

Survey questions

Poll 19 – COVID-19 testing in kids: What concerns parents?

Question 1

How many times has your child been tested for COVID-19? Please answer separately for each child

Open field

Question 2

How distressed was your child during their COVID-19 test? Note if your child has had more than one test, please answer in relation to the FIRST test they had

- a) Not at all distressed
- b) Slightly distressed
- c) Somewhat distressed
- d) Quite distressed
- e) Extremely distressed

Question 3

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement about testing for COVID-19 (coronavirus) in children

Response options: Strongly agree / agree / disagree / strongly disagree / not sure

- a. It's not important to have children tested for COVID-19 because coronavirus is not serious in children
- b. It's hard to know which symptoms mean that my child needs to be tested for COVID-19
- c. If my child has a runny nose or cough it's most likely to be a cold so they probably don't need a COVID-19 test

Question 4

How likely are the following things to stop you from taking your child for a COVID-19 test?

Response options: Very likely / somewhat likely / not at all likely

- a. Concerns about what other people might think if my child tested positive for COVID19 (if the test showed that they had coronavirus)
- b. Concerns that the COVID-19 test would take too long to come back
- c. Concerns that the COVID-19 test might be painful or uncomfortable for my child
- d. Concerns that the COVID-19 test might be stressful for my child
- e. I'm not sure where I would go for a COVID-19 test if my child needed one

- f. Concerns that my child might catch COVID-19 at a health care service if I took them for a COVID-19 test
- g. My partner or I would find it hard to take time off work to take my child for a COVID-19 test
- h. My partner or I may not be able to take time off work to care for my child at home if my child tested positive for COVID-19 (if the test showed that they had coronavirus)
- i. My child would refuse to have a COVID-19 test