



Napolitan News Service Survey
of 1,000 Registered Voters
Conducted January 28, 2026

1 How do you rate the way that the U.S. and state governments handled the COVID-19 pandemic?*

7%	Excellent
28%	Good
25%	Fair
35%	Poor
4%	Not sure

Total			
	Excellent/Good	Poor	Net
January 28, 2026	35%	35%	EVEN
July 30-31, 2025	31%	36%	-5
April 30-May 1, 2025	33%	36%	-3
January 30-31, 2025	33%	36%	-3
May 28-29, 2024	43%	27%	+16

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2 Is the worst of the pandemic behind us, or is it still to come?*

51% Behind us
 28% Still to come
 21% Not sure

Total			
	Behind us	Still to come	Net
January 28, 2026	51%	28%	+23
September 10-11, 2025	51%	28%	+23
July 30-31, 2025	56%	25%	+31
April 30-May 1, 2025	56%	29%	+27
January 30-31 2025	56%	26%	+30
May 28-29, 2024	56%	24%	+32
September 11-12, 2023	50%	29%	+21
September 6-7, 2023	51%	27%	+34
July 26-27, 2023	60%	20%	+40
May 24-25, 2023	62%	20%	+42
April 13-14, 2023	60%	16%	+44
February 23-24, 2023	57%	22%	+35
January 24-26, 2023	56%	25%	+31
October 27-29, 2022	51%	22%	+29
September 27-28, 2022	55%	21%	+34
August 23-25, 2022	48%	29%	+19
June 27-29, 2022	50%	25%	+25
April 28-30, 2022	51%	21%	+30

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3 At this point in time, is getting COVID pretty much the same as getting the flu or a bad cold?*

67% Yes
23% No
10% Not sure

Total			
	Yes	No	Net
January 28, 2026	67%	23%	+44
September 10-11, 2025	63%	23%	+40
July 30-31, 2025	65%	25%	+40
April 30-May 1, 2025	64%	25%	+39
January 30-31 2025	63%	25%	+38
September 6-7, 2023	54%	26%	+28
September 27-28, 2022	54%	30%	+24
August 23-25, 2022	48%	29%	+19
June 27-29, 2022	54%	28%	+26

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4 Looking back, did the federal government overreact to the coronavirus pandemic in ways that did more harm than good?*

41% Yes
45% No
13% Not sure

Total			
	Yes	No	Net
January 28, 2026	41%	45%	-4
July 30-31, 2025	44%	47%	-3
April 30-May 1, 2025	42%	47%	-5
January 30-31, 2025	42%	51%	-9
May 24-25, 2023	44%	44%	EVEN
February 23-24, 2023	43%	46%	-3
January 24-26, 2023	42%	43%	-1

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5 Many people claim that COVID continues to have a significant impact today. How serious is the impact of COVID in each of these areas right now?*

Total	
	Very serious
Physical health	33%
Mental health	32%
Education	25%
Social interactions	24%
Family relationships	21%
Religious observance	14%

Source: Napolitan News Service

Physical health

33%	Very serious
35%	Somewhat serious
20%	Not very serious
10%	Not at all serious
2%	Not sure

Mental health

32%	Very serious
33%	Somewhat serious
21%	Not very serious
10%	Not at all serious
4%	Not sure



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Education

25%	Very serious
33%	Somewhat serious
21%	Not very serious
17%	Not at all serious
5%	Not sure

Social interactions

24%	Very serious
35%	Somewhat serious
23%	Not very serious
16%	Not at all serious
2%	Not sure

Family relationships

21%	Very serious
29%	Somewhat serious
26%	Not very serious
20%	Not at all serious
4%	Not sure



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Religious observance

14%	Very serious
21%	Somewhat serious
24%	Not very serious
30%	Not at all serious
11%	Not sure

6 Suppose you had a choice between two candidates. One said that lockdowns and mask mandates were an important tool in stopping COVID and should be reinstated if new cases emerge. The other said that lockdowns and mask mandates did more harm than good and should be avoided in the future. For whom would you vote?*

48%	The one who said lockdowns and mask mandates should be reinstated if new cases emerge
42%	The one who said that lockdowns and mask mandates should be avoided in the future
11%	Not sure

Total			
	Mandates should be reinstated	Mandates should be avoided	Net
January 28, 2026	48%	42%	+6
May 24-25, 2023	49%	39%	+10

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Methodology

This survey of 1,000 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on January 28, 2026. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the nation's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.1 percentage points.

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