

Released:
Thursday, May 6, 2021

Contact:
PATRICK MURRAY
732-979-6769 (cell); 732-263-5858 (office)
pdmurray@monmouth.edu
Follow on Twitter: @PollsterPatrick

NEW JERSEY: MOST SUPPORT EASING COVID RESTRICTIONS

Vaccine comfort levels impacted slightly by J&J pause

West Long Branch, NJ – Most New Jerseyans say the state’s Covid social distancing measures imposed to date have been appropriate, but they also endorse Gov. Phil Murphy’s move to ease those restrictions this week. The *Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll* also finds that vaccine opposition is lower in the Garden State than it is nationally, but there is still a small but significant number of residents who are vaccine-hesitant and feel less comfortable about getting the vaccine because of the recent pause in administering the Johnson & Johnson shot. The poll also finds a majority of the public wants to see schools fully open for in-person instruction in the fall, although parents are opposed to requiring the vaccine for school attendance if one is approved for children.

A majority (58%) of New Jerseyans say the measures taken by state government to slow the spread of the virus have been appropriate. Another 27% say they have gone too far and 14% say they have not gone far enough. At the start of the pandemic 64% said the measures taken by the state government were appropriate, 11 % said they went too far and 23% not far enough (April 2020).

While state residents tend to back the Murphy administration’s social distancing measures to date, they also support the recent announcement easing those limits on Friday. Specifically, 73% say raising the capacity limits on outdoor gatherings and arenas is a good idea. Just 24% say this is a bad idea. A slightly smaller majority (60%) give the thumbs-up to easing restrictions on indoor gatherings, while 37% say it is a bad idea. At least 3 in 4 Republicans and 2 in 3 independents support these new policies. While most Democrats say the relaxed restrictions on outdoor gatherings is a good idea (60%), less than half feel the same about the larger indoor capacity limits (44%).

The announcement that restaurants will be able to open at capacity as long as they maintain six feet of distance between tables was made after most of the interviews for this poll were conducted. However, reaction to this new policy from respondents who were interviewed on Monday and Tuesday

suggests that public support for this idea may be even higher than it is for the general loosening of indoor event limits announced last week. *[Note: due to demographic differences in the sample interviewed before and after this announcement, we cannot release an exact percentage.]*

“Most New Jerseyans are ready to see the state reopen. The problem is, we still have a number of residents who are hesitant or downright opposed to getting the vaccine,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Currently, 63% of New Jersey adults report receiving at least one Covid vaccine dose and another 7% say they plan to get it as soon as possible. That leaves 14% who say they will continue to let other people get the vaccine and see how it goes before getting it themselves and another 14% who say it is likely they will never get the vaccine if they can avoid it.

Outright vaccine opposition is lower in New Jersey (14%) than nationally (21% in a [Monmouth University Poll taken last month](#)). Republicans (22%) and independents (17%) are more likely than Democrats (7%) to fall into this anti-vax group. Middle-aged New Jerseyans between 35 and 54 years old (23%) are also more likely to be opposed to vaccination than are those aged 18 to 34 (13%) or aged 55 and older (7%). White residents and people of color express similar levels of both hesitance and outright opposition to getting the vaccine, but people of color (58%) are somewhat less likely than whites (66%) to report having already gotten the vaccine.

“Looking at the differences in attitudes among New Jersey’s diverse communities, we may need to focus more on access than opposition to explain the varying vaccination rates,” said Murray.

While only 7% of vaccinated New Jerseyans say they received the Johnson & Johnson shot, the recent pause in using that vaccine may have slightly heightened concern among those who are hesitant about getting a shot. Overall, 32% of all New Jerseyans say the pause made them less comfortable about the J&J vaccine and 14% said it made them less comfortable about all Covid vaccines, while 52% say the pause had no impact on their vaccine comfort level. About 8 in 10 residents feel the Covid vaccines from Moderna (80%) and Pfizer (79%) are safe, but a smaller majority (55%) say the same about the J&J shot.

