Geauga Public Health
June 2020
Community Input Survey Results Report

This report is based on community input collected from people who conduct business in Geauga County.
The Intent of the Survey Report

Governor DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Husted have repeatedly stated that success of the re-opening of businesses in Ohio will depend largely on how safe the public feels as they venture back out into the business community. It is our hope and goal that the transition is a successful one. It is our intent to share the observations of the public and how those observations made them feel about their safety and then how that would shape their choices moving forward. Those in the business community who read this report might then get some evidence, as informal as it may be, to help guide their decisions on how they address those safety concerns. Again, the goal is to support a successful transition.

Methodology

The survey tool is a SurveyMonkey self-reported instrument. The link was made available via the Geauga Public Health social media. This is a non-scientific polling of the public who chose to participate to provide some insight, however informal, as to what they are seeing and how it might shape their own behaviors regarding efforts to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Who Responded to the Survey?

There were 43 survey responses recorded in June 2020. One third were from Bainbridge Township, 19% were from Middlefield (including the Township and Village), and 16% were from Chardon (including the Township and City).
The majority of responses were about observations made in Grocery Stores (47%) and Retail Stores (14%). Gas stations comprised 6% of the responses. Nearly one quarter of the responses were recorded as “other”. The category of Restaurants and Bars has been added to the survey as these have also re-opened.

### Distribution of Environments

![Distribution of Environments](image)

### Grocery Stores

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Public Disease Prevention Strategies

We asked the respondents to please indicate what strategies they are implementing to reduce the spread.

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<td>I wash my hands frequently</td>
<td>98%</td>
<td>95%</td>
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<td>I stay on my own property except for essential trips out</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>I keep a social distance of 6 feet as much as possible</td>
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<td>I wear a mask when I go into buildings where others are</td>
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<td>I stay home from work when I am ill.</td>
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We hope this information provides some value to those who read it. It is always our intent to help facilitate the development of both a healthy population and a thriving economy. We hope this helps business owners and managers make decisions that will keep both employees and customers safe. As always, let us know how we can help.