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# Survey Results: Coronavirus Impacts

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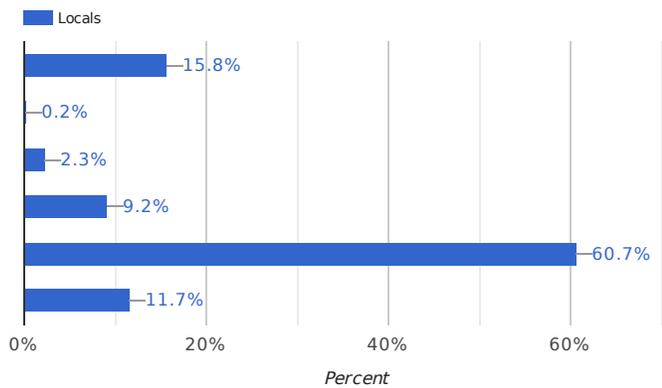
<p><b>945</b> Total Participants</p> <p>890 of 1250 initially invited (71%) 55 others</p> <p>Margin of error: ± 3%</p>	<p>Applied Filter: <b>Locals only</b></p> <p>Participants for filter: <b>815</b></p>	<p>Response Time (ho...)</p>	<p>Started: <b>May 27, 2020 11:27am</b></p> <p>Ended: <b>May 29, 2020 11:28am</b></p> <p>Target Participants: <b>All Sudbury</b></p>
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**Q1** The Town of Sudbury is planning for Governor Baker’s Four Stage Plan and for Sudbury reopening. We would like to know how the transition will affect you so we can best support our community.

Which of the following best describes how long before the stay-at-home order negatively impacts your income or ability to pay bills?

(815 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (815)
It has already impacted my income or ability to pay bills	15.8% (129)
I'll be impacted within a week	0.2% (2)
I'll be impacted within a month	2.3% (19)
I'll be impacted within a few months	9.2% (75)
It probably won't impact me this year	60.7% (495)
Not Sure	11.7% (95)



**Q2** Which types of things are most important to reopen for you, if any? (You can choose up to FIVE)

(761 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (761)
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Orthodontist and dentist

None

Public health is most important

dentists, doctors offices etc. for routine checkups. and high school graduation!!!!

Beaches, Lakes, with social distancing.

Sewataro

Summer camps

Doctors need to start up elective procedures again

Kid sports and schools

Churches

Non essential health care. physical therapy, massage, etc

BEACHES BOTH LAKE AND OCEAN

A safe method in place so that we can open everything

Soccer fields, like Cutting

Schools

I would like us to reopen very slowly, so as not to cause another spike.

Medical - dentist, vet

venues that host live entertainment

None of these items are important to open for me.

Schools

Town clerk's office; accept payable items at town transfer station

Camps (daycamp not daycare) for summer and school in the fall.

schools

Schools

Library book loan

Community buildings and services such as Goodnow Library and Senior Center

None because we have a high risk kid

Nothing should reopen until it's safe. I won't be going to a restaurant or hair salon anytime soon.

School

Drs offices

Open areas (e.g., LS tracks, Haskell field) for opportunities to enjoy outdoors w/social distance

Public schools

town sports for kids

Drs Offices, dentist offices, summer camps, retail jobs for teens

Library

None

schools

My bank

none. happy to stay locked down till indicators safe it's safe

tennis courts

Important, but we can wait until the numbers are quite low, or there is a vaccine. Health is 1st.

Doctors and dentists

Schools

Schools

Staying clear for a long while even when all is re-opened.

no preference

my business

doctor offices

Summer camps

Whatever can be safely opened to help those who have been economically affected

All of these choices are essential and should open. Each choice represents all constituents in town

No strong fillings

Sudbury Senior Center

Schools and camps

Schools

Playgrounds

I won't be going out probalby until September

School, summer camp, more thought into how our children will be impacted...

Summer camps

Will the camp be available for families

Museums

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Schools

School

none. i think the virus is still a threat and the less we 'open' the better.

Camp and outdoor programing with supervision for children

routine medical care

Library

Small businesses like cleaners. Small shops

In the high risk group, safety is most important me.

Houses of worship with full service

library, gov't offices

Summer camps and summer education pr

Sewataro

None. It's too early to reopen!

public library

None

Town Offices

All but only when it feels actually safe to enjoy them... nothing seems important enough to risk

Focus on reopening schools in the fall (not remotely)

None until it is truly safe.

Camps

Library

Library

Camps

Camp Sewataro, schools

Public library even if only for curbside pick up of books

`not safe to open anything right now

The most important factors is that people with less power and ability to make decisions are safe

library and other municipal meeting spaces for committees, some service/essential retail

Need flights open to many countries (visitor stuck at home for months! cannot wait to let go)

Churches

Silly question-They are all important, but obviously shouldn't reopen without a reasonable standard

Beaches

Library

no income, no purchase. However my tax bill still comes in and town employees dont work and get pd

outdoor tennis courts

None. If I don't need to visit it then none. I am in no rush and would rather stay safe to avoid a

Camps

I don't want anything open

Need to keep my kids busy this year

Youth sports!

I am concerned about businesses opening too soon which will result in a new wave of infections.

"Personal care", except that ours are in Marlborough

summer camps!!

No assessments/overrides to cover town deficits. Ample money was saved from unused school expenses.

Town government and school administration (not school)

Outside venues

I listed my primary needs. I wish all business could open for the sake of business owners families.

EVERYTHING!

Churches

Places of worship

none now. Too soon

I think protecting public health is more important than reopening

You are missing all the senior center activities and services.

Education institutions

These are all nonessential. NONE of these outweigh the risk of a second surge.

Physicians' offices, dentists, PT, etc.

