As of our last update, the country was beginning to loosen Coronavirus-related restrictions on businesses and public gatherings. Unfortunately, virus surges in several areas have forced officials to reverse some of these decisions and with Fall fast approaching, an increasing amount of attention is being paid to formal government policy on school openings and what, if any, additional Federal safety regulations will be in place should that happen.

Highlights are below, and additional topline data can be found [here](#).

81% of US adults believe that the outbreak will continue for at least another month -- a figure that has remained consistent since early April.

- Agreement is positively correlated with educational attainment: 63% of advanced degree holders ‘strongly agree’ compared to about half of those with a high school education or less
- White adults (84%) are 12% more likely to indicate at least some agreement compared to non-white adults

Despite a strong Federal government push to gain support for opening schools as early as next month, nearly three in four are in support of policies keeping them closed.

- While 2016 Trump voters were 10% less likely to support school closures, levels of support among this group still remain high (nearly two thirds)
- Older adults are more supportive of school closures than younger Americans -- 52% aged 35+ strongly agree, compared to 34% of those under 35
Interestingly, response differences between those with and without children were not significant.

Approximately 40% of adults experienced at least one COVID-19 symptom (e.g. coughing, fever, chills, sore throat, muscle pain, shortness of breath) in the past month, and 14% report three or more. However, less than a third of those reporting symptoms have sought coronavirus testing.

When comparing test attempt rate by symptom count, we see surprisingly low variation -- 27% of those with one symptom reported trying, compared to 36% of adults with 4+

Of those who chose not to seek testing, almost half simply cited not thinking it was necessary as the reason, followed by not wanting to get sick / others sick (8%) and not knowing where to get tested (7%)

To track how consumer opinions and behaviors change, Civis will be conducting weekly research. Subscribe to receive updates as they’re available in your inbox here. If you have questions about the research or want to request further analyses, please fill out the form below.

**Methodology**

Survey data was collected weekly between 7/01 and 7/13, 2020 and includes approx. 2,000 responses from U.S. adults age 18+ each week. Results have been weighted to be representative of the U.S. population.