

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE SURVEY GUIDANCE

The goal of this toolkit is to provide a set of standardized quantitative and qualitative assessments to harmonize data collection efforts and facilitate comparisons of the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and promote collaborations across research efforts. This is intended to be a dynamic resource that will evolve as the epidemic does.

Please note that these questions were developed rapidly with input from multiple sources. We have included sources of questions where appropriate. Because the questions were developed rapidly, there was no time for piloting and so we do not have estimates of time required for each module. In addition, we recognize that you might identify errors or inconsistencies after implementation. We would like to hear from you about the modules you are using, time spent per module, modifications you make and any additional feedback you have. We will make modifications as appropriate and share changes with other researchers who are also using this survey.

RECOMMENDED INTRODUCTION FOR SURVEYS

We are conducting a survey to help us better understand how the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is affecting people's lives. To help us better understand how people's physical, emotional and mental health are being affected, we would like to ask you questions about your possible exposure to the virus, your experiences with testing and treatment and some questions about how your life has changed as a result of COVID-19 and the preventive measures that have been put in place.

The interview will take us approximately 20-30 minutes, depending on your experiences.

Would it be okay to ask you questions about your COVID-19 related experiences today?

Yes

No

May we call you again over for the next XX months, and possibly longer, to see how you're doing and ask you these questions again?

Yes

No

MODULES WITH RECOMMENDED ORDER

Module	Title	Items	Estimated time for full module ³	Core Items	Optional Items
1	Demographics ¹	24		1-24	
2	Housing and Family Structure	8		1-8	
3	Knowledge & Attitudes towards COVID-19	7		1-7	
4	COVID-19 Symptoms and Testing Experience	18		1-18	
5	Comorbidities and Care Engagement	4		1-2	3-4
6	Mental Health Impacts ²	13		1	2-13
7	Coronavirus Impact and Pandemic Stress	21		21	
8	Social Distancing Impacts ²	16		9-16	1-8
9	Violence and Trauma ²	11		1-3, 7-11	4-6
10	Substance Use	12		1-5, 11-12	6-10
11	Sexual behavior	14		1-7	8-14

¹For existing studies, many items have already been collected and do not need to be asked again

²Some overlap with Coronavirus Impact and Pandemic Stress

³To be updated as information becomes available

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE SURVEY SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

SOURCE: Melendez, Hamill, Tilchin, Fields, Latkin, Rompalo, Jennings/COVID-19 addendum to USHINE study & IWTK new study

READ: During this interview, I am going to ask you questions about your lifestyle and behaviors. Some of these questions may be personal, but your answers are important for this research. You may refuse to answer any question. Remember there are no right or wrong answers and your answers are completely confidential.

1. What's your current relationship status? (Select all that apply)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
a. Single	1 (3)	0	97	98
b. In a relationship	1	0	97	98
c. In more than one relationship	1	0	97	98
d. Married	1	0	97	98
e. Engaged	1	0	97	98
f. Other (specify)	1 (1a)	0	97	98

If f is YES go to Q1a; If b is YES go to Q2; Else SKIP to Q3

1a. Specify: _____

2. How long have you and your partner been in a relationship?

Less than 1 year	1
1-3 years	2
3-5 years	3
5-10 years	4
10-20 years	5
20-30 years	6
30 or more years	7
Don't know	97
Refused to answer	98

3. Were you sexually active in the past 3 months?

Yes	1
No	0 (SKIP to Q10)
Don't know	97
Refused to answer	98

4. How does your condom use over the past month compare how it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (March 1, 2020)? In the past month, I have used condoms:

More often	1
Less often	2
The same amount	3
I have not had sex	4 (SKIP to Q6)
I don't use condoms	5 (SKIP to Q6)
Don't know	97
Refused	98

5. Since the COVID-19 pandemic (since March 1, 2020), I have been able to get condoms when I needed them.

Yes	1
No	2
I have not tried to get condoms	3
Don't know	97
Refused	98

6. Has COVID-19 related social distancing had any effect on your sexual behavior? (*Select all that apply*)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
a. Yes, I have had more sex with the same partner(s)	1	0	97	98
b. Yes, I have had less sex with the same partner(s)	1	0	97	98
c. Yes, I have had more sex with new sex partner(s)	1	0	97	98
d. Yes, I have had less sex with new sex partner(s)	1	0	97	98
e. No, social distancing hasn't had any effect on my sexual behavior	1	0	97	98
f. Other (specify)	1	0	97	98

