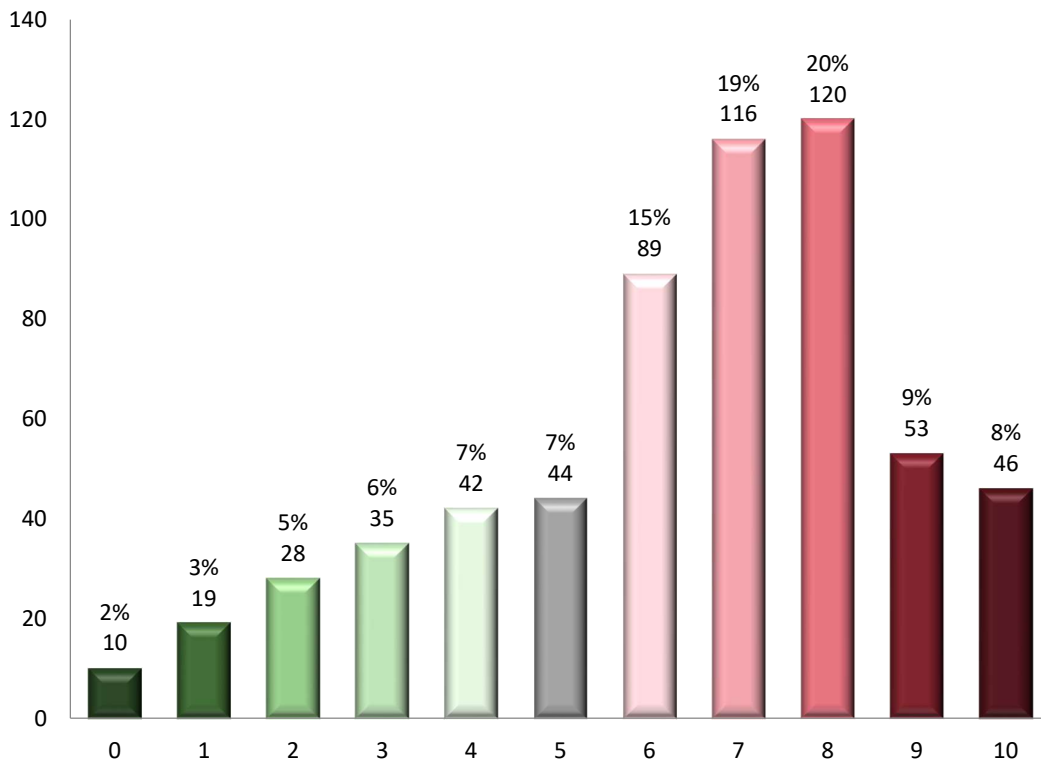
There is no guaranteed that a vaccine will ever be developed. "Testing" is fraught with inconsistencies, inaccurate data reporting (see "CDC"), and creating a false sense of panacea. "Testing" is all over the map and fraught with inaccuracies, inconsistencies and

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.

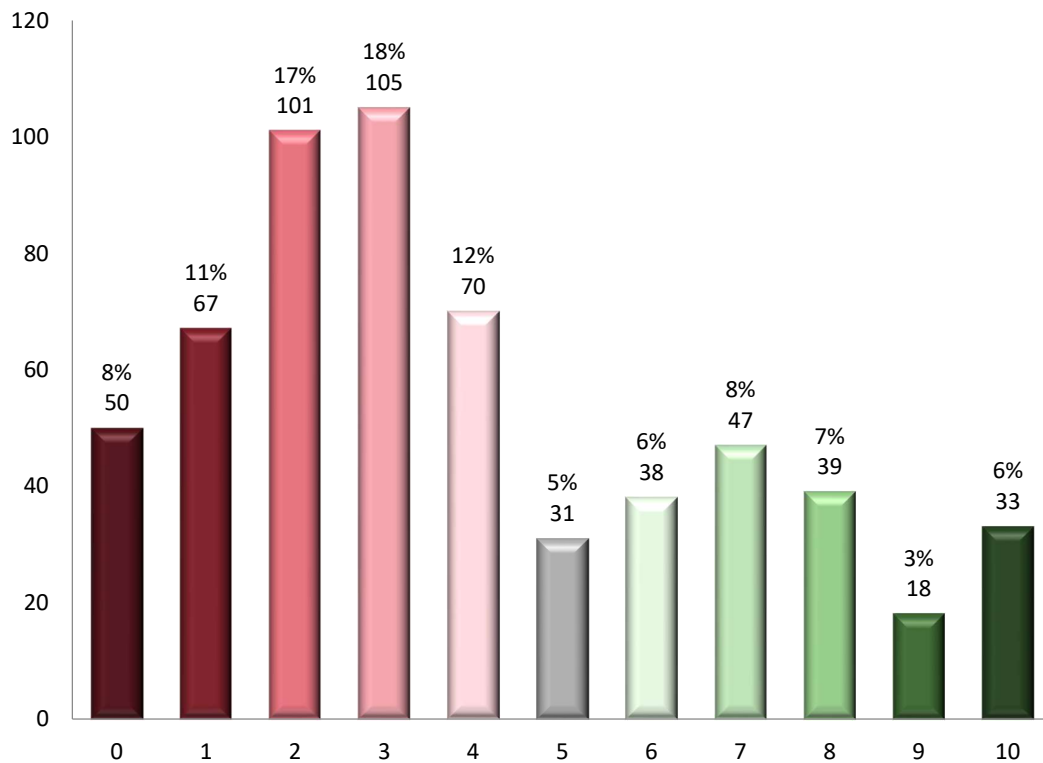
The further right you move the dot, the more you want the focus on the health and life threat from coronavirus while placing a lower priority on treating other health problems, maintaining supply deliveries, and preventing financial ruin for some businesses and individuals.



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.

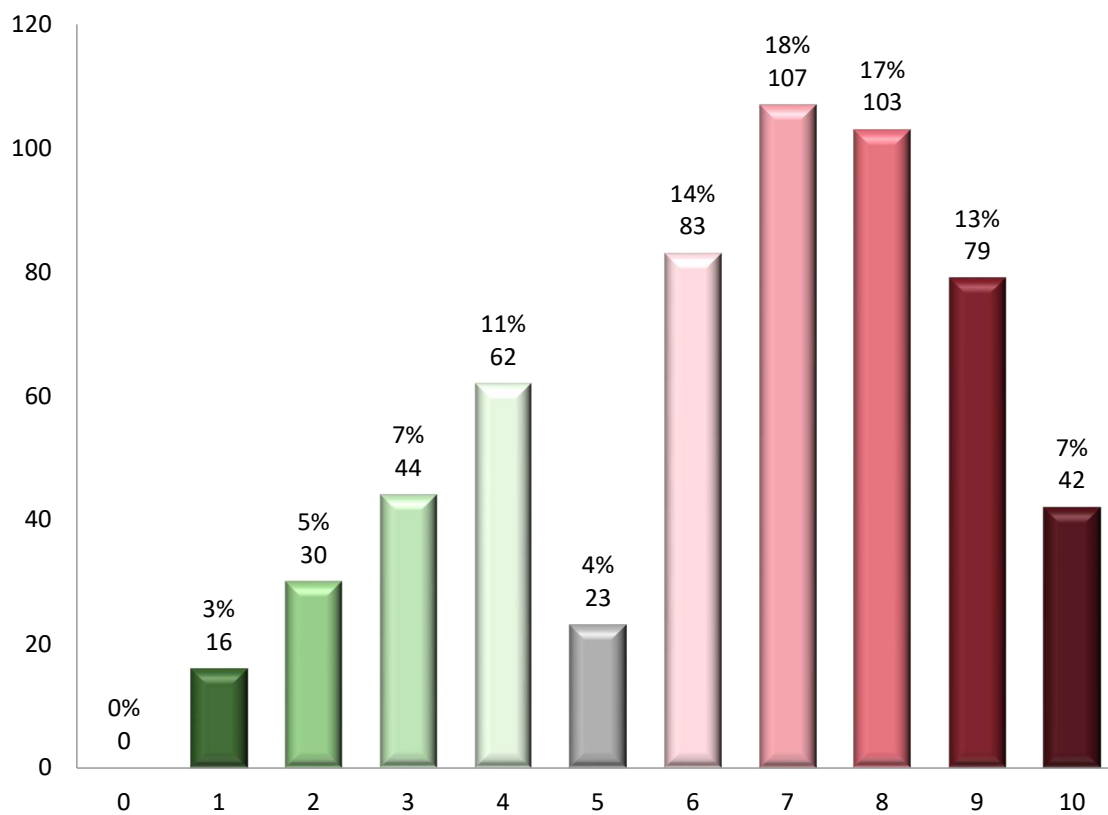
The further right you move the dot, the less you want the County involved in imposing restrictions.



