

# COVID-19 Experiences and Impact Survey

Voices of Albertans, May-June 2020

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**Opinions on Public Health  
Actions**

# Key findings



- Most Albertans (65%) feel well protected from contracting COVID-19
- More Albertans (52%) said COVID-19-related restrictions struck a good balance; 41% felt the pace of lifting restrictions struck a good balance

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# Key findings



- Opinions changed on the restrictions during the survey:
  - Increasing numbers of Albertans believed the restrictions should have gone further, and the pace of lifting of restrictions was going too fast.

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# Key findings

A photograph showing a man and a young child from behind, both wearing white face masks. The man is on the left, and the child is on the right. They appear to be outdoors in a bright, sunny environment.

- From June 10 onwards, an increasing proportion of Albertans felt the phased approach was moving too fast
- From June 22 onwards, an increasing proportion of Albertans felt the restrictions didn't go far enough

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# Understanding the perspectives – Restrictions

A photograph showing a man on the left and a child on the right, both wearing white face masks. The man is looking towards the right, and the child is looking towards the left. They are outdoors, with a blurred background of trees and a bright sky.

**Albertans were more likely to say restrictions went too far if they...**

- Feel well-protected from COVID-19
- Have been negatively impacted by restrictions on visiting people in healthcare facilities
- Are under 35 years, and report their mental and physical health to be worse during the pandemic

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A photograph showing a man on the left and a woman on the right, both wearing white face masks. They are outdoors, and the background is slightly blurred, suggesting a public setting. The man is wearing a dark jacket, and the woman is wearing a blue jacket.

# Understanding the perspectives – Restrictions

## Albertans were more likely to say restrictions went too far if they...

- Identify as a man, and are aged 35-54
- Are over 35, and check for news about COVID-19 less frequently than others
- Are over 55, and live in a rural area
- Don't have a chronic condition that may put them at additional risk if they contract COVID-19

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**Albertans were more likely to say restrictions are being lifted too quickly if they...**

- Identify as a woman
- Don't feel well-protected from COVID-19
- Were not negatively affected by restrictions on visiting people in healthcare facilities
- Were well-connected virtually to friends and family

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# Understanding the perspectives – Restrictions

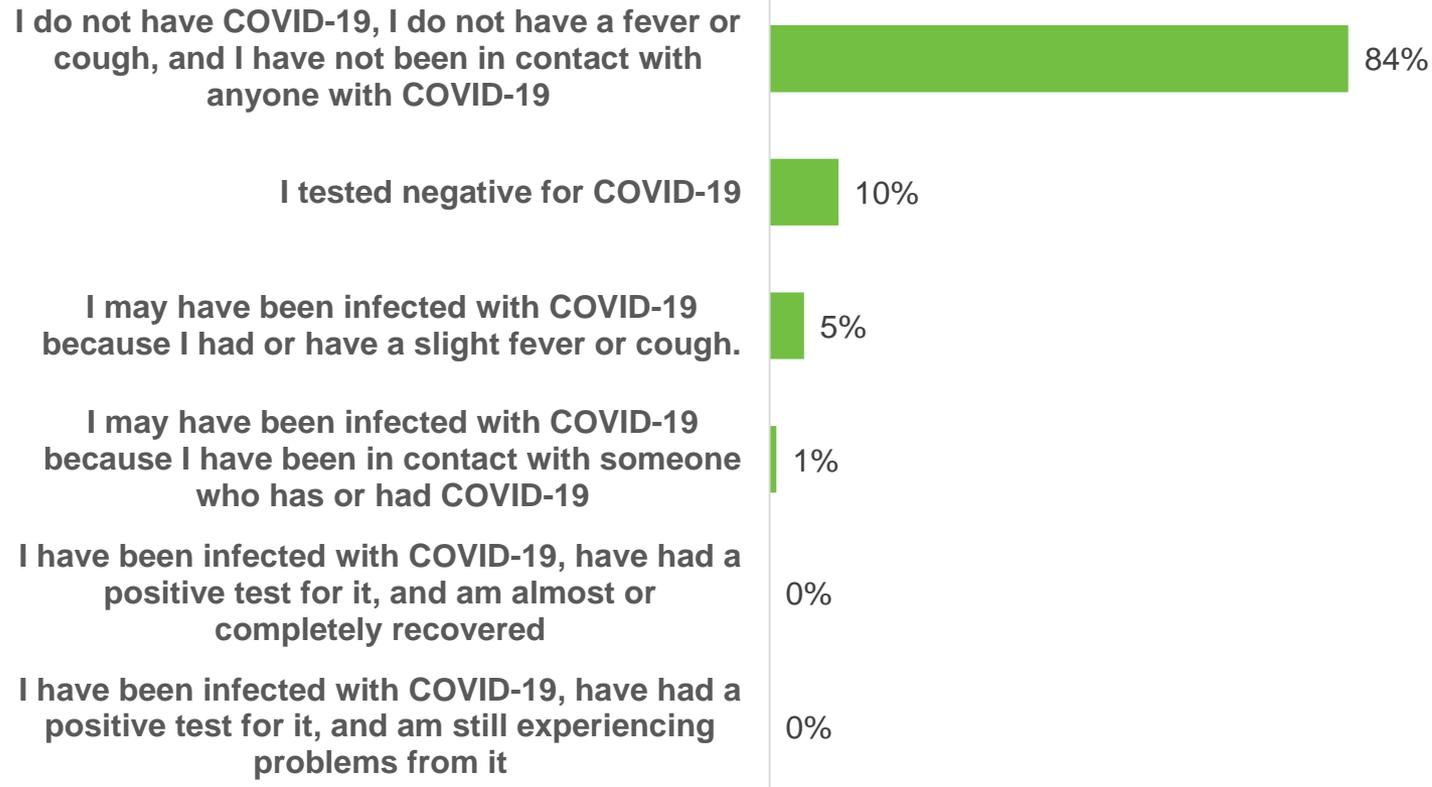
**Albertans were more likely to say restrictions are being lifted too quickly if they...**

