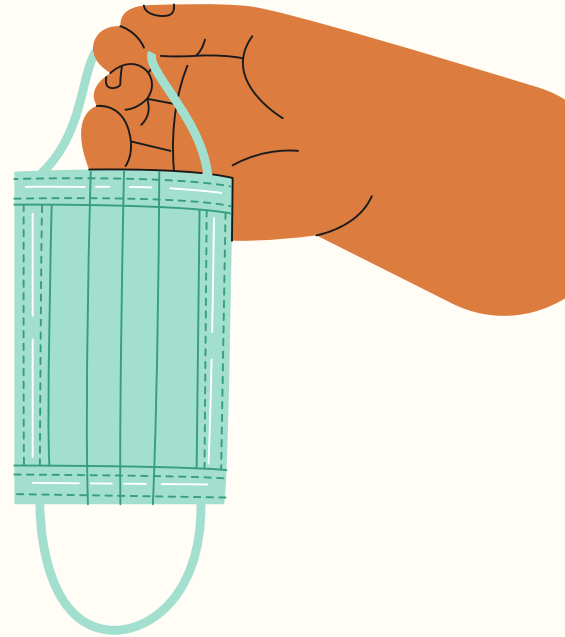


# COVID-19 YOUTH SURVEY 2020



## WHAT

The idea for a survey all started when a virtual gathering of nearly 40 people representing 18 youth-focused and youth-led organizations and groups were discussing the impact of COVID-19 on young people. We decided to co-create a survey to find out more about this, and several Oregon, youth centered organizations shared it out with their base. Responses were collected over the course of 4 weeks from May to July 2020. Organizations that received responses to the survey include APANO, Multnomah Youth Commission, Blueprint Foundation, YEJA, Next Up, Passion Impact, SEI, Lents Youth Initiative (ROSE CDC), and a PSU cultural resource center.

## WHY

To find out how young people, especially BIPOC youth, are being affected by COVID-19 and to connect them with resources based on impacts and needs they reported; to share the information out with the community to inform how we do our work; to have some hard numbers behind policy advocacy that youth organizations are engaged in related to COVID-19.

## FOR WHO

Anyone can use this information! Specifically created for by and for young people, youth centered organizations, and government to use as a resource and inform their work during the COVID crisis.

Contact [info@nextuporegon.org](mailto:info@nextuporegon.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

## CREATED BY

Thank you to the collaboration of many Oregon youth centered organizations in making this survey a reality.



# RESPONSE

41

YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY

31 FEMALE  
9 MALE  
2 NON-BINARY

25% ARE LGBTQIAP+  
25% ARE LOW-INCOME

28% ASIAN  
28% WHITE  
22% BLACK  
10% INDIGENOUS  
6% OTHER  
6% NO RESPONSE

17 IS THE MEAN AGE  
13 IS THE YOUNGEST  
28 IS THE OLDEST

## IMPACT OF COVID-19

54%

REPORTED STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH

39%

REPORTED A DECREASE IN INCOME

22% TECHNOLOGY DIFFICULTIES

20% FOOD INSECURITY

15% LOSS OF JOB

27%

EXPERIENCED RACISM OR XENOPHOBIA RELATED TO COVID-19

24%

TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES (NEARLY A QUARTER)

15% HEALTH CARE

7% HOUSING INSECURITY

GETTING COVID-19: 2.4%  
LOSS OF CHILDCARE: 2.4%

## TOP 3 CONCERNS DURING COVID-19

68% OF SURVEY TAKERS REPORTED GETTING COVID-19 IS A TOP CONCERN

44% OF SURVEY TAKERS REPORTED SCHOOL IS A TOP CONCERN

37% OF SURVEY TAKERS REPORTED MENTAL HEALTH CARE IS TOP CONCERN

Youth report caregivers having trouble supporting youth with food security, mental health, access to mental healthcare, and school. Additionally, parents who are frontline workers, often can't social distance due to jobs or living situations

# **POLICY**

Based on our findings, we suggest that these policy areas be prioritized in order to address the needs of young people, especially BIPOC youth, during COVID-19.

**1**

**FUNDING AND ACCESS TO  
MENTAL HEALTH  
RESOURCES**

**2**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR  
SUPPLEMENTS FOR DECREASED  
INCOME REGARDLESS OF  
CITIZENSHIP STATUS**

**3**

**ROBUST TECH HARDWARE AND  
INTERNET ACCESS FOR ALL  
STUDENTS**

**4**

**FREE TRANSIT (YOUTH PASS)  
FOR ALL YOUTH UNDER 21**