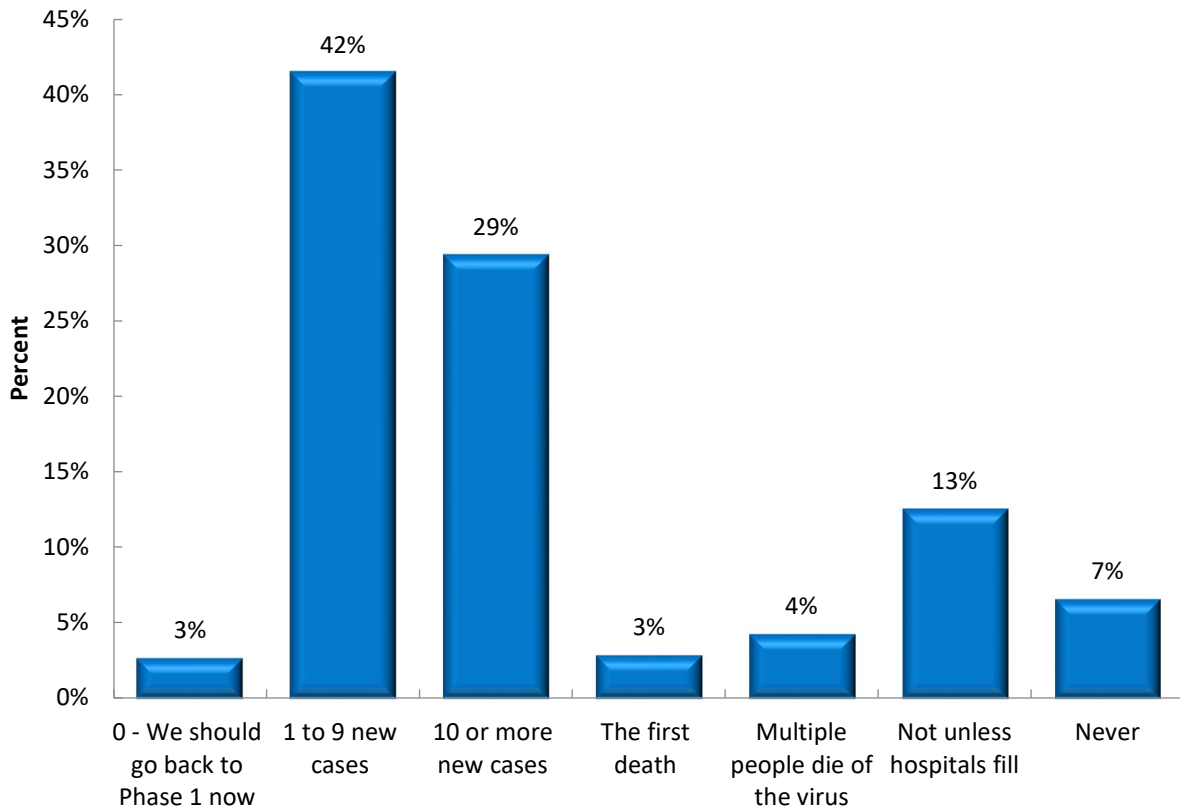
34. Move the slider to reflect the threat level you consider the virus to be given the current regulations, enforcement, and compliance.

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.



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



Full text of the options in the table below. Graphic shorted for readability.

Value	Percent	Count
0 - We should go back to Phase 1 now	3%	16
1 to 9 new cases should cause us to revert to Phase 1 regulations	42%	244
10 or more new cases should cause us to revert to Phase 1 regulations	29%	173
The first death of an island resident from the coronavirus should cause us to revert to Phase 1 regulations	3%	17
We should not revert to Phase 1 regulations unless multiple people die of the virus	4%	25
We should not revert to Phase 1 regulations unless the hospitals we would normally go to get overwhelmed	13%	74
We should not revert to Phase 1 regulations under any scenario	7%	39
	Totals	588



There are 202 final comments. They make up the next 12 pages. Many people put much thought, emotion, and time into the comments. The comments are respectful and give a very good idea of the diversity of perspectives in our community. To be consistent, we have removed all names and replaced them with “_____,” with the exception of Rick Hughes or Dr. Frank James who both serve in an official decision-making capacity. As we disclose at the beginning of the survey, we require several questions to be answered. These include any that allow us to compare the responses to the Census and Voter Rolls. We also required the slider questions to have a response. The reason for this is that if the question is skipped, it is registered as a neutral 5. In effect, the software assigns the answer for you, if you don’t select one. We felt it was better for the individual to make the choice than for it to be presumed by the software to be a 5.

Q36 - Final comments

5 to 10 new cases in the county ought to be enough to show the negative impacts of this virus. It seems outrageous that the citizens of this country are being asked to choose between life and livelihood. If your business survives but you don't, then it doesn't much matter that you live. On the other hand, if your business doesn't make it, and you DO, how do you continue to live here--or anywhere? This country's inability to redistribute wealth in a way that allows individuals to merely exist in the pursuit of "life, liberty and happiness" has been troubled, at best. This virus seems to be bringing this debate to a real head. How much is too much? Columnist and wealth advisor Jack Kelly wrote an article recently in Forbes magazine. He said: "Many Americans are fighting over toilet paper and other home essentials, worrying about paying the rent and bills after losing their jobs and are worn out from trying to work from home, while also providing home schooling for their house-bound children. Meanwhile, the uber-wealthy have taken to their yachts and private jets. Music and film titan David Geffen, who is worth \$7.7 billion according to Forbes, exemplifies how the rich literally sail away from their problems. Geffen, on his now-deleted Instagram account, wrote, "Isolated in the Grenadines avoiding the virus. I'm hoping everybody is staying safe." Geffen's tone-deaf message highlights the disconnect between the ultra wealthy and the majority of Americans. Rich people are able to leave their homes in Manhattan and flee to their summer houses in the Hamptons or to their get-away homes in non-congested rural parts of Connecticut. The private jet market is doing a brisk business whisking the elite out of New York and other major

cities. Jerod Davis, the owner of private charter jet company, said in an interview with Slate, "There are only 1,800 private jet operators, to my knowledge, in the United States. So believe it or not, sometimes you actually run out of private jets over the holidays. And that's kind of what's going on right now: There's so much demand that they're actually running out." Meanwhile, the average American is told to stay indoors under self-quarantine. " This article was published on April 1, 2020. Perhaps it was an April Fool's joke. But I doubt it. The sad fact of the matter is that people spread this virus. And the uber rich are not immune. As people move about the globe, they spread the virus. And those without health care, those with limited resources, will suffer disproportionately. I am honestly contemplating the question: Is it better for my family for me to die (preferably quickly) so that they might live a longer and better life? Perhaps as a (newly minted) elder, my time on this earth is now overstayed. It would appear that Sweden, as a country, has made this choice based on news reports. Their elders will disproportionately die, and therefore the economy and the young will live. Perhaps that is the choice that our county should make. After all, it is survival of the fittest-- or is it, really?

54% of per capita income is derived from property in San Juan County. Consequently, there will be serious push back if the county decides to impose restrictions on short term vacation rentals. Which raises a thorny question: how many people do we allow to become ill or die to indulge short-term rental owners desire to rent their properties to off islanders? Which is more important? Public health or the property rights of off island rental home owners? In Washington, the Governor has the right to declare a state of emergency and regulate public behavior. As does the county. No one ever said that crafting good public policy is easy. With so many individuals depending on rental income, it will be difficult to protect vulnerable residents from exposure to infectious diseases.

A balance needs to be struck that will favor opening businesses, whilst monitoring potential virus outbreak. Only the PHH has the facts and is able to best be able to lead us through this time. This person should look at severity, public health capacity, and what people are most susceptible to catching it. Everyone to wear masks indoors at public places is important.

A logical solution is to allow those 'not so highly at risk' (say under age 60) to go about their lives. Some will get the virus, but the risks are less for this group. At the same time, those over age 60 (higher at risk cohort) will continue to take necessary precautions - as they should. In this way we move (over time) to a quasi herd immunity of 70%.

A time for reason. All Lives matter and everyone's health are very important and they are affected by more than just the virus. The decision on whether the county is open or not should rest with more than just one unelected person. No doubt, Dr James is a good man, but he is charged with looking at just one part of the overall picture. Families that lose their livelihood are less likely to visit the doctor for things other than the virus. Domestic violence goes up. Civil disobedience increases. Life and health are very important but they are not the only thing that needs to be considered. It is foolish to put everything in one person's control.

About one month from now, we should have a much better understanding about the threat of the virus, with all of the states opening this past weekend. If no spikes in a month, than we should be pretty safe, until we are not.

Again, I understand the balance between the health of the population and the health of the economy. I am both a physician and founder of a company, so I see both sides. At the end of the day, however, our community lives on an island without a hospital, and people who get COVID-19 can get sick quickly. We need to respect that and be a little more cautious than locations on the mainland. A holistic evaluation of the incidence and prevalence #s from the state will give a sense of direct to when we can liberalize restrictions here. At the same time, a significant uptick in cases

on the mainland, or on the island, should raise the 'threat level' and lead to the re-imposition of Phase 2 or Phase 1 restrictions.

all public gathering places such as theatres, concerts, movies, large congregation churches, meetings, should be closed till 2021

Allowing a steady stream of tourists while not allowing a graduation gathering at a safe distance has made me lose respect for our government. I don't think anyone knows what anyone else is doing and they are full of ineffective knee jerk reactions.

Although many of these questions are about opinion, it is very important that decisions be based on FACTS, not just opinions. Let's hope that most of the respondents have looked carefully at the facts when forming their opinions

As a body we must be prepared to aid one another and support one another and at the same time observe privacy and social protocol to protect one another. Citizens know better than the governor how to accomplish this. The state and county need to observe and trust Washingtonians to properly care for one another. The administration should simply facilitate that idea with material and financial support.

As one who owns and runs a vacation rental on Orcas and lives at that property as well, I work hard to be sure my business does not negatively impact my neighborhood nor my community. I am not renting now, in complete compliance with the restrictions placed upon us and agree that these restrictions are in the best interest of my community and myself and family. However, I also see that there is much support for other small businesses in our community (as I fully believe there should be and I contribute to that support) but hear little understanding that those of us who depend upon our vacation rental for our income should also be supported. I believe that some of this stems from the opposition to vacation rentals that existed before the virus and that the virus is, to SOME extent, being used as an excuse to limit vacation rentals and tourism on our island, not solely because of the virus but because there are those who opposed those things before hand. I find that attitude troubling. Many of these same people might advocate for support for immigration in our community (as do I) but I find it ironic that those same people, when the "other" comes into "their" neighborhood, well then it's their right to discourage, even legally restrict, that sort of movement in the world. I love our small community, too. But we do not own the earth, nor this island. All humans have a right, I believe, to enjoy the beauty. We must work to be sure behaviors of all protect our way of life. But to see the rise of the NIMBY mentality here on our island I find to be deeply disappointing, even disturbing. I encourage all to extend the hand of welcome to all while modeling respectful treatment of our common bounty.

Because I have been absent from the island for 7 months I do not feel capable of answering questions dealing with the current situation. I will be returning home in several weeks; mid-July.

Because much of the island population is in the high risk category and having limited medical facilities...we should err on the side of caution in easing restrictions. Tourists come from all over the world and we can easily become a hot spot for the virus.

County Council completely overlooks the fact that most social services on Orcas Island are privately funded. It builds and maintains roads on the island, and very little else. This is the context in which I state that the Council's response to the COVID-19 health and economic crises to be shameful.