- Report having a chronic condition, especially if they are over 35 years
- Check the news about COVID-19 frequently, especially if they are over 35
- Are under 35 and have health problems, *if* those health problems had not become worse during the pandemic

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# **Opinions on Public Health Actions Question Level Results**

# Which of the options below reflects your current situation best?

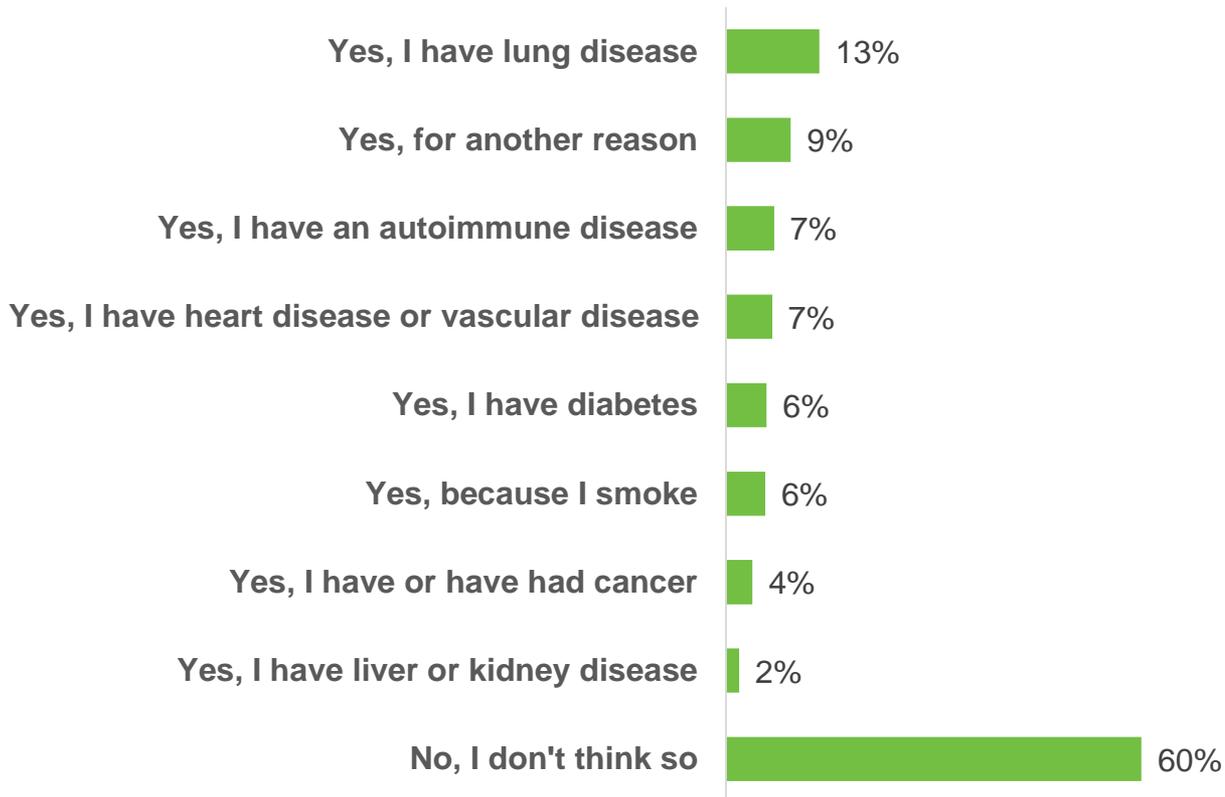