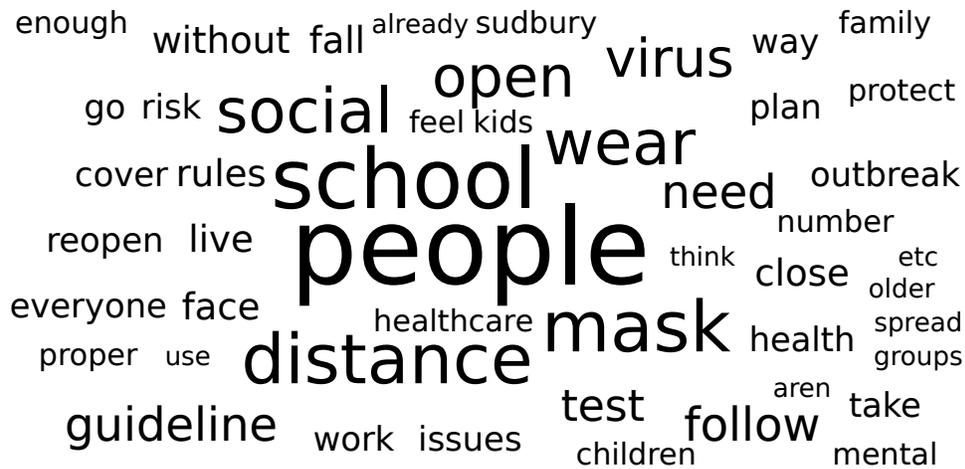
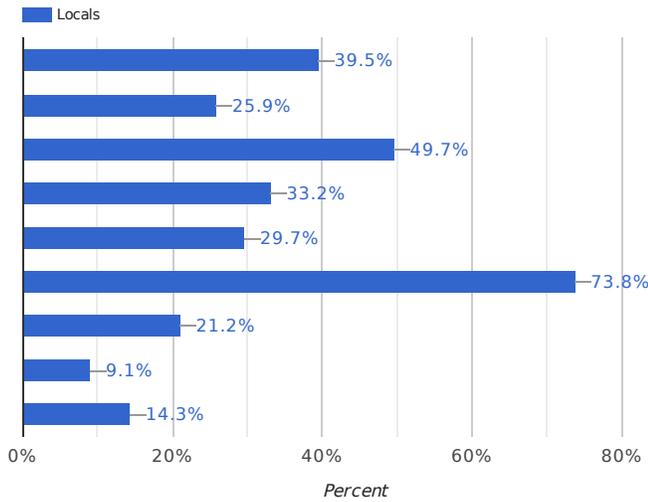
I want things to open VERY slowly. I am most concerned about containing and stopping the virus

Senior Center

**Q3** What are your biggest concerns about transitioning out of the stay-at-home order, if any?  
(You can choose up to FIVE)

(760 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (760)
Businesses won't return to normal for a long time	39.5% (300)
People from outside our area will bring in the virus	25.9% (197)
I will catch the virus from going out and about	49.7% (378)
We still won't be able to gather in large scale groups (social, religious, school, sports, etc.)	33.2% (252)
Lots of people won't be comfortable going out for shopping/eating/socializing	29.7% (226)
Things will open up too fast, and the outbreak will get a lot worse	73.8% (561)
Things will open up too slowly, and the economy will get a lot worse	21.2% (161)
I don't really have concerns, let's start reopening	9.1% (69)
I'm concerned about:	14.3% (109)



Schools remaining closed.

Being surrounded by people not following the rules

People not adhering to measures to protect us and them, like social distancing and wearing a mask.

If everyone follows the guidelines we should have no problem

Hope the Middle School allows some students an online only option for the fall semester.

My underlying condition which makes me immuno compromised

People are already angry and disrespectful of each other

People not respecting distancing and face coverings - it's already happening.

Being forced to return to workplace before virus is under control and risk to family catching virus

People who don't respect the limitations and contribute to an increase in Covid-19 cases.

I think hair salons should NOT be open unless the stylists have plastic shields over their faces

people who don't wear masks

schools opening and the virus being spread in this way.

School

AS THE HOT WEATHER ARRIVES WEARING A MASK IS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE

Impacting the ability for schools to open in an effective way in the fall

People thinking it's all over and they can quit distancing and wearing masks.

People won't follow the CDC guidelines for wearing masks and trying to social distance

People will get too comfortable and ignore social distancing and an outbreak will occur.

commuting to work/returning to the office

people having a false sense of safety, causing them to let their guard down and another spike.

Schools being forced to remain closed when businesses reopen

Schools

Everything related to eldercare facilities; current unemployment rates

School in the fall (want it to open)

people not respecting guidelines such as masks

Realistic guidelines for childcare and schools.

Need more and better testing and tracing ; need clearer, consistent, simple guidance & policies

People do not understand virus spread-viruses need hosts-Sudbury residents!

People following guidelines during re-opening. If they do, I am not worried!

Mental health and development of children and teenagers not having in-person school

Bring the virus home to immunocompromised family

Other people not being careful!

My work relies on visitors and event income. It operates a restaurant & bar so needs attendance.

Things will open up and we still don't have enough testing in place. Test everyone who lives here

Schools not reopening in a normal way next Fall.

In the last month, 90% of the people walking, running and biking are not wearing mask.

People will disregard requests for physical distancing, will neglect to wear face-covering

Poverty and hunger for those who have lost jobs

School not opening in the fall

Schools not re-opening. I can't work & teach at same time. Schools must reopen

Our school age children being Academically underserved and Irreparably harmed by being out of sch

the lack of, and ease of access to testing available for any person who wants to get tested.