Among unvaccinated residents who are ready to get the vaccine as soon as possible, 56% say the recent pause may have made them think twice about the J&J vaccine, but few (9%) feel less comfortable about all Covid vaccines. Among those who are waiting to see how other people react, 19% say they are less comfortable with the J&J vaccine but even more (38%) now feel less comfortable about all vaccines. Among those who are opposed to getting a vaccine at all, most (54%) say the J&J pause has not affected their comfort level with any of the vaccines.

“Safety and efficacy concerns are really not motivating factors for staunch anti-vaxxers. The J&J pause had little impact on them, but it may have spooked people we characterize as vaccine-hesitant.

While the overall population share represented by this group may be small, it matters when that percentage could be the difference between herd immunity and a continuing pandemic,” said Murray.

Looking ahead to the new school year, a majority (54%) of Garden State residents say the state’s schools should plan to be fully open for in-person instruction in the fall. Another 37% say they should plan for a mix of in-person and remote instruction while just 7% say they should plan to be fully remote. Among parents of children under 18 years old, 57% say schools should be fully in-person in the fall, while 33% prefer a hybrid model and 9% want a fully remote situation.

The public is divided over whether children should be required to get a Covid vaccine for school attendance if one is made available for them – 50% would approve of this requirement and 46% disapprove. Among parents, though, fully 65% oppose requiring a Covid vaccine for school attendance if it is available for children. Just 34% of parents would support this requirement.

In other poll findings, most New Jerseyans (61%) say the coronavirus outbreak has had a major impact on their daily life, down slightly from 71% who said the same at the start of the pandemic. Concern about a family member becoming seriously ill from the virus has declined to a greater degree. Currently, 38% are very concerned about this happening, compared with 60% who felt this way last April. However, this level of concern has dropped much more among white residents (from 57% last year to 29% now) than it has among people of color (from 67% to 50%).

Most state residents (53%) feel that New Jersey is handling the pandemic better than other states, while 23% say it is doing worse and another 23% say it is doing about the same as other states. About two-thirds (66%) say Gov. Murphy is doing a good job dealing with the outbreak, which is down from 79% who said the same just over a year ago. President Joe Biden gets a similarly high rating on handling the pandemic (65% good job), which is much better than his predecessor received last year (41% said Donald Trump was doing a good job in April 2020). About 8 in 10 New Jerseyans are either very satisfied (33%) or somewhat satisfied (46%) with the how the Covid vaccine has been rolled out.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from April 29 to May 4, 2021 with 706 New Jersey adults. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

[Q1 & Q11-15 held for future release.]

[Q2-10 previously released.]

16. Thinking about you personally, has the coronavirus outbreak had a major impact, minor impact, or no real impact on your own daily life?

TREND:	May 2021	April 2020
Major impact	61%	71%
Minor impact	25%	23%
No impact	13%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	0%	0%
(n)	(706)	(704)

17. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

TREND:	May 2021	April 2020
Very concerned	38%	60%
Somewhat concerned	24%	26%
Not too concerned	19%	8%
Not at all concerned	17%	5%
(VOL) Has already happened	2%	1%
(VOL) Don't know	0%	0%
(n)	(706)	(704)

[QUESTIONS 18 & 19 WERE ROTATED]

18. Has Governor Murphy done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?

TREND:	May 2021	April 2020
Good job	66%	79%
Bad job	27%	10%
(VOL) Mixed, depends	6%	7%
(VOL) Don't know	1%	3%
(n)	(706)	(704)

19. Has President Biden done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?

COMPARISON:	May 2021	TRUMP April 2020
Good job	65%	41%
Bad job	25%	52%
(VOL) Mixed, depends	6%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	1%
(n)	(706)	(704)

20. Do you think New Jersey is doing better, worse, or about the same as other states in dealing with the pandemic?

	May 2021
Better	53%
Worse	23%
About the same	23%
(VOL) Don't know	1%
(n)	(706)

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

TREND:	May 2021	April 2020
Appropriate	58%	64%
Gone too far	27%	11%
Not gone far enough	14%	23%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	1%
(n)	(706)	(704)

[QUESTIONS 22 & 23 WERE ROTATED]

22. The state will loosen restrictions on outdoor gatherings by raising the cap from 200 to 500 people and increasing the seating limit at outdoor arenas from 30 percent to 50 percent of capacity. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to raise these outdoor limits at the current time?

