



SAMPLE SURVEY QUESTIONS

This document is part of the overview material for the COVID-19 Student Survey (CSS) and includes some questions students will be asked on the survey.

A few sample questions are listed below. Student responses are completely anonymous. If you want more information about the questions asked on the survey, email; contact@csswashington.org

Some questions on the CSS will ask students about potentially sensitive topics. While we cannot anticipate how a student will react to a specific question, we are aware that questions regarding the following topics may be considered sensitive:

- Depression, Anxiety, Suicidal Ideation
- Gender Identity
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Orientation
- Substance Use

Students are not required to answer all questions and can skip over these and other questions if they do not feel comfortable answering them. Gathering information on these topics from students specifically, will help schools and communities get a better understanding of the needs of the students and how to better serve them.

Students will be provided with this introduction to the COVID-19 Student Survey (CSS):

This past year has been an unusual one given that the COVID-19 pandemic has affected where and how you learn. It may have affected you in other ways too.

You are being asked to take part in this survey so that your school and community can learn more about how students have been doing during this time. You will be asked for your opinions. There are no right or wrong answers, your school and community are interested in how you feel.

Your school and community will use the information from this survey to help plan for the future.

Your answers to these questions are **completely anonymous**. This means that your answers will not include your name or any other information that can identify you.

Your participation in this survey is **completely voluntary**. This means that you do not have to participate. It also means that you can skip any questions or stop at any time. This survey will not affect your grades in any way.

This survey asks personal questions that may be considered sensitive or uncomfortable. Again, you can skip any questions that you don't want to answer. There will not be any penalty for not answering questions.

Other students have taken similar surveys and have said that it was interesting and we hope you think so too. Your opinion is valued and appreciated.

Thank you for sharing your voice.

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Questions were compiled, reviewed, and ultimately selected by collaborators from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Health Care Authority (HCA), and the research team at the University of Washington (UW).

Below are the areas we will be collecting information from students about. A few example/sample questions are listed as well.

Topics	Sample Questions
Demographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade, • Race/Ethnicity • Gender Identity • Sexual Orientation 	How do you currently identify yourself? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male • Female • Transgender • Questioning/not sure of gender identity • Something else fits better • I do not know what this question is asking • I prefer not to answer
	Which of the following best describes you? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heterosexual (straight) • Gay • Lesbian • Bisexual • Questioning/not sure • Something else fits better • I do not know what this question is asking • I prefer not to answer
COVID-19 related, worries, behaviors and intentions	How much are you worried right now about the following things as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic? (answers range from "not at all worried" to "extremely worried") <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting sick with COVID-19

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeling alone or lonely • Falling behind in your schooling or learning
	<p>When your school goes back to being in-person (if it isn't already) (answers range from NO! to YES!)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would you tell your teacher or parent/guardian if you felt sick? • Would you go to school if you knew another student had or probably had COVID-19? • Would you take summer classes to catch-up on learning that was missed during the COVID-19 pandemic? • Would you take extra classes during the school year to catch-up on learning that was missed during the COVID-19 pandemic?
Experiences with bullying over the past year	<p>When school is online do you feel safer from bullying than when school is in-person?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • I am not sure
Hope and Support	<p>Are there adults you can turn to for help or support if needed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • I am not sure
<p>Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anxiety/Depression • Suicidal ideations 	<p>During the past 12 months, have you felt depressed or sad MOST days, even if you felt OK sometimes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO! • No • Yes • YES!
	<p>During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No
Physical Activity and Screen time	<p>Compared to LAST school year, how much physical activity/exercises do you do THIS school year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot less • A little bit less • About the same

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A little bit more• A lot more
School experiences, successes, and challenges over the past year	<p>How much do you agree with the following statement? It has been harder to do schoolwork this year than it was last school year, before the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strongly agree• Agree• Not sure• Disagree• Strongly disagree
Substance use (e.g., alcohol, vaping, marijuana)	<p>During the past 30 days, on how many days did you, use an electronic cigarette, also called e-cigs, JUUL, or vape pens? (answers range from 0 (I have never used an electronic nicotine/tobacco device) or (I have not used one in the last 30 days) to All 30 days.</p>