Fear. I feel people have been bombarded by scary headlines, which has led to a lot of unfounded fea

The healthcare system will be overwhelmed by the "second wave"

Closed School and childcare impacting our employment and mental health (sanity)

How/when we will be able to see my elderly parents.

passing any germs to my grandchildren because people in closed environments are not taking precauti

Planning travel (especially flights and lodging)

delaying too long

those who are most severely affected economically and how to mitigate that

asymptomatic people can spread the virus unknowingly; inadequate testing for those without symptom

People assembling in too large of groups too soon or too many different groups

The mixed messages that lead some to downplay the severity of the virus, resulting in some people n

People aren't wearing masks. Grocery stores aren't enforcing rules, other businesses won't either

People not obeying proper distancing, face covering and other virus control protocols.

I'm really worried about sending kids to school. With a large family it feels impossible to shield

Failure of others to abide by rules

People will stop taking precautions (mask, distance, sanitizing) because life feels normal

singl moms with children who have lost their jobs, don't have adequate food or other support servi

People will start to gather and the outbreak will get worse.

Need to plan for town meeting in a way that lets older resident participate without endangeringTHEM

School starting up without a clear plan.

The number of infected people going up, increasing the risk for all

People being irresponsible and not following the rules/ guidances upon reopening

social opportunities for teenagers

Young people not having pools or places to go & not social distancing

unforeseen circumstances like meat shortages that occur due to localized outbreaks.

whether we have enough quality PPE to protect everyone and healthcare workers

There will not be a comprehensive plan for testing and tracing to prevent new outbreaks

Lack of preparedness to identify and contain outbreaks that may occur as we loosen restrictions.

Mental health issues stemming from the lockdown

Not everyone will adhere to the guidelines.

Guidance for school leaders

People who live with elderly parents need be concerned for them. For myself, little worry

tests are unreliable, numbers are unreliable

Lack of, or unclear guidelines for assisted living, nursing homes and other extended care services

Social distancing and kids going over to friends houses

The virus regenerating in the fall

Catching the virus from close friends and family due to going out and about

Commuting to work issues

current reduced learning in our Sudbury schools impacting our kids next school year

I am a senior citizen and feel very vulnerable being near groups of people without masks or social

The number of people who seem inclined to do things that put everyone at risk.

My older parents getting the virus.

That people will relax their social distancing habits too much, waaay too soon

My biggest hope is that kids can go to school and play sports and have some in person socialization

No assessments/overrides to cover town deficits. Ample money was saved from unused school expenses.

People will get careless and become lax about protecting their self and others.

I want my local leaders to include God in their decision to open. Have a prayer before you decide.

the fact that we shut down in the first place.

Not opening fast enough

Immune-compromised seniors household, high fatality risk, need a vaccine first

Folks will not take proper social distancing and protective actions (masks, gloves, etc) anymore.

Child care

The decision of the Sudbury Heath Dept to stop issuing the weekly COVID case numbers. Not good.

People getting lax about taking precautions and not social distancing, wearing masks, etc.

People not wearing masks

The fact that people have not taken the social distancing seriously, and have not worn face masks.

Customers not taking precautions seriously.

Mental health consequences of non-employment or low employment. Stress issues will dominate

Local Schools

People not following safety procedures, wearing masks, washing hands and keeping distance

Schools opening before it is safe for children, especially those who live with at-risk adults.

People not social distancing because the recommendations aren't clear enough

We need concrete rules or acceptable behavior will be left to individual interpretation.

When reopening, people will not follow social distancing and PPE Guideline:jeopardizing others

traffic into Boston/Cambridge will be worse due to less use of public transit

people not wearing mask appropriately

**Q4** Once we move to Stage #2, which of the following things would you be comfortable doing, if any, with 6 foot spacing?

(1 = Yes - without a mask, 2 = Yes - with a mask, 3 = No - even with a mask)

(734 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (734)
Getting on a bus/shuttle	2.72
Getting together with friends	1.76
Going to a workplace outside the home	2.17
Going to eat at a restaurant	2.49
Going to a store	2.02
Getting personal care (hair/nails, dentist, doctor, etc.)	2.11
Going to a park	1.55
Being around people without 6 foot spacing	2.35



PLEASE OPEN SEWATARO AND THE L-S TENNIS COURTS!

People like me with compromised immunity will have to be extra vigilant just have to stay home and rely on the system to stay vigilant.

We have flattened the curve and hospital usage is low. Too much government regulation, even if only advisories, created fear. We all know the risks of COVID-19 after 10 weeks in quarantine and will act responsibly to protect our own health. Focus restrictions on people at greatest risk - nursing homes, in particular.

Would like to see tennis courts, fields, playgrounds open, no masks for outdoor activities

I'd rather we remain strict now so that we have a greater chance to get the kids back to school in some form in the fall.

There should be a consistent message for the entire town. If it is recommended that masks be worn inside stores and places of business, this should apply to all stores and places of business and those businesses need the support of the town in order to minimize any difficulties within the community.

Companies should be required to have workers work from home when capable. This should be mandated across the state until a vaccine is available.

Very concerned about fraudulent voting with "vote from home" schemes.

Open up NOW.

The transition has to be gradual for me. I have gradually worked up to going grocery shopping. I began by going to Russell's Garden Center, first just to pick up mulch. Then I went in to the store. Little by little it gets easier.

I'm surprised there were no questions about school and the return to school for our town's children as well as summer camps. I think those are two of the most pressing issues for families beyond job security.

There needs to be a reminder about respect for others also. Distancing and masks are very important but our town needs to be kind to each other.

I would like Curtis Middle School to have an online only learning option for families to elect in the Fall where a team of teachers commits to actually teaching (live lectures/interaction) in an online model. That would allow better distancing for those students who elect to go back to the physical building. The current online workload has been insufficient with my daughter finishing her work in a day and a half (5th grade). Until there is a vaccine, I would not feel safe with her returning to school so I hope SPS offers a more robust online learning program in the fall with a dedicated team of teachers actually doing teaching over video.

people should care about the whole community not just about themselves and their particular wishes.

Need to go slow to prevent early resurgence.