	May 2021
Good idea	73%
Bad idea	24%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(706)

23. The state will loosen restrictions on indoor gatherings in large event halls by raising the cap from 35 percent capacity with a maximum of 150 people to 50 percent capacity with a maximum of 250 people. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to raise these indoor limits at the current time?

	May 2021
Good idea	60%
Bad idea	37%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(706)

24. Based on where we stand right now, how should New Jersey schools handle planning for the new school year starting in the fall – should they plan to be fully open for in person instruction, plan to have a mixture of remote and in person instruction, or should they plan to be fully remote?

	May 2021
Fully in person	54%
Mixture remote and in person	37%
Fully remote	7%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(706)

25. If a Covid vaccine is made available for children, would you approve or disapprove of requiring it for school attendance?

	May 2021
Approve	50%
Disapprove	46%
(VOL) Don't know	4%
(n)	(706)

26. How satisfied are you with how the Covid vaccine has been rolled out – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	May 2021
Very satisfied	33%
Somewhat satisfied	46%
Somewhat dissatisfied	9%
Very dissatisfied	10%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(706)

27. Have you received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? [If *NOT*:] Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if you can avoid it?

	May 2021
Already received vaccine	63%
As soon as possible	7%
See how it goes	14%
Likely will never get vaccine	14%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(706)

28. Do you think the Covid vaccine made by [READ ITEM] is generally safe or unsafe? [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

	Safe	Unsafe	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
Moderna	80%	11%	9%	(706)
Pfizer	79%	11%	11%	(706)
Johnson & Johnson	55%	32%	14%	(706)

29. Did the recent pause in use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine make you feel less comfortable about that particular vaccine, make you feel less comfortable about all of the Covid vaccines, or did it not really make you feel less comfortable about any of the Covid vaccines?

	May 2021
Less comfortable about Johnson & Johnson vaccine	32%
Less comfortable about all Covid vaccines	14%
Not less comfortable about any Covid vaccine	52%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(706)

[Q30-43 held for future release.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from April 29 to May 4, 2021 with a random sample of 706 New Jersey adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 283 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 423 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone. Telephone numbers were selected through random digit dialing and landline respondents were selected with a modified Trolldahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2018 one-year survey). Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and Dynata (RDD sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)	
Self-Reported	
22% Republican	
40% Independent	
38% Democrat	
49% Male	
51% Female	
29% 18-34	
35% 35-54	
36% 55+	
57% White	
13% Black	
19% Hispanic	
11% Asian/Other	
63% No degree	
37% 4 year degree	

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
TOTAL		706	3.7%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	661	3.8%
	No	45	14.6%
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	124	8.8%
PARTY ID	Independent	299	5.7%
	Democrat	267	6.0%
REGION	North	365	5.1%
	Central	176	7.4%
	South	165	7.6%
GENDER	Male	366	5.1%
	Female	340	5.3%
AGE	18-34	135	8.4%
	35-54	271	6.0%
	55+	294	5.7%
RACE	White non-Hispanic	444	4.7%
	Other	236	6.4%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	276	5.9%
	4 year degree	428	4.7%
INCOME	<\$50K	127	8.7%
	\$50 to <\$100K	232	6.4%
	\$100K+	298	5.7%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	215	6.7%
	No	487	4.5%

