Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Statewide Public Opinion Survey
Live Interviewer Telephone Survey
Fielded: November 24-25, 2020

Topline Results
n=406 Alaskan Residents Age 18+
Margin of error= ± 4.9%
50% Cell, 50% Landline

1) Generally speaking, how would you rate **Alaska's current economy**? It is (rotated)...

 Very good 2%
 Good.. 29%
 Not too good 49%
 -or- Pretty bad.. 19%
 Unsure.. 1%

2) Thinking about **Alaska right now**, do you think things are headed in the right direction, or do you think things have gotten off on the wrong track?

 Right direction.. 26%
 Wrong track 65%
 Unsure... 9%

Now I have a series of questions about the current coronavirus situation…

3) Do you think the **coronavirus situation in Alaska** is a serious problem, or not a serious problem?

 Serious problem 72%
 Not a serious problem 25%
 Unsure... 3%

I'm going to read the names of some people and organizations. For each, please tell me how you would **rate their handling of the response to the coronavirus**. If you have never heard the name just let me know. First…
…would you say (their/his/her) handling of the response to the coronavirus has been (rotated) excellent, pretty good, not too good, or pretty bad?

Asked in random order - Sorted by Net good	Total Good	Total Not good	Net Good	Excellent	Pretty good	Not too good	Pretty bad	Unsure	Never heard of
4) Dr. Anne Zink	60%	13%	+47%	25%	35%	8%	5%	4%	23%
5) Dr. Anthony Fauci	57%	30%	+27%	25%	32%	14%	16%	5%	8%
6) CDC (full name read)	55%	40%	+15%	10%	45%	24%	16%	4%	1%
7) Anchorage city govt (asked in Muni only)	53%	45%	+8%	7%	46%	26%	19%	2%	0%
8) Governor Mike Dunleavy	52%	46%	+6%	8%	44%	25%	21%	2%	0%
9) State government	51%	47%	+4%	5%	46%	29%	18%	3%	0%
10) WHO (full name read)	46%	43%	+3%	7%	39%	17%	26%	8%	3%
11) President Donald Trump	43%	56%	-13%	20%	23%	12%	44%	1%	0%

12) How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family **might catch the coronavirus**? Are you (rotated)...

Very concerned .... 40% ⎤
Somewhat concerned .... 29% ⎦ 69%
Not too concerned .... 19% ⎤
-or- Not concerned at all.. 11% ⎦ 30%
Unsure 1%

13) Which of the following best describes your **feelings about the coronavirus** in Alaska (rotated): the worst is behind us, the worst is yet to come, or the coronavirus is not likely to be that major of a problem?

The worst is yet to come...................................... 60%
The worst is behind us 14%
Not likely to be that major of a problem 20%
Unsure 6%

14) Have the **measures taken by state government officials** to slow the spread of the virus been (rotated) appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

Not gone far enough.. 46%
Appropriate 35%
Gone too far.. 17%
Unsure 2%

15) And going forward, which **worries you more about responding to the coronavirus** (rotated) – that state government officials will not go far enough in limiting the activities and movement of Alaskans, or that they will go too far in limiting the activities and movement of Alaskans?

Will not go far enough 52%
Will go too far 41%
Unsure 7%

16) Do you believe Alaska is currently facing a **healthcare emergency** due to COVID-19?

Yes... 62%
No... 37%
Unsure 1%

17) How much, if at all, **do you wear a face mask** around other people when you are outside of your home? Do you do this all the time without exception, most of the time but not always, some of the time, or never?

All the time... 60%
Most of the time 22%
Some of the time.. 14%
Never.. 4%

18) Do you believe **face coverings are effective at reducing the spread** of COVID-19? …and do you feel strongly or just somewhat about that?

Strongly yes .... 59% ⎤
Somewhat yes .... 16% ⎦ 75%
Somewhat no .... 5% ⎤
Strongly no .... 18% ⎦ 23%
Unsure 2%

19) Please tell me which of the following statements comes **closest to your view**:

(Randomized)

The Governor should **impose a statewide mask mandate** 50%
It should be left to **local governments to decide** for themselves about a mask mandate 25%
There should be **no mask mandates** in Alaska 24%
Unsure 1%

20) Do you support or oppose the government **temporarily shutting down** bars, restaurants, health clubs, and certain retail establishments to slow the spread of the coronavirus? …and do you strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose) this?

Strongly support .... 37% ⎤
Somewhat support .... 18% ⎦ 55%
Somewhat oppose .... 14% ⎤
Strongly oppose .... 30% ⎦ 44%
Unsure 1%

21) How would you describe your own **social interactions lately**? Would you say you have reduced your social interactions significantly, somewhat, or not much at all?

Significantly 65%
Somewhat 16%
Not much at all 19%

22) Do you believe it is very necessary, somewhat necessary, not too necessary, or not at all necessary to make **changes to your habits and lifestyle** in order to avoid catching or spreading COVID-19?

Very necessary .... 57% ⎤
Somewhat necessary .... 25% ⎦ 82%
Not too necessary .... 6% ⎤
-or- Not at all necessary .... 10% ⎦ 16%
Unsure 2%

23) Have you, or anyone you know personally, **been infected by COVID-19**? (if yes) And was it you or someone you know who was infected?

Yes, me personally .... 1% ⎤ 8% ⎤
Yes, both .... 7% ⎦   ⎦ 82%
Yes, someone I know .... 74% ⎦
No 17%
Unsure 1%

24) And did (you/that person) have no **symptoms**, mild symptoms or serious symptoms? (asked if Q23=yes)

Mild symptoms 51%
Serious symptoms... 33%
No symptoms 7%
Unsure.. 9%

25) Have your **personal experiences with the virus caused you to be more concerned** or less concerned about the seriousness of the situation, or have they not had an effect on your view? (asked if Q23=yes)

More concerned... 53%
No effect 32%
Less concerned.. 14%
Unsure.. 1%

Moving on…

26) How much do you **trust the advice given by state health officials** regarding COVID-19? Do you trust it a great deal, a good amount, not too much, or not at all?

