

Please Post COVID-19 Household Impact Survey

The Department of Economics and the School of Public Policy of the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and Indiana University are conducting a national study that examines the profound direct and indirect impacts of COVID-19 on households. **They are asking municipalities to post a short survey on municipal websites or social media channels and encourage residents to fill it out, as soon as possible.**

The survey includes questions on several areas: impacts on finances, food security, physical and mental health, as well as the effects that school and daycare disruptions are having on work and family lives. The study aims at informing equitable policy interventions and resilience plans.

This is the link to the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/UMass-socioeconomic-policy-lab>

The survey will take 5 minutes for respondents without children and 8-12 minutes for respondents with children.

At a later date, an additional survey will be sent to municipal leaders which will measure the impact of COVID-19 on municipal operations, businesses, schools, food security and more. A separate survey will be sent to school superintendents. Vaccine distribution will also be addressed.

The results of both surveys will help UMASS develop some real-time policy and procedure recommendations regarding COVID-19 municipal response, as well as some lessons learned.

To learn more:

Link to the [UMASS lab website](#) to learn more about this project.

Link to an [article published by the International City/County Management Association \(ICMA\)](#).

Link to an [article published by the University of Massachusetts News Office](#).

If you have questions you may contact the principal investigator: Marta Vicarelli, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and School of Public Policy at UMASS at mvicarelli@econs.umass.edu.

Thank you for your participation! Stay well and BeSafe,

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