###

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 5/06/21

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
16. Thinking about you personally, has the coronavirus outbreak had a major impact, minor impact, or no real impact on your own daily life?	Major impact	61%	61%	62%	50%	59%	70%	64%	64%	55%
	Minor impact	25%	25%	23%	31%	28%	20%	23%	25%	30%
	No impact	13%	13%	15%	18%	13%	10%	13%	10%	16%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
16. Thinking about you personally, has the coronavirus outbreak had a major impact, minor impact, or no real impact on your own daily life?	Major impact	57%	65%	58%	67%	59%	58%	65%	56%	70%
	Minor impact	25%	26%	31%	23%	22%	28%	23%	27%	21%
	No impact	18%	9%	11%	10%	18%	14%	12%	16%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
16. Thinking about you personally, has the coronavirus outbreak had a major impact, minor impact, or no real impact on your own daily life?	Major impact	60%	63%	63%	67%	59%
	Minor impact	22%	25%	25%	26%	25%
	No impact	17%	12%	12%	7%	16%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
17. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	38%	37%	48%	27%	31%	52%	38%	34%	40%
	Somewhat concerned	24%	26%	11%	30%	23%	22%	24%	30%	19%
	Not too concerned	19%	20%	10%	17%	22%	15%	18%	20%	19%
	Not at all concerned	17%	16%	29%	25%	21%	7%	16%	15%	19%
	(VOL) Has already happened	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
17. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	34%	41%	41%	37%	36%	29%	50%	42%	32%
	Somewhat concerned	22%	26%	23%	24%	25%	26%	22%	22%	28%
	Not too concerned	20%	17%	17%	18%	20%	24%	12%	14%	26%
	Not at all concerned	21%	13%	17%	19%	15%	18%	14%	19%	14%
	(VOL) Has already happened	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 5/06/21

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
17. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	54%	41%	25%	37%	38%
	Somewhat concerned	24%	18%	31%	20%	26%
	Not too concerned	7%	21%	24%	19%	18%
	Not at all concerned	11%	17%	18%	23%	14%
	(VOL) Has already happened	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
18. Has Governor Murphy done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	66%	65%	75%	31%	63%	90%	74%	66%	52%
	Bad job	27%	28%	12%	57%	30%	4%	19%	32%	35%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	6%	6%	8%	8%	5%	6%	4%	2%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	5%	3%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
18. Has Governor Murphy done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	58%	74%	79%	62%	60%	55%	83%	63%	72%
	Bad job	35%	19%	12%	33%	32%	37%	11%	28%	25%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	7%	5%	8%	4%	6%	7%	5%	8%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
18. Has Governor Murphy done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	69%	64%	67%	59%	69%
	Bad job	19%	27%	30%	35%	23%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	10%	8%	2%	5%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
19. Has President Biden done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	65%	65%	65%	28%	62%	91%	70%	67%	55%
	Bad job	25%	27%	12%	56%	29%	3%	21%	26%	32%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	6%	5%	13%	10%	5%	4%	6%	2%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	10%	6%	4%	2%	2%	5%	4%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 5/06/21

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
19. Has President Biden done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	58%	72%	72%	63%	61%	56%	78%	61%	72%
	Bad job	33%	18%	10%	33%	30%	35%	12%	28%	21%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	5%	7%	15%	1%	3%	4%	9%	7%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	3%	2%	2%	6%	4%	2%	4%	2%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
19. Has President Biden done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	68%	67%	66%	58%	68%
	Bad job	21%	22%	30%	33%	22%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	8%	8%	1%	7%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
20. Do you think New Jersey is doing better, worse, or about the same as other states in dealing with the pandemic?	Better	53%	50%	77%	31%	48%	70%	57%	55%	45%
	Worse	23%	25%	11%	49%	27%	5%	17%	27%	31%
	About the same	23%	24%	9%	19%	24%	25%	25%	18%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
20. Do you think New Jersey is doing better, worse, or about the same as other states in dealing with the pandemic?	Better	49%	56%	66%	46%	48%	43%	67%	51%	57%
	Worse	29%	18%	12%	29%	27%	33%	10%	24%	22%
	About the same	20%	25%	21%	23%	24%	22%	22%	25%	20%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
20. Do you think New Jersey is doing better, worse, or about the same as other states in dealing with the pandemic?	Better	56%	57%	48%	51%	54%
	Worse	14%	24%	27%	31%	20%
	About the same	28%	18%	25%	17%	25%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 5/06/21