County sheriff must comply with face mask mandate and help local businesses enforce this mandate. Tourists should be turned away by sheriff at Anacortes ferry.

Deeply concerned about the virus. I have already had two friends die that live on Camano Island, and my nephew, who is a police officer has been in ICU now for 4 1/2 weeks. He is young and very healthy. I'm worried that people do not wear mask when they go to the market and that they don't seem concerned about anyone else. Health needs to be our number one concern.

Difficult to strike a proper balance. I'd rather be worse off economically and alive and healthy.

Double down on safety precautions now. Do not let your guard down. Autumn and winter may be horrible. Be safe. Wear a mask. Social distance. Stay home.

Due to the high percentage of folks over 60 living on OI, I worry that bringing visitors onto the island will definitely increase risks for virus infections. I would hope our county council and health officer will thoughtfully review the statistics and determine how and when is best for our community. We are extremely fortunate to have the OICF & other social services to support our families who've been hit the hardest financially, but it will be a slow climb back to a thriving vacation oriented economy here. Let's be cautious and keep our community healthy and safe. Thank you for taking the time to conduct this survey.

Each individual should have the choice of how much risk to take. Am I comfortable going to the market, the barber, the restaurant - based on the protocols each of these places has put in place? If I'm not comfortable, I won't go and I'm in a high risk group. I'm impressed by the high level of prevention exhibited on Orcas. If social distancing can work anywhere, it's here.

Eastsound and the island is packed with tourists renting houses from unregulated individuals and there is no enforcement while more legitimate rental is prohibited.

Economic security means nothing if there is no one left to be a customer.

Economy vs Public health - the economy is dynamic will do what works and morph to any new environment, but needs to be allowed to do so with out being hobbled by government intervention (Like bailing out the stock market?) Phase one was to flatten the curve to avoid overwhelming our resources. We may need some interventions again to flatten surges, but we cannot live in Phase one until a vaccine is developed, mass produced and administered to the population - at least 18 months IMO.

Enforcement, enforcement, enforcement of current and past policies. Mask wearing, social distancing still essential.

First, people need to protect themselves by wearing masks, disposable gloves, using sanitizers & washing hands & clothing as needed; & by social distancing. We are more responsible for our own safety than is the county. Nobody should really trust that other people are 'ok' unless they live together & know each other very well. We do not need more bureaucrats nannying us.

For me personally, I am not worried. I come to my Orcas home to "get away from it all." I come here to be with nature, not with people. I have very few friends here. My social life is in Bellingham where my primary residence is. Besides, I am an introvert, and social distancing comes naturally to me. It is not a hardship. Because of this, whatever the county decides will not impact me greatly. On the other hand, since Orcas Island is also a tourist destination, I worry that greater openness will lead to more illness and death for both residents and guests. But more restrictions will have a negative impact on residents who depend on tourist business for income. Residents may be forced to move off the island if they cannot make ends meet here. So, yes, it's a tricky balance. In general, I think going for herd immunity will result in far too much loss of life and health. We need to focus on staying safe from the virus while we wait for vaccines, better treatment and better testing and contact tracing methods. Our government needs to do more to mitigate the economic impacts.

Freedom does not mean a person ignore the rights and health of others, therefore, mask wearing required in public places must remain in place until this COVID-19 is in scientific control. In this aging community this is very important as all lives matter and are of value to this community and make Orcas what it is. We must preserve this for the future even if we have to sacrifice many things now. It gives us the opportunity to be more creative and innovative in the economy and services.

Full time residents of the islands have done a great job of following CDC guidelines. Our infection rate shows that. The County needs to step up and enforce the wearing of masks, social distancing and the ban on vacation rentals and other visitor accommodations until we enter Phase 3 or later, as the County Health Officer determines. Visitors to the islands need to comply with the CDC guidelines.

Given the original predictions of the epidemiology experts at the University of Washington and the Imperial College of London it's easy to understand why most people reacted the way they did. Health officials and politicians immediately assumed that all hospitals would be inundated with covid19 patients far beyond their capacity to cope. Thus the imperative to "flatten the curve" to avoid the rush, but that by doing so would broaden the curve was a point they failed to make clear to the public. But the die was cast. When it soon became clear that the UW and Imperial College statistics were overstated (perhaps by an order of magnitude) very little was done by our politicians and medical experts to adjust accordingly. They continued to assume a worst case scenario of the magnitude and virility of the virus. Fortunately, in the U.S., the decision was made to allow each state the primary responsibility for action based on the facts on the ground, with support and guidance as needed from federal resources. Many state governments have handled their responsibilities quite well and the impact on their citizens, though significant, has been reasonably modulated. However, a few states have taken a much different approach. They have promoted an atmosphere of fear and helplessness among their citizens. The state of Washington is among these states. Here authoritarian, ultra-autocratic, overweening governors and bureaucrats have maintained rigid policies and procedures compelling citizens to abandon their fundamental rights to support themselves, to associate freely, and to feel secure in their privacy. They fail to account for the destructive impact on the health and well being of people who must work for a living, who must be educated at school, who must attend religious services as they choose, who must exercise regularly, who must seek medical care for conditions other than covid19, and who must tend to their businesses. Not doing so is not living. A quarantine of the well is tantamount to a prison sentence. The informed choice of each citizen is that person's right. Governor, get off our backs.

Good survey. If you'd allow me to paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, he said "those that would give up freedom for safety deserves neither".

Have any Air Bs and resorts that opened during the virus be charged?

Having a house on the Island I feel most of the county lends itself to social distancing and mask for many activities. I think the county can open businesses and hold events if those precautions are followed.

Health considerations should be primary and conservative choices should be made. The risk of a premature return to "normal" causing a second wave of infection is sufficient cause to do what it takes now to avoid such a scenario as the financial impact would be even greater if restrictions have to be reimposed.

I addressed my very long comment as an open letter - so that if people read the comments they can have this view of things and the complexities that can never fully be addressed by a survey. Thanks for offering it though; and I did it because it's important that you hear from us. _____ An Open Letter to Madrona Voices (and our Community) Dear Madrona Voices; I appreciate your taking the time to survey us on how Covid-19 is affecting us. That said, as with your airport survey, I take issue with some of the "either/or," and questions that rate things on a scale, because the questions and issues we face are many-layered and nuanced, not "either/or." That's my issue with these types of questions on a survey; unless people take the time to read the comments where you've allowed for them, they will only see the "numbers" and not the thought and nuance. I would like our county officials to make a stand for the safety of its year-round residents and

workers first and foremost, and put the environment first from now on. This involves what I talk about later in this letter. The commissioners are pressured, even threatened with lawsuits or sued by property rights advocates, which puts them between a rock and a hard place, regarding decisions made that don't represent the majority of us. Just as parasites weaken and can eventually kill their host, the tourism industry (not the tourists but the industry that makes them a commodity) is weakening and damaging the host - this archipelago. The effects are undeniable in Eastsound UGA, where we have lost and degraded our most important wetland and much of forests all around it and up-slope. Now, Covid-19 brings a 'host' of new worries - all valid and worth weighty consideration. At THIS time during the beginning stages of a pandemic, we have the opportunity to completely change direction - probably the last we will have for many reasons - including that we're in the midst of the 6th mass extinction and climate change due to fossil fuel extraction and export, mining, big agribusiness, and deforestation. So it's about a lot more than protecting the tourism economy vs protecting the health of residents during Covid-19. This pandemic is an unprecedented opportunity for us to take a long look at ourselves and our way of life. A solely tourism-driven economy is unsustainable economically, environmentally, and in quality of life - UNLESS it educates and incentivizes people to take care of a place. Even then, I'm skeptical because... gentrification. In my many years of living here, I haven't seen any real reform in the growth model - unless a lawsuit forces some after-the-fact compromise. This is discouraging and disheartening. It gives the wrong message to our youth - that we are not behind them; that solving the huge problems we face is not a priority because, "we've got ours," and any good capitalist can "get theirs" too - which is misleading at best - because many of the most wealthy inherit their wealth, and have for generations. The deck is stacked. The problem with this growth mindset is that, in a large economic collapse coupled with a deadly pandemic- both of which we are experiencing in the beginning stages - this will affect everyone. Things will likely get worse before they get better. Only a few will come out relatively unscathed.; all the more reason to stop, think, and change direction. Any economy based on a single industry doesn't allow for creative solutions both economically or environmentally. Tourism/real estate/development economy is all about unlimited growth - i.e., parasitic. This entreaty may not seem to put enough weight on the pandemic and its effects - but it's all One Inseparable Affect. Our actions lead to consequences. Science is telling us that when we gobble up natural ecosystems, we ourselves are the cause of pandemics and plagues, due to deforestation and industrialization. This pattern has repeated itself throughout history - usually war-caused - only now, the environmental destruction is global and extremely rapid, due to mass air travel, military globalism, and giant corporations destroying ecosystems worldwide. We would be remiss in not bringing to light the immense profits that the pharmaceutical industry has to gain from this tragedy by developing and pushing an untested vaccine. When it's all about profit, it's antithesis to Life. Our community and the global community could thrive in a different way. There are many different aspects to prosperity besides money and real estate - we can focus our efforts on THESE - for instance: Environmental & time wealth (the 2 most important aspects, IMO, that should drive everything else), resilience, skills and resourcefulness, knowledge, emotional-spiritual wisdom, material and resources wealth, social/cultural/community, and the barter and sharing of these aspects of wealth. This would move us out of free market unlimited-growth capitalism where few profit at the expense of the many, to a paradigm where everyone can benefit in ways that count - even in the hardest of times. We are seeing, in the generous and unselfish response to Covid-19 by so many in this community, what is possible when we all share and give - even a little. We already have all of this in our fantastic community. Now is the time to rethink "economics" and ask ourselves in our deepest hearts, which way we want to go - and not settle for any system that puts a few at the top and the many at the bottom, but rather choose a wide rich field of unlimited possibilities within a finite archipelago and planet. I hope we will work tirelessly and joyfully with

trust, to go in this direction however and wherever possible. We are all magnificent creative beings, as Nelson Mandela so wisely noted in his famous speech. We have the opportunity to find out who we really are. Hardships bring us together - and wouldn't it be great if we could keep up this same spirit and intention in "better" times - if/when we are fortunate enough to see those again? We are so much more than we can think or imagine. The crux is opening our hearts and minds and trusting that when we take care of the earth right where we live - and each other - Things Work Out.

