

# Impact of COVID-19 in Estherville

Full Response Rate n=99 29.8%  
 Full+Partial Response Rate n=117 35.2%

Data collected between December 2020 through February 2021.

Compared to ONE YEAR AGO, how has COVID-19 impacted the following aspects of your life. Has it made it worse off, better off, or has it stayed about the same?

	Much Worse Off	Somewhat Worse Off	About the Same	Somewhat Better Off	Much Better Off	DNA/DNK
Your physical health	2.2%	12.5%	82.5%	0.8%	0.0%	2.1%
Your mental health	2.9%	42.8%	52.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%
Relationship with your spouse/partner	14.1%	1.7%	49.6%	6.1%	12.1%	16.3%
Your relationships with close family	4.0%	26.2%	49.3%	16.7%	0.5%	3.3%
Your relationships with close friends	4.5%	35.1%	34.3%	22.7%	0.0%	3.3%
Your housing situation	2.0%	0.8%	90.9%	1.7%	0.0%	4.6%
Your employment situation	1.2%	9.6%	69.7%	0.0%	0.5%	19.0%
Your personal financial situation	4.9%	24.5%	56.6%	7.1%	0.5%	6.4%

DNA = Does not apply. DNK = Do not know.

Based on what you see as the situation today, do you think IN THE NEXT YEAR COVID-19 will make life for you and others worse off, better off, or will it stay about the same?

	Much Worse Off	Somewhat Worse Off	About the Same	Somewhat Better Off	Much Better Off
You and your family	2.9%	5.4%	81.9%	5.5%	4.3%
People in your community	10.0%	42.3%	36.6%	8.3%	2.8%
People in Iowa	7.8%	40.2%	43.0%	6.3%	2.8%

Did any of the following HEALTH risks apply to YOU or someone in YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

	Yes
Was tested for COVID-19	64.6%
Tested positive for COVID-19	24.4%
Had or currently have symptoms of COVID-19	38.1%
Was hospitalized for COVID-19	0.8%
Had or currently have a serious health condition	16.4%
Sought mental health services due to COVID-19	18.5%
Living or working where risk of getting COVID-19 is high	51.7%

Would you get a VACCINE to prevent COVID-19 if it were available today?

Definitely Not	Probably Not	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes
2.8%	20.6%	17.5%	59.1%

Percent showing signs of DEPRESSION (CES-D10): 13.1%  
 Percent showing signs of ANXIETY (GAD7): 11.5%

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## How has COVID-19 impacted the FINANCIAL situation for YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

	Yes
Had working hours reduced	26.2%
Taken a pay cut	6.5%
Had job benefits reduced	16.1%
Been laid off or lost a job	4.7%
Been unable to pay rent or mortgage	1.7%
Been unable to pay other bills	21.6%
Have medical debt related to COVID	1.7%
Used personal or retirement savings to make ends meet	26.2%
Had to take on other debt to make ends meet	12.5%

## In your opinion, how have the following organizations HANDLED THE IMPACTS of COVID-19 in your community?

	Poor Job	Fair Job	Good Job	Very Good Job
Local hospitals, clinics, and health professionals	14.1%	6.4%	45.3%	34.2%
Employers in protecting the health of their workers	16.7%	32.2%	36.1%	15.0%
Local businesses in protecting the health of their customers	16.2%	18.3%	52.0%	13.5%
Local community groups	13.6%	16.9%	54.5%	15.0%
Local public schools	4.5%	21.6%	57.9%	16.0%
Your local city and county government officials	4.8%	19.4%	53.7%	22.1%
Iowa public health officials	15.4%	14.2%	48.1%	22.4%
CDC / Centers for Disease Control	15.6%	15.1%	61.7%	7.6%
Governor Reynolds and her administration	30.5%	12.4%	36.3%	20.8%
President Trump and his administration	45.4%	6.1%	25.4%	23.1%

## How often do you TRUST the following SOURCES OF INFORMATION about COVID-19?

	Never	Almost never	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Your doctor or healthcare provider	0.8%	0.3%	2.5%	61.8%	34.6%
Health or medical websites	1.5%	9.3%	53.2%	28.4%	7.6%
News media	24.1%	19.7%	34.9%	15.2%	6.1%
Social media	41.3%	36.7%	20.2%	1.8%	0.0%
Public health officials	2.3%	2.3%	37.6%	32.5%	25.4%
State and federal elected officials	12.8%	11.9%	49.1%	25.0%	1.3%

## What best describes how does the COVID-19 pandemic FEEL TO YOU?

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Local problem	0.3%	0.0%	28.7%	29.3%	41.8%	National problem
Close to me	31.9%	15.9%	40.6%	7.2%	4.5%	Far away from me
Spreading slowly	0.8%	10.0%	34.4%	20.7%	34.2%	Spreading fast
Responsibility of individuals	10.2%	36.5%	37.6%	9.1%	6.5%	Responsibility of government
Makes me feel passive	1.6%	7.0%	61.8%	20.4%	9.2%	Makes me feel defiant
Hyped by the media	32.1%	13.0%	28.1%	12.4%	14.4%	Not hyped by the media
People can't do anything about it	1.8%	1.2%	25.9%	28.0%	43.1%	People can do something about it