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
21. Have the measures taken by the New Jersey state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?	Appropriate	58%	58%	58%	36%	51%	77%	61%	60%	50%
	Gone too far	27%	28%	20%	53%	35%	2%	21%	25%	38%
	Not gone far enough	14%	13%	21%	7%	13%	18%	14%	13%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%	4%	1%	0%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
21. Have the measures taken by the New Jersey state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?	Appropriate	51%	64%	69%	52%	55%	52%	68%	54%	64%
	Gone too far	33%	21%	14%	34%	29%	37%	11%	29%	23%
	Not gone far enough	14%	13%	14%	12%	14%	9%	19%	14%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
21. Have the measures taken by the New Jersey state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?	Appropriate	56%	63%	52%	50%	61%
	Gone too far	20%	26%	32%	34%	23%
	Not gone far enough	23%	10%	12%	13%	14%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
22. The state will loosen restrictions on outdoor gatherings by raising the cap from 200 to 500 people and increasing the seating limit at outdoor arenas from 30% to 50% of capacity. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to raise these outdoor limits?	Good idea	73%	73%	73%	85%	78%	60%	72%	73%	73%
	Bad idea	24%	24%	24%	13%	21%	35%	25%	23%	23%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	6%	3%	4%	4%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
22. The state will loosen restrictions on outdoor gatherings by raising the cap from 200 to 500 people and increasing the seating limit at outdoor arenas from 30% to 50% of capacity. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to raise these outdoor limits?	Good idea	78%	67%	74%	75%	70%	79%	65%	69%	79%
	Bad idea	19%	29%	24%	22%	26%	19%	30%	27%	19%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	5%	4%	2%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 5/06/21

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
22. The state will loosen restrictions on outdoor gatherings by raising the cap from 200 to 500 people and increasing the seating limit at outdoor arenas from 30% to 50% of capacity. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to raise these outdoor limits?	Good idea	60%	74%	82%	71%	73%
	Bad idea	35%	24%	15%	26%	23%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
23. The state will loosen restrictions on indoor gatherings in large event halls by raising the cap from 35% capacity with a max of 150 people to 50% capacity with a max of 250 people. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to raise these indoor limits	Good idea	60%	61%	49%	77%	65%	44%	57%	62%	65%
	Bad idea	37%	35%	49%	23%	32%	52%	39%	36%	33%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	3%	0%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
23. The state will loosen restrictions on indoor gatherings in large event halls by raising the cap from 35% capacity with a max of 150 people to 50% capacity with a max of 250 people. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to raise these indoor limits	Good idea	69%	52%	53%	66%	61%	68%	48%	59%	62%
	Bad idea	28%	46%	43%	32%	36%	29%	48%	37%	36%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
23. The state will loosen restrictions on indoor gatherings in large event halls by raising the cap from 35% capacity with a max of 150 people to 50% capacity with a max of 250 people. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to raise these indoor limits	Good idea	48%	60%	69%	63%	59%
	Bad idea	46%	38%	30%	35%	38%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	2%	1%	2%	3%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 5/06/21