Slowly, please. I don't understand the governor allowing hair salons and barbershops to open this week, as there is no distancing possible there.

I am only concerned that people are not taking the threat of a surge seriously.

Thank you for reopening responsibly asap.

I think we should stay home from school in fall before second wave hits us all. Kids will never be able to keep distance/masks on during snack time, etc. zoom teaching once a day should be a must for teachers though. You have option to sign on. Just until vaccinations come out in Jan.

Enough of the mommy state. If people want to stay home let them. If they want to go out let them. Enough tamplng on our civil liberties.

We need close monitoring and the ability to react quickly if the number COVID-19 cases start to increase.

We need continuous testing Until there's a vaccine to ensure that the virus does not spread

MY CONCERN IS A 2ND STAGE OUTBREAK AND THE FACT THAT IS WILL TAKE 12 TO 18 MONTH TO GET A PROVEN VACINE.

Please consider the children's emiotnal and psychological well-being witht he stay at home order. It has been an extreme unintended consequence for the stay at home order.

SO MANY PEOPLE are currently going without masks and ignoring distancing rules; I can only imagine it will get worse. Please can we have more signage about this on sidewalks, in parking lots, in parks, everywhere?

Since I fall into more than one high risk category, I am highly reluctant to leave the house except for doctor's appointments and trail walking (at times of the day when least likely to meet others). I will probably continue this way for the foreseeable future.

People need to wear masks until a vaccine is found.

The stores across the state MUST continue with special hours for seniors and at-risk residents.

Kids need access to fields for recreation and exercise, but we need to avoid large groups being together. For example, before the fields closed, large groups of teenagers were getting together to play soccer and basketball. This should be available only

to small family groups in the beginning.

When do you anticipate the softball fields opening?

Concerned about opening too soon. Not enough evidence that reopening this soon is safe. Need more information about how reopening is working in other states. Has there been a resurgence of the virus. Not enough medical data to feel confident about venturing out to most places. Would rather go very slowly than rush things.

Some of those are too general to be useful And if this planning includes schools, not just non-school town activities, then I must have missed the appropriate questions

give restaurant owners a break by allowing outdoor seating....

Business should reopen with the goal of minimizing queues.

How to give my young children the social opportunities/development they need but still keeping everyone safe.

Don't group dentist/doctor with hair/nail salons. These are different levels of urgency.

Consider the unique situation of those with immediate family members who are immune-suppressed. Even if things start to go back to normal for most people, there will be those for whom it is still too risky.

Large indoor gatherings for extended time should not occur

Schools need to reopen in the Fall.

It will be a tough decision for policy makers to get the right balance between too slow and too fast. I wish them well using the science and people's needs to make those decisions.

Please open the Put and Take!

Nothing is safe until there is a vaccine.

Let businesses decide how to safely reopen. We need to get our local economy moving again!

Without a vaccine, we are vulnerable. Because others are so lax, I don't feel safe.

Critical for kids to get back in school

Children need to go back to school this autumn. I no longer have children in the school system, so this doesn't affect my family, but judging by how often the neighborhood children are outside playing in groups, there is currently no education taking up any meaningful amount of their time, and they are already sharing whatever germs they might have. It looks exactly like a regular summer vacation.

I think a mask should be worn in public if social distancing can't be maintained.

No pickup service at grocery stores leaves Sudbury residents with three options: 1. drive out of town to pick up groceries, 2. pay to delivery at cost of extra hundreds of dollars per month, or 3. risk getting sick by going shopping at a hub of human activity (vectors of spreading disease). Those residents who are suffering economic strain or are vulnerable population AND suffering economic strain are forced to choose option #3. Not a wise approach. In short, Grocery Curbside Pickup for a Nominal Charge reduces the spread of the disease and buffers most vulnerable population from high risk hubs.

This virus is a part of our lives now. we can't be fearful and hide forever. Herd immunity might be the answer. We will see how Sweden will end up in near future.

Clear instructions on what people can and can't do, when masks are required, etc.

We need to prevent a second wave of infection in the fall by not opening up too fast.

Too invasive and it caused too much anxiety and depression in lots of people

Town voices/leaders should be speaking to us more and with greater detail about the course the disease has taken in town and how it is progressing during opening. Town leaders should be explaining best practice, rules, and risk trade offs for members of our community. They should be frank about realities such as the costs and limitations of health support system in town and of day to day services under these conditions.

If we could trust each other to adhere to social distancing and wearing masks, I would be more comfortable. But people are impatient and are not adhering to safety precautions. I expect we will experience another wave of covid-19 and will have to shut things down all over again.

The second wave that is highly likely to happen. We need to proceed with extreme caution and follow the data and science and not rush to re-open.

we need to watch what's happening in other states that are opening up sooner -- if those states show an increase in documented cases, it's too soon to open up.

Provide special time in ALL places for seniors (e.g., shopping one hour before the normal opening hour - like they're doing in grocery stores now - could even do it in restaurants - like the early bird suppers for seniors) since 60+ is the most vulnerable age group. And, then let everyone else 60-and-under go about their business. But ALL wear masks in public (except for wide open spaces with 6-foot-plus spacing).

I hope that people will take the precaution seriously, and that things won't open up too quickly. I don't want to see this happen again.

Please follow CDC/WHO/NHI recommendations for what is SAFE. We will prevail regardless, at this point we are minimizing the number of deaths that occur. Follow what DOCTORS say not what that baboon in office is saying...

I want the bottle return to come back. The state is STEALING our money and I want it back.