I am all for protecting the health and safety of our community from the virus and also from whatever horrible ramifications that can occur when things are shut down whether that's economical or personal safety. For example, public schools provide much more than education and daycare. They also provide food to kids in need. Or a safe place from abusive homes. I know there are wonderful teachers reaching out to individual families to let them know about free school lunch. And that is truly above and beyond. But I worry that there are some that will fall through the cracks and not get their basic needs met. So while we are being cautious about reopening our tourism industry, our schools, and other services, let's try and think of how we can provide support to our community members in need that will likely suffer while protecting the lives and safety of others from coronavirus. And let's all be kind to each other through this. We're all just doing the best we can.

I am at high risk due to my age. It is my responsibility to take whatever precautions I believe will protect me. Living in a "destination" when schools are closed and people are working remotely or not working increases the probability that people will come to our relatively isolated locations and possibly infect local residents. Government action could range from a policy of residents only on the ferries to no control. I think the County actions taken so far are about right.

I am aware of inconsistency in my responses and in my thinking. I don't think that I have enough information or skills to weigh the loss and suffering caused by the virus itself (and also the secondary costs of hospital overload, lack of beds, supplies, etc) as over against the loss and suffering caused by economic shutdown. I think we need a new scientific discipline, a broader notion of public health that includes economics, that creates complex models that try to simulate these complex conflicting needs and goods. I also am pessimistic about the possibility of developing models that do a good job of simulating and predicting such a complex system involving so many interacting variables. I feel deeply sad about the political conflict and the anger and fear and how it affects human interactions. I have no answers, just a longing for kindness and cooperation to prevail over hostility and belligerence. I am especially concerned because this pandemic, severe as it has been in some ways, is mild compared with ones we are likely to face in the future.

i am very concerned about the lack of control of tourists not observing protocols. I believe there will be a second wave. I realize businesses need income, and wouldn't stop the phased opening schedule, but surely we can enact some controls, enforced controls. Other islands do.

I am very concerned whether humanity really knows at this time how to confront and control the variety of viral attacks that repeatedly overwhelms Homo sapiens.

I am very grateful for the efforts of the county, county council, local medical providers and health department. They have shown leadership and compassion while making difficult decisions that blamed no one and protected us all. And they did so with limited budgets and staffs, tirelessly. They should be thanked. Period. Most complaints are likely based on hind-sight bias and scientific ignorance. And that is not separate from the significant suffering island businesses and individuals have suffered. It is not either or. It is both.

I and my wife are vulnerable due to both age and comorbidities. If we shelter in place it doesn't much matter what the rest of the island does. Children are highly unlikely to become infected and if they should are extremely unlikely to suffer injury. And yet we are all treated identically. Focus should have been on the vulnerable, let the rest keep the economy going and build herd immunity and spend the time and money on infrastructure for the vulnerable such as food and pharmacy delivery, telemedicine, emotional support, etc.

I answered question 16 as zero trips to mainland. The correct answer, if available, would have been N/A, as I am sheltering in place out of state and on the mainland. Normally this time of year I would be on island, but am not, and will not be for the foreseeable future.

I appreciate that vacation rentals are currently closed. However, the County's lack of willingness to enforce this closure renders it toothless and punishes those VR owners who play by the rules.

I believe in an iterative approach to re-opening: loosening restrictions, but retightening if additional cases occur. It would be very helpful to have sufficient testing and contact tracing to determine how those cases were contracted and tailor restrictions appropriately. As a senior, I am willing to take extra precautions in order to return to a more normal level of economic activity.

I believe our emphasis should be on protecting public health, so that we don't see a resurgence in cases due to premature reopening and failure to comply with safety measures. Short term pain for a better-assured economic recovery. We have a duty to each other to behave safely. No one has a "right" to infect other people. As a society we have adopted all kinds of rules and regulations to keep the public safe, often with an economic cost to individuals and organizations. I am vexed that we've defaulted to a patchwork approach to public health with the virus. Water pollution doesn't stop at a county line and neither does this virus. We enjoy significant individual liberties in the country and I believe that a little sacrifice every now and then for the greater good is not too much to ask. I feel for our small business owners most of all - but there are ways we can support them (through government support, spending with them however we can) without putting them and their employees at risk. Long term, I believe we will see an influx of mainland "refugees" who've chosen a safer, more rural lifestyle (now that we've learned how to work from home). The virus will be over some day - but how we recover from it as a community will shape what we look like for decades.

I believe that life is more important than money, and that people who are financially safe should try to share their wealth with those who need help. I think the county is currently doing a job. I salute the Food Bank and OICF.

I believe that overtourism and absentee vacation rentals are harmful to the island in many ways-- this is just one example. I would like the county to be more accountable to the wishes of ordinary (not business, not real estate) interests in general, not just while we have a pandemic.

I believe the principle responsibility of a governmental entity in the US is to provide security for its citizens.

I believe this Covid experience is doing more for us seeing our true identities. It exposes our true colors. Are we community based or more concerned with personal need. This community, in my mind, has once again shown that the majority of folks here are as interested in others as themselves. My faith and choice to stay on Orcas has been affirmed. I'm lightly saddened by some peoples need to control and willingness to negate personal choice with their opinions. When will we be as interesred in protecting someone elses personal choices as much as our own.

I do not blame people for wanting to get back to work.we all have to work.its the people walking around in stores without masks or not even trying to be decent person.how selfish... Put your fucking mask on when around other people.its the least you can do and it's super easy.im in great health and not to worried about myself.but I don't want to get someone else sick

I favor taking a cautious approach to controlling the virus but that must be balanced with a recognition that much of the island's income is derived from tourism. Consideration should also be given the fact we have a larger percentage of older persons who came here to get away from the rigors and risks of the mainland and have made considerable sacrifices to that end.

I fear a long recession and a recovery that lags the mainland. Some working age people will leave the island in search of better opportunities for their families, and Orcas will continue the trend towards being an older retirement community.

I feel if you are concerned about the virus you should take any precautions you need. If you are not you should be able to have the freedoms we always had. The economic impact on the world is worse. This is killing small business owners, people will die from starvation in the world over this, and it feels like socialism to me.

I feel like people should be screened when boarding the ferries by taking their temperature and having them fill out a card that shows where they will be staying while on the Islands. Also it is the going back and forth between the mainland and the Islands that seems as though it might be problematic. If you are lucky enough to have two residences - pick one and stay there. I fear that as we open the area to tourism (which in my opinion has already grown too fast too soon), we run the risk of creating a "hot spot" where there is inadequate food and medical support. Yes, we need testing and a vaccine too but until then I feel reopening slowly is the answer. I also feel that locals would enjoy supporting the local businesses if they feel safe that they aren't sharing space with folks who may not adhere to all of the preventative measures we've been taking. Thank you for allowing our voices to be heard!

I feel strongly that there are far more asymptomatic people that have not been able to get tested with a reliable test. As a result, they are unknowingly and potentially spreading the COVID-19 virus to more vulnerable people.

I feel that the county is doing a good job of protecting the islands. We have had a stable count for a long time now. Let's keep it that way until we know more.

I firmly believe in public health and the science guiding its recommendations. I am disturbed by those choosing not to pay attention.

I firmly believe that any visitor to the island should be screened/tested for the virus or symptoms. Important anti-body testing could prove helpful for coming to the island.

I have a particular prejudice for proceeding in a cautionary manner and protecting lives. I was a critical care RN for 44 years and understand completely that "Do No Harm" is the outstanding manner in which we should proceed. A life lost is forever.

I live on a non - ferry-served island and own a long-term rental on Orcas. I found the first part of the survey seemed not to be able to accommodate someone who is dependent on Orcas for basic services and social connections but lives on another island. Probably not many of us. Also my income from investments (not earned income) has been affected by the pandemic - the questions on income did not accommodate income effects other than earned income (and rents perhaps). I would have appreciated a question asking about the types of income involved. I assume the Orcas population includes a significant number of older people living on investments or other non-earned sources, fixed income or otherwise.

I live quite simply and live with the real fear of what a lack of income will mean to me. And still, my fears and financial uncertainty are not worth the lives of my friends, family, customers and neighbors.

I love living on this small, exquisitely beautiful island. In these times I am grateful we are quite isolated. I believe we should all be taking care of each other by wearing a mask in public and respecting social distancing still. I really look forward to the day when I can hug all my friends, go to

theatres and restaurants and resume life full of other people. But to get there we all need to be a bit patient and believe in science.

I object to question 33 being required. I answered this on the assurance by Steve that I could skip any question. The fact is that I have no opinion on question 33, and you should have allowed that a reasonable man would not have an opinion on something about which he is not expert. The last thing I want is our leaders using opinion polls by ignorant people to make decisions. I could answer question 33 if I were apprised on the data and the law. As I sit here I am not so apprised. It's fine to ask random people how they feel, because no one is ignorant about his own feelings. But you are asking in question 33 about a matter of strategic public policy as well as applicable law. I am not one of those fools who thinks government is a reality show subject to public whim. Otherwise, I am very impressed with the careful, thoughtful design of this survey.

I object to your assumption of self-granted editorial discretion. "Libelous" ? Unlikely. Makes me suspicious of your REAL agenda. Would like to know what your purpose is.

I own a vacation home on the island and am not a full time resident. However, I do recognize the risk to the full time residents and will not utilize services such as stores, restaurants, or entertainment venues until safe to do so. I'll bring everything with me and stay close to our home.

I said the county response was fine-I do not believe that the county is planning to spend it's CARES money-almost 1M on helping local businesses, vr's and hotels. Snohomish co for example is giving grants to small business up to 25K. It appears SJCo will spend it on itself. And what can the hotel motel funds and tourism funds do for us. Personally I have lost over 35K so far and headed to 70K. I don't think I can handle the cleaning protocols. The good news is we were very close to moving here full time. I mostly am concerned with the island's health.