Base: All respondents (N=11,149). Bars represent percentage of respondents.

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# If you were to get COVID-19, do you think you are at extra risk of having severe complications, regardless of your age?

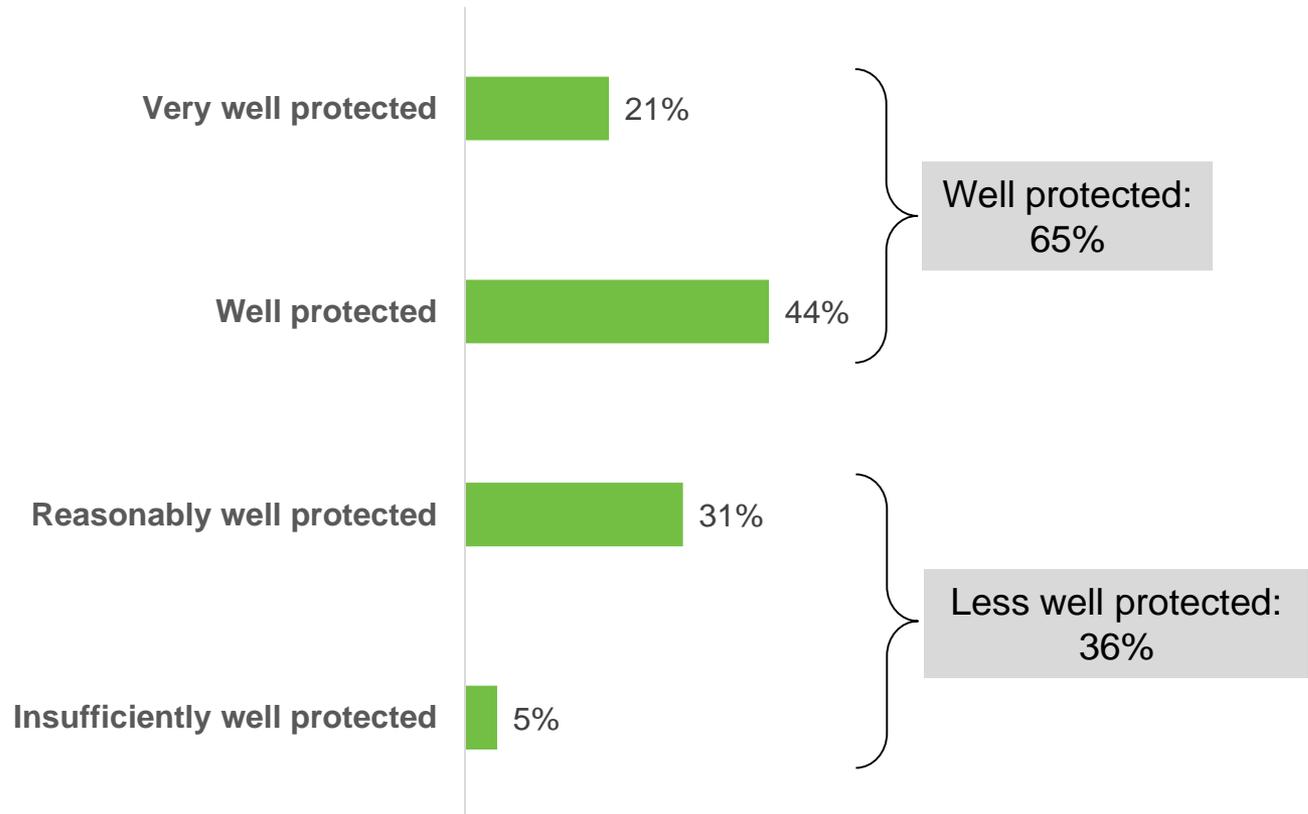


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# To what degree do you feel well protected from being infected by COVID-19?