A great deal... 28% ⎤
A good amount .... 39% ⎦ 67%
Not too much .... 21% ⎤
Not at all.. 10% ⎦ 31%
Unsure.. 2%

27) How much do you **trust the media to give accurate information about COVID-19**? Do you trust them a great deal, a good amount, not too much, or not at all?

A great deal... 12% ⎤
A good amount .... 29% ⎦ 41%
Not too much .... 23% ⎤
Not at all.. 35% ⎦ 58%
Unsure.. 1%

28) Do you believe that the **virus has been politicized**, or not?

Yes.. 89%
No.. 10%
Unsure.. 1%

On a different topic…

29) How often do you **get the annual flu vaccine**? Would you say every year, most years, less frequently, or never?

Every year... 39% ⎤
Most years.. 17% ⎦ 56%
Less frequently .... 11% ⎤
Never... 33% ⎦ 44%

30) Public Health Officials have emphasized that getting the annual flu vaccine this year will be very important because an influx of seasonal flu patients, in addition to higher hospital admittance from COVID-19, would strain Alaska's healthcare system. Does this information make you **more likely or less likely to get an annual flu vaccine this year**, or does it not have an effect on your decision?

More likely	38%
No effect	51%
Less likely	6%
Unsure	1%
Already received vaccination (volunteered)	4%

31) As you may have seen, it is anticipated that within the next few weeks, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will approve a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19. **If a vaccine is approved**, and it is available for free to everyone who wants it, would you...

Definitely get it	35%	⎫ 64%
Probably get it	29%	⎭
Probably not get it	18%	⎫ 34%
-or- Definitely not get it	16%	⎭
Unsure	2%	

Moving on…

32) Are you a **parent of a school-age child** or children?

Yes	38%
No	62%

33) And regardless of the school policies in your area, do you believe **children should return to the classroom, or should they continue to learn from home over the internet**? …and do you feel strongly or just somewhat about that? (asked if Q32=yes)

Strongly return to classroom	42%	⎫ 58%
Somewhat return to classroom	16%	⎭
Somewhat continue from home	10%	⎫ 37%
Strongly continue from home	27%	⎭
Unsure	5%	

I'm going to read a list of a few things that have been **proposed for schools** during the pandemic. For each, please tell me whether you think that is an excellent, good, not too good, or pretty bad idea. (asked if Q32=yes)

Asked in random order - Sorted by Net good	Total Good idea	Total Not good idea	Net Good idea	Excellent idea	Good idea	Not too good of an idea	Pretty bad idea	Unsure
34) Requiring students and teachers to wear masks								
	76%	23%	+53%	40%	36%	13%	10%	1%
35) Staggering classroom attendance to reduce the number of students in the school at one time								
	59%	39%	+20%	19%	40%	25%	14%	2%
36) Teaching through a mix of virtual learning and in-person classes								
	56%	43%	+13%	14%	42%	26%	17%	1%
37) Teaching entirely through virtual learning								
	36%	63%	-27%	14%	22%	29%	34%	1%

38) Do you **homeschool your child** or children? (asked if Q32=yes)

Yes 36%
No 63%
Not provided 1%

39) And did you start **homeschooling mainly due to the ongoing coronavirus** situation? (asked if Q38=yes)

Yes 56%
No 43%
Not provided 1%

And finally, I have a few short questions just to make sure we have a representative sample…

40) Could you please tell me the zip code where you live?

Anchorage 41%
Southcentral 25%
Interior 15%
Southeast 12%
Rural 7%

41) Could you please tell me in what year you were born? (screener asked at beginning of survey)

18-34 years old 24%
35-44 years old 19%
45-54 years old 18%
55-64 years old 20%
65+ years old 18%
Not provided 1%

42) Gender (screener asked at beginning of survey)

Male 50%
Female 50%

43) How closely would you say you follow local news in Alaska…

Very closely 40%
Somewhat closely 45%
Not too closely 10%
-or- Not at all closely 5%

44) If you are registered to vote, did you register as a (randomized) Democrat, Republican, Non-Partisan, Undeclared or something else?

Democrat 13%
Republican 24%
Non-Partisan 14%
Undeclared 42%
Other party 4%
Not registered/Not provided 3%

45) Do you consider yourself (rotated)…

	Very conservative	17%
	Somewhat conservative	22%
	Moderate	32%
	Somewhat liberal	17%
-or-	Very liberal	7%
	Not provided	5%

46) Regarding your employment status, are you currently…

Employed full-time	55%
Employed part-time	11%
Unemployed/Unable to work	8%
Retired	19%
Other	7%

47) What was the last level of schooling you completed?

High school graduate/GED	20%
Some college or technical school	29%
College graduate	27%
Graduate school	23%
Not provided	1%

48) In which of the following ranges does your total annual household income fall?

	Less than $40,000	17%
	$41,000 to $60,000	11%
	$61,000 to $80,000	12%
	$81,000 to $99,000	16%
-or-	$100,000 or more	34%
	Not provided	10%

49) Has the coronavirus outbreak caused any financial hardship for you or your household?

Yes	43%
No	56%
Not provided	1%

50) Are you, or is anyone in your household, a person who may be at higher risk of serious complications from the coronavirus?

Yes	55%
No	44%
Unsure	1%