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
24. Based on where we stand right now, how should NJ schools handle planning for the fall - should they plan to be fully open for in person instruction, plan to have a mixture of remote and in person instruction, or should they plan to be fully remote?	Fully in person	54%	56%	37%	79%	56%	37%	51%	56%	59%
	Mixture remote and in person	37%	35%	53%	15%	36%	53%	39%	38%	34%
	Fully remote	7%	6%	9%	5%	7%	8%	8%	5%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
24. Based on where we stand right now, how should NJ schools handle planning for the fall - should they plan to be fully open for in person instruction, plan to have a mixture of remote and in person instruction, or should they plan to be fully remote?	Fully in person	56%	52%	34%	60%	65%	69%	35%	53%	56%
	Mixture remote and in person	34%	40%	58%	30%	27%	24%	53%	35%	40%
	Fully remote	7%	7%	5%	10%	5%	5%	9%	9%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
24. Based on where we stand right now, how should NJ schools handle planning for the fall - should they plan to be fully open for in person instruction, plan to have a mixture of remote and in person instruction, or should they plan to be fully remote?	Fully in person	42%	53%	63%	57%	53%
	Mixture remote and in person	39%	42%	33%	33%	39%
	Fully remote	16%	4%	3%	9%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
25. If a Covid vaccine is made available for children, would you approve or disapprove of requiring it for school attendance?	Approve	50%	49%	51%	33%	45%	67%	55%	51%	39%
	Disapprove	46%	46%	46%	63%	52%	29%	42%	42%	57%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%	7%	4%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
25. If a Covid vaccine is made available for children, would you approve or disapprove of requiring it for school attendance?	Approve	49%	50%	51%	42%	55%	45%	58%	47%	55%
	Disapprove	47%	45%	47%	55%	37%	49%	39%	48%	43%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	2%	3%	8%	5%	3%	6%	3%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 5/06/21

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
25. If a Covid vaccine is made available for children, would you approve or disapprove of requiring it for school attendance?	Approve	48%	47%	53%	34%	56%
	Disapprove	46%	49%	45%	65%	38%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	4%	2%	0%	6%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
26. How satisfied are you with how the Covid vaccine has been rolled out - very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?	Very satisfied	33%	32%	44%	21%	28%	44%	37%	32%	27%
	Somewhat satisfied	46%	46%	46%	50%	47%	42%	41%	46%	54%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	9%	10%	1%	12%	9%	8%	8%	11%	9%
	Very dissatisfied	10%	11%	9%	15%	14%	3%	11%	10%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%	0%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
26. How satisfied are you with how the Covid vaccine has been rolled out - very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?	Very satisfied	31%	35%	28%	30%	40%	31%	37%	30%	37%
	Somewhat satisfied	47%	44%	57%	41%	40%	47%	44%	48%	41%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	8%	10%	6%	10%	10%	11%	8%	8%	12%
	Very dissatisfied	11%	10%	6%	16%	9%	11%	8%	11%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	3%	3%	0%	1%	3%	3%	1%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
26. How satisfied are you with how the Covid vaccine has been rolled out - very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?	Very satisfied	28%	37%	33%	27%	35%
	Somewhat satisfied	49%	45%	43%	46%	46%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	9%	6%	13%	10%	9%
	Very dissatisfied	11%	10%	10%	16%	8%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 5/06/21

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
27. Have you received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if you can avo	Already received	63%	66%	36%	54%	60%	70%	63%	69%	55%
	As soon as possible	7%	5%	27%	5%	8%	9%	7%	5%	10%
	See how it goes	14%	13%	21%	16%	15%	12%	14%	14%	14%
	Likely will never get	14%	14%	15%	22%	17%	7%	15%	8%	19%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%	1%	3%	2%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
27. Have you received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if you can avo	Already received	62%	63%	50%	59%	75%	66%	58%	54%	76%
	As soon as possible	8%	7%	12%	5%	6%	4%	12%	10%	4%
	See how it goes	13%	16%	22%	12%	10%	13%	16%	19%	6%
	Likely will never get	16%	13%	13%	23%	7%	14%	13%	15%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
27. Have you received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if you can avo	Already received	49%	61%	76%	47%	69%
	As soon as possible	15%	6%	4%	7%	8%
	See how it goes	23%	13%	7%	19%	12%
	Likely will never get	13%	18%	11%	24%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	2%	2%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
28A. Do you think the Covid vaccine made by Moderna is generally safe or unsafe?	Safe	80%	81%	74%	69%	74%	93%	80%	79%	80%
	Unsafe	11%	11%	12%	20%	14%	1%	11%	9%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	9%	14%	10%	12%	6%	10%	11%	7%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
28A. Do you think the Covid vaccine made by Moderna is generally safe or unsafe?	Safe	75%	84%	85%	74%	81%	82%	79%	77%	84%
	Unsafe	14%	8%	8%	17%	7%	10%	11%	12%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	11%	8%	6%	9%	11%	8%	10%	11%	7%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 5/06/21