I should not even complete this survey. There are qualifiers connected with certain questions, and a few did not allow me to delete my choice...which means i had to answer it. Bottom line: certain answers without my chance to qualify them will not reflect my opinion.

I spent the first 20 years of my life in a tourist area on the Great Lakes and plan to spend my last 20 years in another vacation area on Orcas. You learn to take the positive with the negative and must understand you will not have your positive way of life without help from the perceived negative. Not many in the San Juan Islands will recognize their way of life with a crippled hospitality industry much less be able to enjoy it. A balance must be struck because neither extreme can survive very long on its own.

I think it is important to remember that the governments job is not to keep me healthy. It is my job to make the right decisions to keep myself healthy. We have always been a tight community that loves one another. I have seen that change; into a community that points fingers, shames, and shows hate to one another. I have been second guessing if I even want to live in this community anymore after what I've observed.

I think it'll be interesting what response we have to the reintroduction of tourism. Considering we've had only 15 or so cases during the shutdown, I think we would be prudent to open very slowly in an effort to avoid a sudden increase in cases. With an influx of people as potential carriers along with a very slow virus incubation period, opening too quickly could potentially expose enough people to easily overwhelm our residents and healthcare system.

I think it's outrageous to create economic collapse for the sake of risk that is inherent to human living. We don't close down the entire economy and shutter everyone into their homes because they might die of AIDS, or of heart disease, or cancer, or flu, or gunshot wounds, or accidents...all of which cause 100s of thousands of deaths annually. Risk, viruses, accidents, disease, illness are part of human life. Insisting that everybody MUST value quantity of life over quality of life is, to me, crazy.

I think that it is imperative that we separate out the vacation rental/tourism issue from Covid. I think it reflects poorly on all of us islanders if we allow some to characterize anyone from the mainland as demons with cooties. And what is a tourist, anyway? Someone who owns a second home here, but only comes occasionally? Someone who just rents a place to stay? My family or friends who come to visit and stay with us? We enjoyed having our family from the mainland visit with us over the Memorial Day weekend. They had been following the Governor's orders and staying home. They stayed in their car on the ferry and only left our house to golf and hike. We are both in our 70's and were more than happy to take the risk to have them here. We have never lived in a risk free world. Each of us has to educate ourselves and use good judgement to determine the risks we are willing to take for ourselves while wearing our masks and social distancing to protect others.

I think the biggest issue with this particular virus is the high level of uncertainty. It is in some respects different from previous ones, so the response requires greater anticipation of unknowables. At the same time, the threat level here has been relatively low, so we should take care not to overreact as well. It is a very difficult line to walk, and I think we just have to accept that there may be unexpected consequences no matter what we do. I would not want to be in the shoes of those who have to make executive decisions about this situation, and I think we should be aware of the difficulty of their task.

I think the Island pulled together and truly helped each other. In the months ahead, I hope folks find forgiveness, patience and empathy for each other as our first response. And from there, just help out in every way, because every small act adds up to a big contribution at the end of each day.

I think the islands should have several months without visitors to relax and rest without constant stress of danger from the virus. Let the local businesses get creative about how to serve the public with outdoor dining and online selling. Let the vacation rentals house locals who need homes for several months. Encourage locals to start up new businesses that serve the locals and the farmers to grow more and more healthy food for us. Allow small businesses to open for locals who want service like haircuts, massage, yoga. Enforce mask wearing indoors.

I think the virus is serious and that we do not know nearly enough about it and its ramifications. I understand and empathize with people hurting financially, and I wish we had a federal government that cared even a tiny bit about that, but I think strong quarantine measures are effective and we shouldn't stop them just because people are tired of staying home.

I think we don't know enough about what the effects will be of having more people come to the island from the mainland, either as seasonal residents or as short-term vacationers. The County needs to be extremely vigilant in monitoring the situation, but it's hard to know how that can happen without widespread testing. I wish everyone boarding a ferry (or a small plane) to come to the islands could be tested (not just have them checked for fever), but I know that isn't going to happen. It's a difficult situation!

I think we have had a relatively low number of cases because of the stay at home order, and due to the timing of the first wave. Since summer is now upon us, people (and their germs) are going to be coming to the island in droves, and more precautions should be taken. However, I don't think that we should revert back to Phase 1 unless there is a marked up-tick in new cases. And, we should make testing (both for the virus and for antibodies) widespread and easily available. I am concerned for our island community and the small businesses here, at the same time, I am also concerned for the health of the community. It's a delicate balance. Businesses can be re-built. Lives cannot be reclaimed.

I trust our local officials to deal with our local situation. I'm not impressed with some the current public social media fear base chatter on all the strangers wondering the streets without masks and living in all the spare bedrooms on the island. Only if all problems were so simply understood.

I understand the desire to open the economy and mitigate the disastrous economic situation on an island with the majority of residents in the at-risk category, opening would be a mistake. When we do open, I would prefer to see an opening without tourists, let the islanders take the lead in caring for themselves (wearing masks, physically distancing, etc) before we have an influx of outsiders (who tend not to do the aforementioned). If there are no more cases, open gradually if all the islanders wear masks, then perhaps the few tourists (if they are few) by limiting lodgings, for example) will be "shamed" into doing the same thing.

I understand the reasoning behind offering either/or options, but the real course forward will have some "both/and" solutions. Hopefully Your work quantifying these responses will help chart that course. Thx

I view this pandemic to be an opportunity to reassess the direction our community wishes to move toward in the future. I would like to see Orcas less dependent on tourism. I believe too much emphasis is placed on the need for tourism when in fact the majority of "essential businesses" are supported by a "retirement economy". The island's infrastructure is already overstressed by the demands of seasonal visitors and in many cases overbuilt for visitor surge beyond what the year round population needs/utilizes. Will tourism be outlawed, no, but it should be limited to sustainable and manageable levels to compliment the needs of residents not supplant them. The over abundance of hospitality businesses is obvious every winter when the majority of them close seasonally. We as a community need to decide what is truly essential.

I would like to open up the islands . I would like to mitigate exposure to those high risk categories. If people feel threatened or unsafe they have the option of protecting themselves.

I would like to see the Senior Center reopened using safety precautions. My mother that I live with is 95 yrs old and she misses seeing her friends terribly.

I would like to think that people can be reasonable and treat the virus as the public health risk that it is. But too many people (local and otherwise) feel that the restrictions are meant to punish them instead of protect the community. Since they can't be counted on to act responsibly, the government is going to have to step in.

I would like visitors to be required to wear masks, and that guidelines are posted or distributed at the ferry with information: We do not have medical facilities to care for seriously ill patients (including them) many of our islanders are elderly, we also do not have a large pool of workers to fill jobs if employees become ill or need to isolate for age/health reasons.

I would want to go back to pHase 1 if the death rate from the virus rises significantly.

If contracting Covid9 is a death sentence to anyone should we not take the greatest care in protecting those individuals. These would be the very same individuals who would be denied treatment in a triage situation.

In a sheltered, low population environment it is easy to say that we should open up the island, that we should play the odds and let all the businesses get back to normal operations. It's easy to fall into the mindset that it hasn't hit here by now and won't. I believe that the persons pushing this have not lost a family member or anyone close to them to COVID-19. When a vibrant 62 year-old friend with no underlying medical conditions mentions feeling a bit ill and then is dead two days later from the virus, they will have a more realistic and serious approach to the safety and well-being of their families, friends and islanders. Short-term issues such as employment are serious and deserve intense consideration and support, but the outcomes from them aren't fatal. The outcomes from the virus can be fatal and have been to the tune of 100,000 to date in America alone.

In my opinion, many of the residents of the island have been malicious, vicious and extremely narrow minded. I am appalled and embarrassed by these behaviors. I came to the island because of

the peacefulness, kindness and friendliness here. This behavior during this whole situation has made me question my decision. On the other side of the coin, there are also many who live up to the island behaviors by being helpful, kind, caring and thoughtful. I don't want to forget them.

In this whole mess of opinions that the media is passing along -- both their own and the extreme position they cater to, politically , on both sides of the aisle, it makes it really difficult to know what to believe. Because the virus is new, even science is conflicted. So, I think many are on edge. The extremes of thought are captured well here, and I appreciate that there's a place to mark my position where it is somewhere in the middle. Thanks for helping us listen to each other and for the decision-makers to listen to us as a productive whole. They have to make broad strokes decisions. Then those who get underrepresented can be helped by neighbors.

Inalienable right to life, liberty and property are provided for in 5th and 14th amendments. Emergency orders should balance all three. Placing sole authority in the hands of one unelected official biased toward health is unacceptable and may be unconstitutional / illegal, prior court rulings notwithstanding. AG Barr has charged the DOJ with scrutinizing abuse of such authority which may be construed as a "denial of civil rights under color of law" a violation of 18 USC sections 241 and 242.

Increased testing, testing of all tourists, tracking, and cautious reopening ARE ways to care for our economy. It's not health OR economy - only by controlling virus, caring for health, can we have a lasting reopening of economy. Hasty reopening and sloppy monitoring will take us backward to another long lockdown.

Interpret #32 as assessing risks with current rules re: transient rentals, mandatory masks, and mandates for businesses to enforce 6' distancing. QA#32 is DUMB because it specifies no time frame - 9 new cases in a week would be serious, 9 over the summer would be much less so.

Islanders who make their living by providing lodging, which one could also call selling the rural quiet of their neighbors, are not owed the health or lives of their neighbors should their businesses fail.

It is imperative that we not lose our patience when confronting this health threat. The fact that "things don't look so bad, after all" is a DIRECT result of the measures we have taken to control the viral spread. Let's not waste all the economic pain people have endured by rushing back to 'normal' prematurely.

It is impossible to underestimate the significance of this virus and its attack on the world in general, as well as our little corner of it. The efforts to control it have been more successful in some places in the country and world than others. Success is measured by what does NOT happen and this is a very hard thing for people to grasp. Adequate measures, some of them very difficult to live with lead to "nothing happening", a paradox. Conversely, when less is done, more happens, ie human suffering. The case and death rates of this disease do not adequately reflect the disruption of the lives of people and families who have been touched by it. Yet more have died in this country already than in the Vietnam and Korean wars put together. The long term effects of the virus on the human body, for example, is yet to be known. There are signs that many who recover do so incompletely, and may carry lifelong disability. While the elderly face the immediate risk of death, many younger people will die of this disease and children, though less affected, also become victims. We all hope things will return to "normal" but it is almost impossible to imagine what a future normal might be. There will be so many changes in the way we have to do things and even in the way we see things. One of the things that will surely change is how we feel about renting out our homes, especially, if as in our own case, we also spend time there. We must all recognize that we are not only protecting or risking ourselves, but each other as well.