I would appreciate Town messaging around what activities need, or do not need, a mask and how to go about doing so. For example, as we transition out, let's be clear about what needs a mask and what doesn't so there isn't animosity and policing by residents. Since we know that outdoor activities are low-risk, cyclists and runners do not need to wear a mask, unless they \*cannot\* social distance. I see a lot of anger/worry about people not wearing masks outside, which are not needed unless people cannot maintain 6 ft but there seems to be a lot of confusion around this. As we re-open I think it would be helpful if there were signs, emails, texts, etc. about what is needed and when so there is more consistent following of protocol, understanding, and empathy for fellow residents. It would also be helpful to specify which way walkers, runners and cyclists should face when on our roads outdoors (e.g., walkers and runners FACE ONCOMING traffic, while cyclists flow WITH CAR traffic).

My nonprofit employment (Wayside Inn) requires visitors and people gathering in a restaurant/historic buildings in order to maintain operations. Without programming our mission-supportive offerings suffer. However, I do worry that we have not halted the virus enough to be back to "business as usual" and we'll be back to staying at home all over again. Our kids and our senior citizens are negatively impacted the most during this time because this is not normal.

I really miss using the Library

As of a few days ago comparing the number of COVID cases in Sudbury per 100,000, Sudbury's number is high: 174 cases @ rate of 971 compared with Lincoln 32@369, Wayland 97@730, Acton 138@581, Wesron 103@928 and Wellesley 215@723. It would be a mistake for Sudbury to open up too quickly - the Town should be very cautious and take it slow dependent on our own data - even if that means being more conservative than Gov. Baker's opening up plans.

There needs to be better communication about the "rules" and more enforcement. People who disregarded safety measures make other people more reluctant to open up because they don't trust neighbors to do so safely.

Go SLOW. Let's not have a second wave.

I'd rather be safe than sorry and go slow with the reopening

more information publicized on the latest data regarding how many hours the virus lives in air and on surfaces, to make sure people realize the virus is not gone and that it can be spread by asymptomatic carriers

Large groups of people and kids not obeying social distancing will put the rest of us in danger. Not happy about the private pool clubs opening, touch free hand sanitizer dispensers and a list of rules is not going to keep people safe.

I am aware of my family's quarantine but not others and I think that is what makes it harder. I think if all the people who send their kids to school with "a little fever" and who think the rules don't apply to them. That makes me most nervous.

We need to be smart and not Trump stupid.

Focus on reopening the schools in the Fall with normalcy to avoid lasting adverse mental health impacts on children.

Serious concerns about us collectively reigning in this spread of this virus thus making it unsafe for kids to return to school. I can work from home as long as needed, but I am very sad about kids missing the normalcy go being in school. That said, I do not want my son back at school if it is not safe. LS has managed virtual school very well given the circumstances. The teachers are awesome for handling the radical shift, while they themselves are managing their lives at home.

ready to open back up the economy now that we have given our health care system the time to plan for and deal with the virus

Police should be seen wearing masks and following all restrictions that the public goes through, within reason. Same goes for town employees.

Allow for kids/teenagers to start playing sports. Remote learning is not working at the high school level. we need to make it a priority to get kids back in school in the Fall.

Until there is a tested and verified vaccine in place, please as a town government always provide options for people to participate from a remote/home setting. Our primary concern with all contact or lifting of stay-at-home advisories is that even our household; which does not have any at risk person, is trying to keep a clear of sickness as much as possible - so hopefully we can soon see our extended family who is aged and at risk.

A lot of my concerns about being at large in the community will be influenced by how the schools reopen.

Thanks for asking. This information is important.

Open the economy now and protect the most vulnerable with focused efforts. The widespread restrictions are overkill and not supported by the government's own data.

From last question, more open to doctor and dentist visits than hair or nails. They were grouped together, but very different to me.

No comment

Schools are my main concern. And I think gov should be small and not tell me what to do all the time.

We need camps to run so we can get back to work and be able to pay our bills

When will testing be available for seniors in town?

I am currently most concerned about how I will continue working from home if there are no camp options available.

Good luck to us/U.S. - I think we're going to need it without widespread testing, contact tracing and isolation areas.

Open child care and parks!

I will be wearing a mask but will others and also keep space between us.

This could be useful...<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/11/opinion/coronavirus-reopen.html>

none of these are meaningful unless EVERYBODY respects space and mask rules -- and they currently are not

Information about summer camps for children, the ability to travel on vacation (in/out of state), would be helpful. Also, how will you monitor the adherence to rules in the community? There have already been larger gatherings in our neighborhood and while social distancing is mostly good, others in the neighborhood are nervous about larger gatherings at neighbors' properties.

I am concerned that Work will reopen but there still will be no schools or camps for the children to attend. Not having proper daycare for my children is extremely stressful when you have the pressure to continue to work and make a living.

I'm more concerned about what will happen with our schools in September than anything else.

This stay at home has been a travesty..initially a worthy attempt for safety but State & National politics has manipulated the public health aspect that has adversely affected our citizens.

I am a biologist that understands epidemics. We can't take the risk of opening prematurely.

I have mixed feelings about this. On the one hand, Massachusetts is a hot spot for the coronavirus, so opening up too soon may cause another, larger spike in the number of cases and deaths. On the other hand, the number of cases per capita is pretty low in the US, and if we don't open up, then there will be even more deaths from poverty, starvation, and general malaise, than there will be from coronavirus. I am in the age group that is somewhat at risk (on the low end), so I'm not ready to give up my life yet. If I were older, I might consider throwing caution to the wind and just living my life, but right now I am in an odd position with a child still living at home.

Keep stressing what works. Masking, hands away from face, physical distancing. Take opening slow and steady, watching for setbacks.

I appreciate and want to encourage people to be respectful of other's health by encouraging mask wearing.

I am 73 and absolutely can take care of myself, I have the support of my family if I need anything. For those vulnerable and not able to provide for themselves there should be help for them...saying that it's not up to those young and healthy to stop living and providing for themselves and families...the children are suffering they need to regain friendships and school, camps and sports....open this state up safely and let's begin living again

When are the town buildings going to open up? I miss the library and working on the Senior Tax Work Program.