6a. Specify: _____

7. Has COVID-19 related social distancing had any effect on how you meet sex partners? (*Select all that apply*)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
a. Yes, I have met more new sex partners	1	0	97	98
b. Yes, I have met fewer new sex partners	1	0	97	98
c. Yes, I have met a new sex partner online for the first time	1	0	97	98
d. Yes, I have met more new sex partners on the street or in a park	1	0	97	98
e. Yes, I have met more new sex partners online	1	0	97	98
f. Yes, I have met fewer new sex partners at a bar or club	1	0	97	98
g. No, it has not changed how I meet new sex partners	1	0	97	98
h. No, I haven't tried to meet new sex partners	1	0	97	98
i. Other (specify)	1	0	97	98

7a. Specify: _____

8. Has COVID-19 related social distancing had any effect on any alcohol and/or drug use before or during sex? (*Select all that apply*)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
a. Yes, I have been drinking alcohol more before or during sex	1	0	97	98
b. Yes, I have been drinking alcohol less before or during sex	1	0	97	98
c. Yes, I have been doing more party drugs (like poppers or methamphetamine) before or during sex	1	0	97	98
d. Yes, I have been doing fewer party drugs (like poppers or methamphetamine) before or during sex	1	0	97	98
e. Yes, I have been doing more drugs other than party drugs before or during sex	1	0	97	98
f. Yes, I have been doing fewer drugs other than party drugs before or during sex	1	0	97	98
g. Yes, I have been doing other things more or less before or during sex (specify)	1	0	97	98
h. No, social distancing has not had any effect on my alcohol and/or drug use before or during sex	1	0	97	98

8a. Specify: _____

9. Has COVID-19 related social distancing had any effect on how you feel about sex? (*Select all that apply*)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
a. I have been more anxious about sex	1	0	97	98
b. I have been less anxious about sex	1	0	97	98
c. I have been more willing to use condoms	1	0	97	98
d. I have been more likely to talk about STDs with my partner(s)	1	0	97	98
e. Other (specify)	1	0	97	98
f. No	1	0	97	98

9a. Specify: _____

10. Since the COVID-19 pandemic (since March 1, 2020), have you increased or started any of these online activities? (*Select all that apply*)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
a. Online chatting	1	0	97	98
b. Sexting (sending/receiving/forwarding sexually explicit images or videos of oneself to others)	1	0	97	98
c. Video chat sex (using any type of online app with video feature (FaceTime, Zoom, Skype, etc.) to engage in mutual masturbation or other mutually arousing sexual activity with another person)	1	0	97	98
d. Camming/online sex work (producing and posting sexually explicit images or videos of oneself alone or with a partner for money – e.g., onlyfans.com)	1	0	97	98
e. Watching pornography	1	0	97	98
f. Meeting people online for sex	1	0	97	98
g. Other (specify)	1	0	97	98

10a. Specify: _____

11. Because of COVID-19 some clinics have changed the times they are open and some are not open at all. Have you tried to get an STD test since March 1, 2020?

Yes, and I was able to get an STD test	1
Yes, but I was NOT able to get an STD test	2
No, I did not try to get an STD test, but I wanted to get one	3
No, I did not try to get an STD test and I did NOT need one	4
Don't know	97
Refused to answer	98

12. Because of COVID-19 some counseling and support groups or individual sessions have changed the times they are open, some have transitioned to remote and some are not open at all. Have you wanted to attend a counseling or support group or an individual session and been unable to attend for any reason since March 1, 2020?

Yes	1
No	2
No, I don't attend any counseling or support groups or individual sessions	3
Don't know	97
Refused	98

13. Since the COVID-19 pandemic (since March 1, 2020), what prescription medications have you been unable to get? (*Select all that apply*)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
a. Antiretroviral therapy (ART) for HIV treatment	1	0	97	98
b. Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention	1	0	97	98
c. Antibiotics for a sexually transmitted infection	1	0	97	98
d. Diabetes medication such as insulin	1	0	97	98
e. Substance use medication	1	0	97	98
f. Mental health medication	1	0	97	98
g. Blood pressure medication	1	0	97	98
h. Other antibiotics	1	0	97	98
i. Other	1	0	97	98
j. I have not needed any medications				

14. COVID-19 is impacting people in different ways. Some people have lost their jobs and had to find different ways to make money. *Since the COVID-19 pandemic*, have you given or received money, drugs, or something else in exchange for having sex with you? (*Select all that apply*)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
a. Yes, received money, drugs, or something else from someone in exchange for me having sex with them	1	0	97	98
b. Yes, given someone money, drugs, or something else in exchange for them having sex with me	1	0	97	98
c. Other (specify)	1	0	97	98

14a. Specify: _____