It is my opinion that the same approaches used successfully elsewhere in the world would work here: Engage in extensive testing and tracing, locate hot spots, and quarantine affected persons.

This would ease restrictions on the rest of the population and allow resources to be focused where they are needed.

It is my personal opinion that the COVID-19 virus is less of a threat to the population of our small, rural county than the various government agencies involved in combatting it have given us to understand. There seems to be an unnecessary element of panic involved.

It is too early to open up to tourism. The community should invest in testing(as was done in the town of Bolinas) everyone should stop arguing about masks and just wear them when mingling with others.

It may turn out that July and August are safer than the fall in which case we want summer businesses to be making their money when they can. But how and when will we know that is the case?

It seems that all data are unreliable. No one knows much about where we are or will be with respect to this virus and the economy. We can make our plans but it will be the virus that has the last word. In other words, I might prefer to open the economy but when the virus applies enough pressure, many people will separate on their own without being ordered to.

It would not be possible for most of us to read all the text and complete this survey in 5 minutes. I wish you had been more realistic about your time estimate. It took me 15 min.

It would seem logical that as people from higher R value communities (those towns/cities with more virus incidence) visit Orcas the probability of them bringing the disease, and spreading it while on the Island, will increase. Obviously we can not "wall" ourselves off completely, but by placing moderate limits on travel to and from the Island it may help to mitigate this situation. I have very little faith in County Government to take a well thought out position on this. In the past they have not, in my opinion, demonstrated a high degree of competence in their efforts. To wit: road improvement choices, zoning restrictions, rental and guest house restrictions, etc. There is a strong "good old boy" mentality within the County admin staff. Many of the employees got jobs not based on demonstrated competence. They take care of each other and for the most part are not particularly concerned about the residents (read tax payers). I qualify this because I have run in to fine, hard working County employees, but they, in my experience, they are not the norm.

It's clear we absolutely cannot trust people to make decisions that take public health into account. If it were just our community, I think the likelihood of people considering public health would be much, much higher, and we would all be safer moving forward. However, that's not the case. Tourists and second-home owners have clearly shown that they couldn't care less about the health and safety of our community. They should be excluded from our islands until at least next year.

It's important to think about people's health first.

It's such a loaded topic, and honestly, I fluctuate. I have nearly 0 fear for myself. And yet I know others are very much afraid. I wear my mask so that others may feel safe - not because I'm concerned for myself. I feel very, very little risk for myself. I think it extremely likely that, were I to contract it, I would have the 'mild' experience. Social distancing alone, especially while tourism is still low, feels plenty safe to me, for myself. Despite my own sense of safety, I respect that others are experiencing a lot of fear. I don't desire to fuel or add to their fears.

Keep the disease away from here by preventing the tourists from boarding the ferry.

Last question problematic. Say there are 5 deaths, but all in one nursing home. Do we shut the county down, or focus on that one nursing home and staff?

Mandatory wearing of masks is great. Preserves the intent of "paying attention" and protecting each other. Social distancing is also great. Using common sense and not fear mongering should maintain our physical health, while not destroying the islands' economy. Anyone who thinks the San Juan Islands businesses can survive without visitors is just not looking around.

Many of these question's presume possible answers. That leads me to believe that someone is judging whether solutions are "viable" or not.

more education is needed regarding mask wearing. This will be THE means for us to move forward i. this crisis. People need to understand this is NOT about protecting ones self FROM the virus, rather it is the converse... if we all dog this, we will protect each other. The Czech republic has done an amazing job in this respect and perhaps we can steal their marketing approach on this topic.

Mutation rate for COVID-19 is 10 times higher than influenza making vaccines less effective than influenza vaccinations unless closely monitored for efficacy. Evaluating new vaccines takes time because of possible bad reactions in the human population. People should not act as if current information reflects 'settled science'. Knowledge about this virus is evolving and broad statements which try to minimize the risk should not be taken seriously.

My answers reflect the knowledge I have gained about this virus. It is like no other we have experienced because it was transferred from an animal to a human. The prolonged health issues experienced by some are life changing.

My greatest fear is government control and a vaccine, specially a combination of both. I am in the vulnerable age group, but I would rather die, myself, and not have the protection of my survival cause suicides, starvation in developing countries, domestic violence, poverty, and other sufferings. I would love to see herd immunity of the young and healthy, while older and vulnerable people protect themselves and have support in doing so.

No life is worth sacrificing for money. I am sympathetic to those who need tourists to earn a living. I cannot even imagine how stressful this must be economically for these individuals, but until we have an effective vaccine, we shouldn't put our vulnerable community at risk. Those who are suffering financially should be provided resources, so they can have their basic needs met until this crisis is over. On a positive note, we often find innovation with new paths forward. Some of the financially impacted individuals might find new ways of doing business. One can hope . . .

None

Not sure I understand the rationale for the questions you asked/where you focused but I appreciate what you do so responded as best I could based on how the questions were presented.

Note, I live on San Juan Island right now but own a home on Orcas that I rent to full time residents. I have lived in the San Juans since 1991.

On item 28, you over the explanation "because they think there are too many people who cannot be trusted to be considerate of others". I think that misses the point. I think that too few people, myself included" have the necessary expertise to make the call. The county health officer does, and I feel we need to let him do his job.

Open the islands up now!!

Open the schools, elective medical procedures unless hospital is over run with virus patients. Take better care of our elderly and protect them. More resources for physicians, nurses, and other health care workers. The "experts" are really learning as they go. They are often wrong, sometime very politically motivated and occasionally power "drunk". We are all adults, it is our lives that they are messing with...the answer to the virus should not include crashing the economy, and putting millions out of work. Everyone should be considered essential. Not just government workers, abortion clinics, pot and liquor stores. Signs like the ones in Moran State park are insulting. There is no room or need for threats, politics, or power trips. State workers need to remember who they work for and that they are paid by taxes from hard working responsible people who have have rights that need to be protected....not put out of work! Until there is a vaccine, cure, treatment or effective policy to deal with virus we all should have patience and respect for each other. We

should not only be concerned for ourselves but for our family , friends, and community. We need to identify where help is needed. And most of all have hope that this is temporary

Our community is unique. We have people coming here from all over the world. The treat of the virus coming here is great. If proper safe practices are observed, we could see fewer instances of the virus. But I believe that if we see 5-7 cases arise, we should look at limiting visitors to the island. do a 14 day quarantine while testing and see what the outcome is after 14 days.

Our situation is serious! We must take all an any steps to protect others and ourselves! But we must stay in touch with each other, in a safe and responsible way for as long as it takes.

Overall I think our community, residents and the few businesses that were allow to stay open, has done a very good job. I felt very safe going to the _____ and _____ store... no crowds...safety measures were obvious and everyone wore a mask. I know that moving forward will be difficult for me.... that coming out of the safety of quarantine will be a slow and cautious step. Unfortunately, I could possibly feel this way for the rest of summer.

People need to be knowledgeable of the risks the virus presents and if they are "vulnerable". Facts not media hype. They need to take responsibility. Do you attend a social function? Go to a public gathering place? Don't go if you are uncomfortable. For the most vulnerable, enlist county and non-profit resources to help them be as safe as possible. You cannot lock down the island. People need to go off for some supplies, medical appointments etc. How many people will die because disease was not detected nor treated? An unelected health official can make recommendations but should not be able to dictate how I live.

People need to take responsibility for their own health and safety. The TV is a controlled psychological weapon, the news is propaganda,

People who are at high risk should accept the personal responsibility to protect themselves by limiting public interactions, using grocery delivery, etc. People who are at less risk for serious consequences should be allowed to earn a living. Those people who are out and about should accept the responsibility for wearing a mask and maintaining six feet of separation where possible. I support restrictions on "large" gatherings as a reasonable measure to protect the health care system from getting overwhelmed.

Perhaps different islands could work with different levels of "openness" according to incurred hazard: Orcas, with greatest number of cases, could be most closed and Shaw, with least cases, most "open".

Phase 1 was critical while more information on COVID was being accumulated. But it's time to open up the economy applying that knowledge. High risk individuals should be protected and protect themselves with the utmost caution. There are a lot of things killing more people than COVID which get no attention. The reality of life is that bad things happen. And we can't hide in our homes terrified of what may happen forever. The adherence by numerous individuals on Orcas to county restrictions was lacking anyway, in particular the millennials. And if everyone doesn't participate, then the plan fails anyway despite all the sacrifice.

Please I care not only for those who are frail sickly hopelessly addicted and totally dissipated but I also care for those who own businesses. I accept COVID19 is a flu virus. Common sense dictates the following need to TAKE Extra PRECAUTIONS to prevent them from getting sick. 1. Over 65 2. Anyone having preconditions And as Always all of us will continue to practice "good" hygiene at all times.

Please remember that the only reason there aren't more infections is that most people have been socially isolating from each other. If we let our guard down, the infection rate will likely go right back up again.

Please wear a mask when you are indoors in a public place, or can't maintain physical distance when you are outdoors in a public place. It shows that you care about and have respect for other people.

