The Colorado Coronavirus Survey: Key Findings

In April 2020, the Colorado Health Foundation and Healthier Colorado partnered with Magellan Strategies to conduct a survey of Coloradans on the coronavirus outbreak. The goal was to understand the experiences, concerns and needs of people from across the state as their lives are impacted by a global pandemic. This is what we learned.

Coloradans fear the worst has yet to come.

People of color, people living on low incomes (making $30,000 or less) and women are more likely to say the worst is yet to come.

Coloradans living on low incomes and young people are facing financial hardship.

They report that their financial situation has gotten worse since the coronavirus outbreak.

Most people feel there are significant changes ahead to the way we live, even after the coronavirus outbreak is under control.

A majority of Coloradans don’t think we’ll be going back to “normal.”
The Colorado Coronavirus Survey: Hunger and Food Insecurity

Concerns about hunger and food insecurity emerged clearly in the survey. With increasing numbers of Coloradans struggling to pay for food to a majority worrying about help not being available for those who need it – ensuring that no Coloradan goes hungry must be a priority for our state.

More Coloradans are having difficulty paying for basic necessities like food and utilities.

The people who are struggling to make ends meet went up by 16% after the coronavirus.

- 19% Difficulty before
- 35% Difficulty now

Many Coloradans are worried about paying for food.

People living on low income (making $30,000 or less), Hispanic people and those with disabilities are the most concerned.

- 30% Worried
- 69% Not worried

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Coloradans are concerned for those who are hungry.

More than three-quarters of people are worried that food programs won’t be able to meet the needs of those who can’t afford food.

- 86% People living with disabilities
- 82% Low income
- 81% Black/African American

A majority believe the government should do more to ensure food assistance is available.

Most Coloradans want the government to ensure that their neighbors don’t go hungry.

- 61% All Coloradans
- 75% People living with disabilities
- 74% Black/African American
- 73% Low income
- 70% Hispanic/Latinx

To see the complete results and analysis of the Colorado Coronavirus Opinion Survey, visit ColoradoHealth.org.