I hope wearing a mask requirements will continue after transitioning out of the stay-at-home order. I won't feel comfortable going out to indoor places if social distancing and wearing a mask requirement is no longer in place.

It would be good to have a National test-trace-isolate plan in place

WE ARE LIVING THROUGH THE GREATEST OVERREACTION IN HISTORY. THE OLD AND SICK NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL. THE OTHER 98% OF PEOPLE WILL BE FINE. TRUST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM, NOT THE GOVERNMENT AND NOT BIG PHARMA. THE NEEDS OF THE MANY OUTWEIGH THE NEEDS OF THE FEW. OPEN UP THE ECONOMY. LET PEOPLE DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES.

Is testing readily available in Sudbury?

Nervous as I am Asian and there have been too many anti-Asian incidents. Also, the fact that wearing a mask has become a political statement makes me very angry. There are so many selfish people who refuse to think of others and won't follow rules.

Take all the time, the science indicates, we should do to open up.

As soon as possible!

Town depends on income from Camp Sewataro. Need to reconsider what to do since tax hike not option IMHO. Need to determine whether school buses should be used for schools in fall. They seem too enclosed.

In addition to the financial and economic downfall, I have considerable concerns about the social and emotional impacts of the stay-at-home order. I feel we have no choice but to start moving forward and finding some normalcy, even if we don't feel entirely safe yet. The phased approach makes sense.

I am 83. I feel for the pain of others who are so affected financially. I miss social contact, even with Local retailers. But I'm still very fearful for my health. First things first.

Go slowly

If another wave does occur, will the full stay-at-home order be restored or will we back out a phase and what metrics will be used to decide if accurate testing is still not widely available.

Media needs to stop fear mongering and present statistics.e... about 98% people recover..Compromised people should be carefull anyway

Need to be sure we can identify any flare ups, trace, and quarantine. Hope there will still be senior hours at grocery stores, etc.

People will not take the threat seriously

I have not heard information concerning whether or not our first responders and medical practitioners now have access to all of the PPE that is needed when needed. Not having that available at the beginning of this was a complete and utter disgrace and a failure of this inept federal leadership.

I worry that things will open too quickly, that not enough people will follow safety protocols, and the downward trend that we are seeing now will be reversed. I understand that the economic impact is very hard on many people. However, extreme care needs to be taken at every step of reopening.

Please base local decisions on the most current science, move slowly. As a Contact Tracer for Partners in Health, I am seeing the spread amid less than careful contacts.

Opening up too early is irresponsible. I don't believe we have reached the point where anything other than continued isolation and lockdown is possible without further loss of human life. We are still testing too small a percent of the population. I would like to see a significant rampup of testing, together with a significant decrease of new daily confirmed cases, and we are definitely not there yet.

Let's not rush. We see what is happening in states that are opening up too fast/too early.

People are not following rules. There will be many waves of the infections ahead.

Slower is better. Everyone coming into stay for more than 3 days MUST quarantine. Dump rump chump Trump!

I'm afraid the state will still not get enough testing and PPE for health car workers!

Ongoing shortage of hand sanitizer and rubbing alcohol.

Humans on average are extremely poor at recognizing delayed consequences, even when death is involved. Therefore the town's decisions should be more conservative than the desires expressed by the averages in this poll.

Outdoor exercising individually should be allowed with out a mask. Running, biking etc.

I'm worried about unclear guidelines open to interpretation ("limited playdates" meaning...few in number? With only a few kids? What is few? What can they do?) I'm really worried personally about my kids having to go back out into the world and bring the virus back home. With 4 kids w varying issues and myself w some issues, I worry a ton about that. I don't want to have to expose them until there's a treatment/vaccine but I don't want to have to unenroll/be an outsider to do it

I do not think re-entry into normal life should be too fast. Another round of this virus could occur rapidly.

I am a senior citizen. I prefer the special shopping hours for seniors, and other at risk groups, to remain in affect until there is a vaccine.

We need to hold Town Meeting soon! Please do it via ZOOM

Help get kids some sense of normalcy: school, sports teams, etc.

Declaring it safe because of economic and political pressure is dangerous for all.

Reopen with reasonable and rationale measures. Don't feel on the media. We can't let a virus tell us how to live.

People coughing worry me

We need to be very cautious, watch statistics, watch out for one another to keep everyone safe.

Open up everything. Test and quarantine the elderly centers

How are we going to enforce masks in stores and public areas? People who decide to not wear a mask endangers my family. As we reopen, it seems like the reopening process has a 3 week assessment period. Don't think that is enough time to get a proper assessment.

Outdoor venues should open! Parks, pools, fields, etc.

No

What are the plans for when the virus spikes and at least some of us realize that things are moving way too fast?

We need to responsibly open. My biggest concern is making sure that kids have childcare/camp. I'm very concerned with peoples mental health as that seems to be deteriorating as the stay home orders extend.

Educate, de-stigmatize and encourage/enforce proper mask use. (Snug to face-covers nose)

This is obviously a tough situation. I'm concerned about the virus infecting more people, but also concerned about the repercussions to the economy with forcing businesses to be closed (and trickle-down effects of poverty, crime, inflation-related price increases, tax increases, etc.). At some point, we will have to allow individuals to make their own risk assessments and choices and bear the consequences. It's the principles our country was founded on.

Much too soon to think about reopening. This is all driven by TRUMP not by science. He's got his base riled up and CDC cowering. Not sure the cdc's guidelines haven't been modified or toned down to give false sense that it's ok to be out and about. Suggest Sudbury take it very slow and cautious..

Grocery delivery services are erratic, error prone and time consuming to arrange. There should be stands in place that grocery stores have to meet. There should be penalties in place if these standards are not met.