“ proceed with caution”- a common road sign . Over the years we have been faced with many sicknesses; the flus’ and disease, add drunken driving, drug overdose, food overdose...riots and natural disasters, all take lives and leave other people’s lives changed. What makes this virus so unique among these? Where are the comparative figures to help people get an accurate picture? Thank You!

private businesses should be able to refuse entry to people they think are unsafe. I will refuse to go into businesses I think are unsafe

Promote contact tracing as a critical piece of managing the pandemic realizing that people are not all going to behave consistently in preventing the spread once contact tracing and enforcement of quarantine is established that will help minimize spread

Public Health vs Economy is a false dichotomy primarily because there are a variety of approaches to addressing the public health issues. Relaxing one intervention may require enhancing a different intervention or restriction. Regarding Question 33: I think that the real key for us is avoiding further introduction of the virus into the county. The likely sources of introduction appear to be off-island visitors (opening general short term rentals) and the extent to which islanders resume going off-island without self-quarantine on their return. Unfortunately, a voluntary approach to self-quarantine is impractical and thus unlikely to be effective for visitors. The Rosario Strait is only an advantage if we use it wisely. Will our local authorities take action to prevent mass irresponsible behavior. One's rights do not extend to recklessly endangering others, but there is no effective retrospective remedy for high-risk behaviors in this context. Would the SJC Sheriff break up a large gathering of non-social distancing individuals? Will the Sheriff take action to assist a business proprietor with a customer who refuses to comply with SJC public health policies (e.g., face coverings) or to immediately leave the premises? Will the County support business owners who take action to protect their employees and our community? Will the County take action against a business that flouts the conditions for the applicable reopening phase?

Question #24 needs additional options. The county health officer should delay opening transient rentals beyond the state entering Phase 3 only if local conditions support that decision.

Quoting Dr. Michael Osterholm, "We are in the second inning of a nine inning game. This is not close to being over."

Realistically, we are a community of aging population. Our economy is critically dependent upon that population which typically provides jobs for residents year round. Bringing visitors to the island for short term profits threatens our resident population. Housing costs are inflated by short term rentals, making it difficult for service workers and tradesmen to live here. Time to call and end to airbnb and similar transient rentals.

S.J. Co. has done an excellent job, but the influx of visitors disobeying state regs (travel, masks, etc) and locals renting property to them are a constant threat. Ferries, thus state, are not doing enough to discourage travel.

San Juan county has handled COVID19 very well. Most of our problems are a result of confusion and ineptitude on the part of Trump and his staff.

since we're a tourist destination we need more county involvement in rules and regulations to manage corona to manage the influx of tourists responsibly. i trust our community to self-regulate but not the vacationers

So far in my opinion WA state has taken an exemplary position in dealing with the virus crisis. The 4 phase plan and science based approach to the phases is a sound approach to opening up the state and in my opinion should be the approach for San Juan county and Orcas island.

So many of the assumptions that this survey is based on are false, propaganda or cherry-picked "popular wisdom" while ignoring divergent opinions and voices ("masks" - "Social Distancing" -6 feet is totally arbitrary with no scientific basis, etc.) . We are selfish, ignorant and blind to think we are so darn special that we are not interconnected to the rest of the world. We are not "all in this together" ---some are way more "in it" than others. Quarantining healthy people is a first and kind of nuts. Quarantine may produce longer term negative effects than the virus itself - including reduced immunity from lack of normal exposure and simply delay infections, not eradicate. Virtue signaling and stifling opposition or questioning voices is alarming. (Just a few thoughts).

Thank you

Thank you for doing this.

Thank you for doing this. I believe we need to exercise on the side of caution and that lives saved are more important than making dollars. Social distancing, use of mask, and daily exercise are the keys to staying healthy.

Thank you for putting together this survey. I am so relieved that someone is asking these questions. My biggest concern is that the rationale for economic shut down morphed in the public mind from protecting health systems from overwhelm to protecting specific individual people from exposure to a virus. It is important to me that we shift the focus back to the original intent, and that we also consider overall economic, mental, and societal health when weighing costs and benefits. I'm also basing my comments on information that mortality-to-infection ratio from this virus looks to be about 0.4%, not >4% as originally feared. I care about protecting the lives of individuals, and I also care about the very significant and rapidly accruing societal costs. I think we can work together as a community to protect vulnerable individuals without devastating our economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the survey. I believe it up to each one of us to take responsibility for our own well-being as well as the well being of our community. I do not expect others to create the level of safety I am comfortable with (which might change day to day) but it is discouraging when people are flagrantly discourteous of common-sense considerations. However, ultimately, I need to figure out how to care for myself without judging others.

Thank you to all of the people who keep the community safe.

thanks for the survey effort. anxious to see the results.

thanks so much for doing this. Worse than the virus, it seems to me, is how polarized this community is about the virus and how to move forward. I really hope your survey will open some balanced conversations about it rather than the "opinionating" I hear from both "sides" now.

That last question needed a box for -- I defer to county health officials. Don't feel qualified, but picked one. I feel if we had consistent guidance from president down, this would be a much easier challenge. This should be uniting us and would be if we weren't subjected to on-purpose divisiveness. So sad.

The County and Orcas especially has seen a boom in the number of transient vacation rentals from absentee and off island owners. Our merchants have relied on this influx of tourists and now are paying the price of high inventory and rents with little income. We need to have a change of policy about what drives our local economy - from tourist driven to community driven. There are jobs to support many varied lifestyles along with our tradition tourist influx. It is time to rethink our County policy regarding tourism.

The county policy restricting ferry travel to the islands to be only essential services has no teeth, no possibility of enforcement. Tourists and part-timers alike ignored the restricted travel policy as if it

were never there. The county should have stepped up right away enacted enforceable regulations to protect the full-time residents. Our next cases of Covid-19 will come here from a tourist or a part-timer who care not a bit about the citizens of this county.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our society and societal norms should adjust to reflect the necessary changes. Wearing a mask in public should now be considered "common courtesy" and I would like to see more people act with that in mind.

The current climate in the islands is toxic. People are shaming and bullying others, and creating an us vs. 'Them ' mentality. This is tearing the community apart. The back biting, public shaming, tattle tale mentality is causing permanent damage. The scenario is scarily parallel to history in the 20th century. This has caused racist behaviours, blaming and unjust targeting of members in our community. There is very much a "do as we think you should " or we'll report you, but then displaying hypocritical behaviours and making excuses to justify their actions. This is becoming dangerously close to a militant police state and that is more scary than anything. I've lived through scenarios like that in my life and this is eerily close! STOP the fear mongering!

The ferry service should work with the county to discourage visitors from coming. Transient accommodations are supposedly closed. If this is violated, the permit should be revoked and a fine levied. The county should actively look for violators and close them down.

The influx of visitors bringing behaviors that don't keep our community safe indicate that we need to keep mandates in place. Wearing of masks, social distancing and seeing this as a long-term solution are important measures that can help keep Orcas Island residents safe. There needs to be more enforcement. The sheriff needs to get a free together to CLOSE DOWN owners that rent illegally during this time. People without masks in public need to be cited and perhaps fined. Our lives are in the balance here. Let's make choices that keep us alive for what will certainly be a long haul of life changes.

The key to the AB n B issue is the problem of absentee ownership.

The most important thing is to first get the virus under control-- because only then can the economy truly recover. Opening the economy too soon only risks prolonging the virus, which would cause the economy to close down again, not to mention infecting more people.

The response of our national leadership to this crisis has been a terrible joke. In lieu of coherent policies coming from our elected so-called political leadership, we must decide locally what we believe to be good safe practices. It is crucial that people think about these issues and arrive at a conclusion for themselves, their families, and the wider community of the San Juans.

The roadside sign notifying cars on Orcas Rd. coming from the ferry that masks are required in businesses was an excellent idea. Thank you to all the businesses making "take-out" work, especially _____.

The San Juan Islands are a special place set away from the general aspects of American life. We have no franchises we live the "island way of life". As important is our lack of real health care facilities we have no hospital a situation that is always in the forefront of life here. As you know in cases of serious illness residents have to be flown off island placing those residents in further jeopardy. The virus brings this point to life in a major way here on Orcas. If the Islands open without firm and intelligent criteria to first and foremost protect the lives of the residents we are in for deaths!

'The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members'. -- Gandhi We face impossible choices as we try to find a balance in this Covid-19 era. I don't think there are enough people in America that can look at this balancing act without resorting to their personal politics of fear-infused entitlement and sectarianism. I am hopeful there are enough folks on this island who can be guided by the words of Gandhi.

The U.S. was woefully unprepared for this pandemic. The current federal administration dismantled preparations for just such an event which were in place during all previous administrations. Furthermore, the current administration has disregarded their own and the world's best public health experts and sought to place blame on the W.H.O., China, etc. instead of leading the nation and the world in a comprehensive, collaborative, planet-wide response, as it should have done. We (the U.S.A.) are 4% of the world's population yet we account for about 30% of cases and deaths worldwide, as of late May. This pretty much tells the story of how effectively we have confronted this crisis as a nation.

The virus is not a significant threat beyond what we live with always. And there is little that can be done to avoid its spread to most of the population. Our leaders have been delinquent in joining the paranoid response. The response has been and continues to be very damaging.

There are many unknowns and speculative information regarding virus but life has risks so each individual/family should have a plan to minimize risk whether from virus or traveling down I-5. As more is known about covid the plan may change.

There is a vast difference to freedom between mandating and advising. On the other hand, some would not follow advice that would hurt others, in addition to themselves and their families. It is a fine line, and yet, I have no solution. Also, what is possible for those under 50 to do, is not advisable for those over 65 to do the same thing. I believe non-essential, but normal behavior of people already resident should test the situation, before we open up lodging for tourism. Once that is done we will have a fast exploding situation, if many do carry the virus, one that will overwhelm before we can again shut it down. We have no hospital here. We have an elderly population, some with more than one vulnerability beyond age. Normality of our young population needs to be in place a while before we risk the vulnerable to tourism.

There is no good answer to many of these questions. The health of the island population is extremely important, particularly since there are many over 65 of age on the island. However, the island economy won't survive if phase one restrictions are continued through the summer and into the fall and winter. And what good will a ruined economy do for anyone who wants to continue living here? Restrictions regarding required PPE and the availability of testing is essential to reopening. We are also each responsible for the risk we are willing to take.

There is so much we don't know about this virus. However, we should all consider it to be a sign of respect for our fellow islanders to abide by San Juan County regulations regarding social distancing, mask wearing, group gatherings, vacation rentals etc. regardless of our personal beliefs.

This is a most difficult and necessary survey for a snapshot on how people feel. There is power, truth & some assurance in finding common ground. There is no sustainability without compromise nor strength without community. Thanks for this & the work that you do!