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
28A. Do you think the Covid vaccine made by Moderna is generally safe or unsafe?	Safe	79%	78%	84%	77%	82%
	Unsafe	12%	12%	10%	16%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	9%	6%	7%	10%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
28B. Do you think the Covid vaccine made by Pfizer is generally safe or unsafe?	Safe	79%	79%	72%	69%	74%	90%	80%	78%	77%
	Unsafe	11%	11%	10%	18%	13%	3%	10%	9%	13%
	[VOL] Dont know	11%	10%	19%	13%	12%	8%	10%	13%	10%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
28B. Do you think the Covid vaccine made by Pfizer is generally safe or unsafe?	Safe	74%	83%	87%	73%	78%	81%	77%	76%	84%
	Unsafe	12%	9%	7%	17%	8%	10%	11%	12%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	14%	8%	6%	11%	15%	10%	11%	13%	7%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
28B. Do you think the Covid vaccine made by Pfizer is generally safe or unsafe?	Safe	72%	77%	85%	74%	81%
	Unsafe	12%	13%	8%	16%	8%
	[VOL] Dont know	16%	10%	7%	10%	11%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
28C. Do you think the Covid vaccine made by Johnson & Johnson is generally safe or unsafe?	Safe	55%	57%	38%	40%	55%	63%	55%	60%	50%
	Unsafe	32%	31%	43%	40%	32%	26%	31%	26%	38%
	[VOL] Dont know	14%	13%	19%	19%	12%	11%	14%	14%	12%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
28C. Do you think the Covid vaccine made by Johnson & Johnson is generally safe or unsafe?	Safe	58%	51%	56%	52%	56%	60%	48%	48%	65%
	Unsafe	29%	34%	33%	36%	27%	27%	38%	36%	26%
	[VOL] Dont know	13%	14%	11%	12%	17%	13%	13%	16%	9%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 5/06/21

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
28C. Do you think the Covid vaccine made by Johnson & Johnson is generally safe or unsafe?	Safe	44%	51%	69%	50%	56%
	Unsafe	45%	35%	20%	41%	28%
	[VOL] Dont know	11%	14%	11%	9%	16%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
29. Did the recent pause in use of the J&J vaccine make you feel less comfortable about that particular vaccine, make you feel less comfortable about all of the Covid vaccines, or did it not really make you feel less comfortable about any of the vaccines?	Less comfortable about Johnson & Johnson vaccine	32%	31%	45%	26%	33%	35%	33%	30%	33%
	Less comfortable about all Covid vaccines	14%	14%	12%	22%	14%	9%	16%	15%	9%
	Not less comfortable about any Covid vaccine	52%	53%	39%	51%	52%	52%	49%	54%	54%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
29. Did the recent pause in use of the J&J vaccine make you feel less comfortable about that particular vaccine, make you feel less comfortable about all of the Covid vaccines, or did it not really make you feel less comfortable about any of the vaccines?	Less comfortable about Johnson & Johnson vaccine	28%	36%	36%	30%	31%	29%	36%	32%	32%
	Less comfortable about all Covid vaccines	13%	14%	8%	19%	14%	13%	15%	17%	9%
	Not less comfortable about any Covid vaccine	57%	47%	56%	49%	49%	55%	46%	48%	57%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	3%	0%	2%	5%	2%	3%	3%	1%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
29. Did the recent pause in use of the J&J vaccine make you feel less comfortable about that particular vaccine, make you feel less comfortable about all of the Covid vaccines, or did it not really make you feel less comfortable about any of the vaccines?	Less comfortable about Johnson & Johnson vaccine	33%	36%	26%	30%	33%
	Less comfortable about all Covid vaccines	23%	12%	10%	18%	12%
	Not less comfortable about any Covid vaccine	39%	49%	63%	50%	52%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	3%	0%	1%	3%