I know it is not in the towns hands but the most important thing to my family and I believe a big part of Sudbury is getting the schools back. Without schools, the majority of the economy doesn't function

Many people are walking in public on sidewalks without masks. Earlier today a woman and her young daughter passed by me and a store owner outside his shop. I was parked in my car while he was on the sidewalk. The little girl asked, "Mommy why are those men wearing masks?" Her mother replied, "oh, some people like to where them.," as she passed by two feet from the shopkeeper.

The last question asked about bus/shuttle service and thankfully I don't have the make that decision as we think about this reopening we need to take care of our entire community not just the privileged and affluent. We also need to encourage a sense of community and social responsibility to people follow the rules and ensure as successful a transition as possible

Follow the science. Get creative about schooling in the fall so the kids don't lose too much. Advocate for state and local aid from the federal government so we don't have to lose our town staff from any cost center.

Many residents are currently out on the sidewalks without masks and not maintaining social distancing. Bikes on the sidewalks in particular come at a pedestrian quickly and without warning. Wonder if there is a way to enforce the distancing outdoors?

This virus is deadly & needs to be taken seriously. We cannot "go back to normal" until there is an effective treatment or vaccine.

I think there is a lot of contradictory and quickly changing information that has led people in this community to adopt widely varying social distancing practices, or none at all. The masking requirement to enter businesses/buildings got everyone on the same page in one regard. Similarly clear and concrete guidance for mask-wearing in public, multi-household gatherings, etc would be extremely helpful.

I'm concerned about being able to safely help those in need (volunteering at the furniture bank, food pantry, free clinic, etc.) Also I'm frustrated by those that don't really follow the recommendations for safety in public.

The governor cannot succeed by himself, and the governor cannot succeed without everyone seriously playing his and her role! Everyone has a role to play!

Keep spacing and limit number of people inside restaurants and stores. REQUIRE outdoor seating options at Restaurants if at all possible. Even if on a sidewalk

If you are uncomfortable going out, stay at home. However, people have the right to go outside, socialize with others, and re open their businesses that they have worked hard to build. We should not sacrifice our liberties for a temporary sense of security.

Concerned about politicalization of efforts to sensibly and intelligently pursue a solution to this crisis.

I'm the last question, Personal care included doctors/dentist and also hair/nails. I would feel comfortable going to doctors/dentist with mask but not getting hair/nails done even with mask.

Don't focus on surrounding towns, each town is a unique entity and has its own challenges to address; please do what's best for the residents of Sudbury. I worry about people becoming less compliant with mask wearing and social distancing as time goes on and a malaise sets in. The latest trend appears to be wearing a mask, but not covering ones nose. Additionally, I don't know how we enforce these protective measures to the public. In the past week I've seen a gentleman yelling at another person for not wearing a mask and in a separate scenario a couple arguing with a grocery store clerk that wouldn't permit them to enter without masks.

Avoid economic devastation!!

Camp Sawataro = " SUDBURY FOLLY"

town should work to make additional open air spaces a available for retail and recreational activities eg parking lot behind Salem 5

thank you for doing this - may we be careful for each other

Salons opened too soon

Make it clear and simple. Focus on the positive ways people can be safe and support the town.

I personally think that anybody breaking this rule should be fined. That anyone caught not social distancing and not wearing a mask should be fined. And I know this is touchy especially kids. If kids were caught drinking in a house and someone got hurt in that house those parents would be held accountable. I think the parents of the kids running around town without social distancing and without masks they should be held accountable and they should be fined maybe then they'll keep tabs on their own kids. I don't know why it's so difficult. I know it's tough I used to be a teenager but the thought of my son running around town and potentially infecting and hurting other people I don't think it's worth it.

Would like more extensive and reliable antibody testing.

Please tell the kids to stay home don't go over to friends house ASAP

This threat will not go away until mid 2021 and those acting like there is no further threat have only look to the states that just reopened prematurely and their soaring caseloads

sorry, no good answers. Good luck!

I think it is extremely important that we let retail and restaurants open immediately. The implications of these lockdowns are devastating. Retail should be able to open using the same protocols as supermarkets and liquor stores. It makes no sense that we can go to a liquor store but cannot go to TJ Max to buy clothes. I hope the town of Sudbury has a plan in place to allow the great small businesses in our Community to open up. There is a way to achieve all of this responsibly while continuing to lower the spread of Covid 19

compliance

I'm healthy and have the utmost faith in my immune system. If I'm sick, I will stay home.

Testing, testing, testing. When can Sudbury get such a facility?

Until there is a vaccine, and it is generally available, there will be multiple waves of this pandemic, just as there have always been historically. "Opening up" is a dangerous activity, and should only be done minimally until that time. Our government has the ability to provide support for people who lose income because of this. It should do so. That's the humane and just thing to do.

Until public health authorities say that the virus has been controlled sufficiently that contact tracing and quarantine can contain future outbreaks, we must be cautious about weakening existing restrictions.

No assessments or overrides to cover town deficits. Ample money was saved from unused school expenses. Crushing, incremental property taxes will further decrease property values.

All evidence shows that kids are not a disease vector and the economy cannot reopen successfully without child care options. Camps, day cares, local clubs/pools are going to be important to get open as soon as possible. Otherwise, keeping mask orders in places where everyone needs to go makes complete sense. We should allow for responsible citizens to behave responsibly in places that are optional to visit and private residences.

If we want to really open up, we need fast reliable testing. Can the town offer that somehow? Maybe people could get tested once a week and get a "receipt" saying they tested negative, which would allow them to go to workplaces and stores, e.g.

Would like Sudbury to look at outdoor eating options for restaurants , like other towns.

Data from across the US is already indicating that reopening is driving new peaks in other states. Many people seem to not care about this. I am very concerned about this and the ramifications of opening businesses in a way that encourages people to move too quickly to pre-covid behavior...I already saw examples of this over Memorial Day weekend.