This is a time charged with politics, whimsy, experts in conflict, and enough self-righteousness for all. What a wonderful recipe for us decision makers. Yikes!

This is an opportunity to explore more sustainable means of livelihood than tourism. A good start would be reducing vacation rental ownership only to those who are county residents And limiting to one per family.

This is difficult for everyone. If we learn compassion from this, it is good. If we actually understand our mortality, and adjust our life priorities to reflect this, this is good.

This is not a well worded survey. For instance, the previous question. I really think that there could be modified tourism. People need to be taught to wear masks and required to do so, and keep distance. A guest needs to be told to wear a mask, bring their food, expect to social distance and so on. So, that question should include options about safe practices. It is not tourism as usual. But do let people know they must do that.

This should be a time of trial and error. As an at risk person it should be my responsibility to limit my risk by staying home and not impede others from getting back to normal.

We are learning as we experience the impact of this virus. Staying flexible and responsive and believing the science behind what we're learning will give the best possible results. Politicizing a disease is a silly, dangerous tactic employed for personal gain. This is not the time to be divisive.

We happen to own two residential properties on Orcas. The first we and family use any month of the year but not enough to be our legal residence. The other has been rented at times in the year through Airbnb. With the opening of Covid-19 we stopped the Airbnb rentals. And probably will not start them again. The other of our children and their families are showing increased interest in using both properties more of the year. Though none are thinking of being full time residents of Orcas at this time, but they are a few years from retirement.

We have done an amazing job....35 days no new cases, only 15 total spread amongst all our islands, no deaths. That is due to local response to a common emergency. But we have never been a 'locals only' economy. Look at the history. Our task now is to balance the needs of community health, given our lack of access to hospitals which don't require MedEvac, or ferry service (COVID cases taken off by ferry? How does that work?) and the traditional lodge industry. I think our biggest risk comes not from folks who actually live here, or even have 2nd homes here, but from out-of-county operators of lucrative rentals. Profit being foremost for them. But another issue arises: The response to this pandemic has become so polarized that it seems any reasonable suggestion or discussion in re how to create a functional compromise gets trampled by a herd of elephants....(no dis to elephants).

We have had to cancel our plans to visit our second home on Orcas due to Covid-19 and haven't visited in over one year. I do not feel qualified to assess the risk situation on Orcas or to give opinions about opening up the island.

We just own undeveloped property on Orcas but spend time with friends there often. Orcas has a large percentage of older people who could be at risk and limited healthcare. Precautions should be taken.

We need more law enforcement involvement in assuring compliance of the laws. The county should hire more staff to assure masks are worn and vacation rentals are closed. It appears that the sheriff's office has turned a blind eye to this problem. We need more communication from law enforcement to determine if this is so. And, if so, it needs to change. Within the community, there is a level of mistrust about law enforcement's agenda. Transparency is desired.

we need to open all business and gov. agencies in full. We can use mask as a precaution and social distancing with 20 to 30 people not 10. Nobody can make money with a small base.

We need to prepare for the possibility that the coronavirus will be a permanent part of our future, even if a successful vaccine is developed. That, like measles, it is here to stay, even if it can be kept under control.

We really miss coming to our place of paradise. But the risk right now is too great, and we have been asked to stay away, so we are complying. We hope everyone on the island stays safe and hopefully no one will act like what we are currently witnessing around the country. Please take this invisible threat seriously, but unless you are at extreme risk, be smart about your movement...

We should encourage safe practices as a personal responsibility and sign of respect for others. Excessive governmental restrictions are likely to be ineffective or have unintended consequences

We were told to shelter in place b/c hospitals would be overwhelmed - that seemed reasonable. Now we're being told restrictions will be in place until a vaccine is available. That is not reasonable for an illness that will only kill the equivalent of several years of common flu and for which any number of preventive measures can be elected to be performed by individuals if they so

choose. San Juan County doesn't have many hospital beds. We all knew this when we moved here. If any illness gets severe, we go to Island Hospital in Anacortes or elsewhere to get treatment. Trying to limit Covid-19 infections in our county to a level so low that only Peace Hospital in Friday Harbor fills up is ridiculous. Local medical clinics and providers have had relationships with Skagit and Whatcom County emergency medical services for decades. If Skagit and Whatcom hospitals become overwhelmed, then we should go back to limiting human interaction again.

Wear masks when in public if you feel ill or if you want to protect yourself and others, at least until scientists have been able to figure out the virus. As of Thursday, Hong Kong had 208 confirmed cases and four deaths. Kwok Ka-ki, a lawmaker and doctor in Hong Kong, said, "The most important thing is that Hong Kong people have deep memories of the SARS outbreak. Every citizen did their part, including wearing masks and washing their hands and taking necessary precautions, such as avoiding crowded places and gatherings."

Well, I believe if we lift controls too soon that more people will be sick with the virus and the more are affected and that will scare people to continue to honor the restrictions in Phase One practices and business will not be the same anyway, I do not like the isolation, but I feel that we have to get rid of the virus, or we will have to pay more down the road that if we could get our vicinity down to 0 new cases

We've been coming to Orcas Island since 1995, short visits, off and on. We totally avoided any of the islands during tourist season. We purchased property here in 2013 to be our home and we've had it as a long term rental until the end of last year. In January, we've finally been able to move into our home. We also have one long term rental property here on the island. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to assimilate into the community due to all of the restrictions. Currently, I go down to shop as little as possible and stay here on my little piece of property. When I do go out to shop, I don't wear a mask over my face but I do have a couple of homemade items I wear around my neck in case I come within a socially unacceptable distance to a person wearing a mask, then I put it on over my mouth and nose. Just because I don't have a mask on, you don't recognize my face or my out of state vehicles, doesn't mean I don't care about other people or that I'm a tourist. It means that I live here, it's difficult to get out at all, let alone meet anyone or register my vehicles and I don't need a mask if I'm not within 6' of someone on the sidewalk. I normally don't do FB or social media, but it is the only way I have had to get a feel for my new community. Some groups are helpful and some very toxic. Due to my circumstances, I'm not sure how much of a contribution I am to the survey since I'm not really part of the community at large. I would like to say that we are very lucky to have a little bit of savings to help during this time. We don't have jobs, SS, Unemployment benefits, etc. We have a mortgage, and we have tenants that may be in the same boat as us. So we see both sides of the economic issues and I support the local businesses as much as I can. But I'm very concerned about the "have and have-not" comments that abound on some of the island FB groups. When will we be welcome on the island? Probably not until tourist season is over and that may be quite some time...

What a person does with his property is his business, unless he is breaking the law. So a vacation rental tenant (short term) that is breaking the law should see the law enforced. This should solve many of the problems neighbors are experiencing. Do we have enough enforcement going on? Apparently not. If the laws are inadequate, then we need to pass, through the legislative process, more laws.

What concerns me most are inns and VRBO's opening to the general public. Apparently this is already happening under phase 2, even though it's not technically allowed. I support the other relaxations in phase 2, but I do not support opening this island to the public. Phase 1 is more restrictive and I would hope, more enforceable? I have heard that the local Sheriff's office will not

enforce the mask requirement. If we have the general public visiting and no enforcement of the mask, we are at dire risk of having a second wave hit this island hard. This issue must be addressed. How can the sheriff's office decide not to enforce a law?

What is the point in having restrictions that are not enforced? e.g. "essential" travel to and from Orcas., wearing of face masks, visitors being accommodated for overnight stays, etc.

When counting positive cases in San Juan county, those that live in another county but test positive while visiting or staying in their second residence in the San Juans, should count as a positive test for San Juan County in the county case count. COVID 19 doesn't care where you're registered to vote.

When this panic is over, the statistics will prove that this virus was no different than a bad flu virus, just with it's own characteristics. Never make a decision based on advice from an academic.

When we first moved to the island it was peaceful and quiet, businesses seemed organized for the residents, loud plane traffic was minimal. now much of that common good has disappeared--sold off to a tourism industry of short term summer visitors which remunerates only a few. the rest of us pay for this, now it seems with our health as well.

While many will suffer economically the slower we move, I feel we owe it to our local community (especially the high percentage of elderly) and the world at large to do our best to stop this virus. 100,000 is too many. We should concentrate our efforts on sustaining local businesses as best we can without risking the population of our islands by allowing business as usual. I recognize this will be hard, as will policing any effort, but I think we are all able to recognize that unless it is a rule or law, people will not comply or do the right thing--seat belts, motorcycle helmets, etc. We see it already in the market with facemasks. I fear the next wave will be worse as viruses mutate and people's patience wears thin.

While the County has published a number of restrictions, it has done absolutely nothing to enforce them. It makes the elected officials look good but the net effect is nil.

Why isn't everyone wearing a mask in public? This is not a political or ideological decisions; it is a public health decision and moral responsibility of everyone in the community to protect one another. The CDC has been very clear that wearing a mask helps to prevent the spread of the virus.

Without a vaccine or medication that can prevent advancement of symptoms (which may be for 12+ months), this virus will pose a life threat to the 'at risk' population. Conversely, the risk is minimal to the 'at-large' population. Individuals must accept personal responsibility for placing themselves and family members into the proper category. THEY must dictate the actions appropriate for their circumstance. Some of your questions that imply the choice is between health safety and economic security and incorrectly polarized. The social decision should be to keep the medical system functioning without being overwhelmed and the 'at-risk' population accommodated in a way they can remain safe.

You asked me to evaluate a threat that could easily change over the next coming months. Public health regulations are instituted regardless of how much we trust our fellow citizens. We don't let people build a house without setting up a system to deal with human waste. Certainly corporations have shown they can't be trusted to do what's right for the environment, or their workers, without regulations. A clean healthy place to live is more important to me than hurting someone's 'civil liberties'.

You fail to mention antibody testing to see who has had the virus already. Without this testing there is literally no way to know what is happening. Testing for active infections has got to be widespread of course but just because you tested negative yesterday doesn't mean you didn't pick it up in the meantime. WE NEED ANTIBODY TESTING and we need it yesterday.

Thank you

Thank you for your participation. We hope you find the survey and the opinions of the community to be of interest. If you know a renter, please encourage them to go to the [MadronaVoices.com](https://www.MadronaVoices.com) website and subscribe to the surveys.