HVAC systems are not designed to filter out viruses - and this one is primarily airborne - so as the weather gets warmer it will become more dangerous indoors

Take it slow and keep activities outside. Let restaurants open their patios with online pre ordering.

The reaction to the virus is much more concerning than the virus. We should not have shut down and we should not still be shut down.

We should do what makes the most sense based entirely on the science facts

This is a very heavy decision which weighs on the shoulders of local leadership. For those of us who believe in God and that he loves us. Remember our National Motto, "In God We Trust". It has served us well. As you gather the scientific facts and data about Coronavirus in our area. Please include him in your decision making. Before a meeting have a prayer for wisdom and God will grant it. You will feel good about your decision if he affirms it. You won't if he doesn't. Ask a local religious leader to attend to give a prayer if those in the meeting don't feel comfortable. Or ask the community to help through personal prayer at home. Have courage all will be well. Personally my family will be praying for local leadership.

The quicker the better

Health/safety and the economy are intertwined - one impacts the other. If we are responsible in the short term about not taking unnecessary risks and respecting the severity of the situation, the long term of recovery of the economy will be better. If we give way to pressure and exhaustion, open up too soon, too fast, not only do we run the risk of putting the health and lives in danger, but the disruption to the economy will be worse and longer. It's just like any other natural disaster (e.g. hurricanes, floods, tornados), it's happened whether we wanted it to or not. The damage has been done and we can't fully undo that

damage (e.g. the lives already lost, the lost instructional time with students, the hours of business). We can focus on how to mitigate it and provide better support to those who need it during closure (eg the restaurant takeout allowance was a great idea; perhaps community support to help business build up their websites and online retail? help with at home wifi?)

Testing needs to be more widely available.

The Health Department report of new cases in Sudbury was very important information for residents to know what is happening in our community. This info also assists in allowing people to know if it is safe to be out and about. Otherwise, people will think all is fine. The decision to discontinue should have been a Flash Survey too. Not a good decision.

Living with an immunocompromised person greatly increases my concerns about the transition. The more people are out, the more we may see asymptomatic people out and spreading the illness, and the more people with other health concerns/immunocompromised issues are at risk.

Life itself is fraught with risks....riding in a car, crossing the street to name a few, we need to be careful but not fearful.

Lack of enforcing social distancing and not wearing masks!

PLEASE wait as long as possible for things to reopen, I understand people are eager to get out of the house but don't understand the impact of what can potentially happen if we open things back up

The town has been slow to act. ONLY on May 4 (some 7 weeks into lockdown) did they issue an order to wear masks inside businesses - huh? Why were we so slow to act? The lack of "tone from the top" or enforcement has contributed to kids in neighborhoods being out playing together - no masks, no distancing. When I go for walks I am the ONLY person I see even carrying a mask. Runners and bikers have no regard for being too close to others, and without masks on. We have sacrificed so much and all of it is at risk because people are unwilling, too ignorant or too selfish to comply. It is a perfect opportunity for government to step up for all. Couple this with the deficient remote learning (for which Crozier and SPS has not been held accountable), I am concerned about future waves of the virus and our children continuing to get a lower quality education because we will again be forced into lockdown due to virus spread.

As we do open up our businesses I would suggest that the businesses require wearing a mask if you are inside a building. If you're going to be outdoors I wouldn't require a mask it but I would keep some distance apart. I want to see us all get back to normal as soon as possible. I am only suggesting these precautions as a temporary measure until we have a better understanding of where we're at with this virus.

I am immensely concerned about the effects of this stay-at-home lifestyle on our mental health. We can balance the comfort levels of those who prefer to stay home with those who feel ready to interact. Our community survival and economy depend on it.

I am concerned with the people not listening to how to avoid the virus! The moron in the white house should be wearing a mask.

You seem to have ignored care for the Elders and people with prior conditions. Also the general concern by the medical community of the effects of isolation seemed to be ignored. This doesn't seem to even touch on issues with schools or church, or camps ( really day care issues). I am concerned your work is too superficial.

citizens need to take responsibility to minimize exposure if they are high risk - over 65, underlying health conditions. Thi will allow others to get about essential business while taking safety precautions such as wear masks, wash hands and keep physical distance. Outdoor activity needs to be made more available, outdoor seating for restaurants, parks, exercising.

Based on what we saw around the country on Memorial Day, we MUST NOT ASSUME that people will ACTUALLY OBEY the phased transition. We must not ask, "When is it safe to enact Phase 2?" The proper question is, "When is it safe to announce Phase 2 knowing that a large percentage of people will go out and be tempted to disregard Phase 2 restrictions?"

Please don't open up too quickly and Make the focus the health and well being of the population the most important factor. Plan for the long term being this way and not just for the next 3 months.

We have put so much emphasis on public health, but I think it's time to equally balance the needs of the economy-employment, small business ownership. These are just as important to the overall health of our community.

How we are safely going back to schools. Very concerned about young kids sharing germs and bringing the germs back to their families.

It is critical that everyone follows the rules - citizens, store owners, store staff, etc. Nothing is more frustrating AND risky to our health than having signs, taped indicators for distancing, rules, etc. that are not followed at a store, the post office, etc.

Need Convenient And widespread testing for covid and antibodies

Very concerned about people letting our guard down and large gatherings of people going unchecked...thus the second wave is upon us.

If cases shoot up and more outbreaks occur, we need to shut things back down.

allow restaurants and stores the ability to spill out to the side walk ..so much more comfortable if outside . Allow small business to open...target, walmart, home depot job lot - all open ...how is a small business with a few people in it with mask on more risky than that...it is inequitable to small business owners

Please urge people to be respectful of other people's fears and wear a mask if it puts others at ease. Wear a mask indoors. Restaurants are tricky because you can't eat with a mask.

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