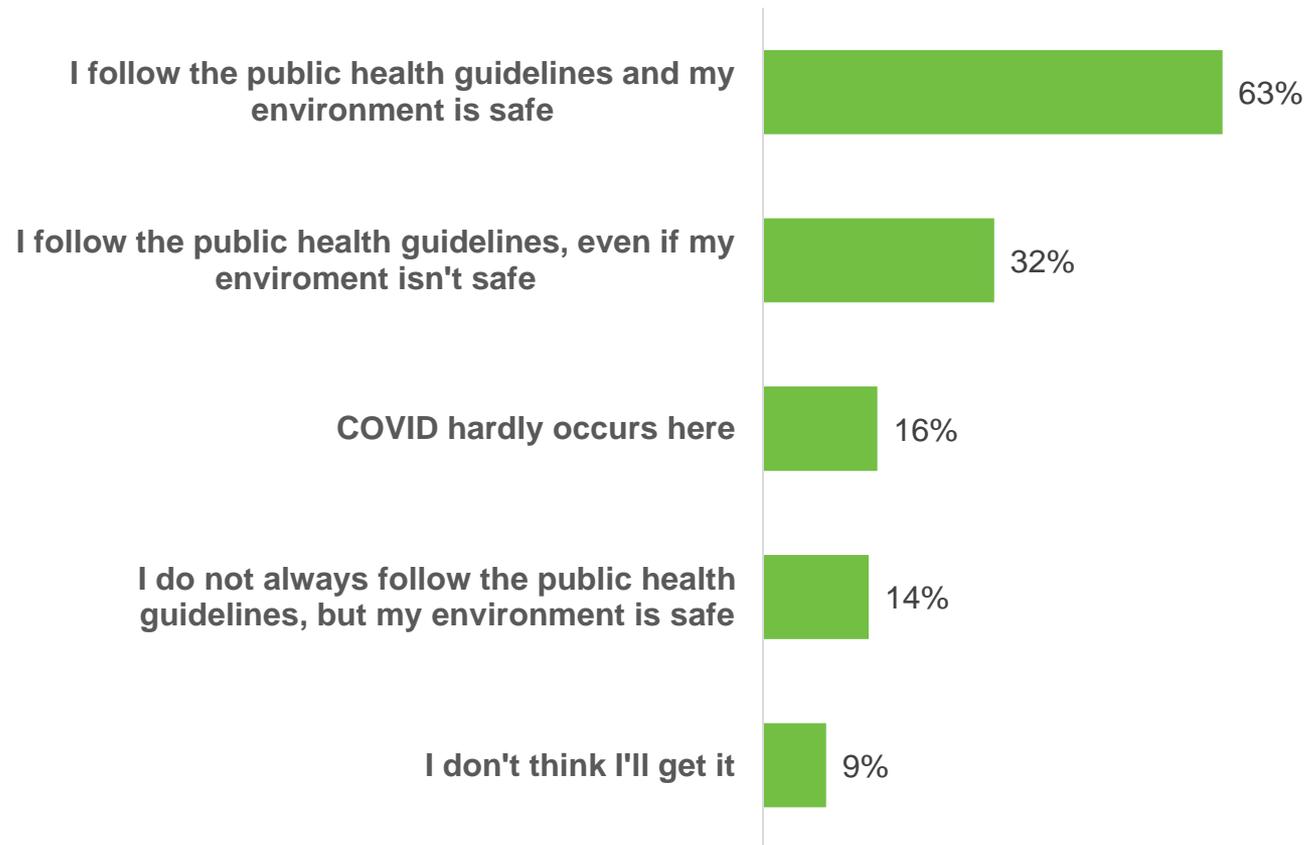


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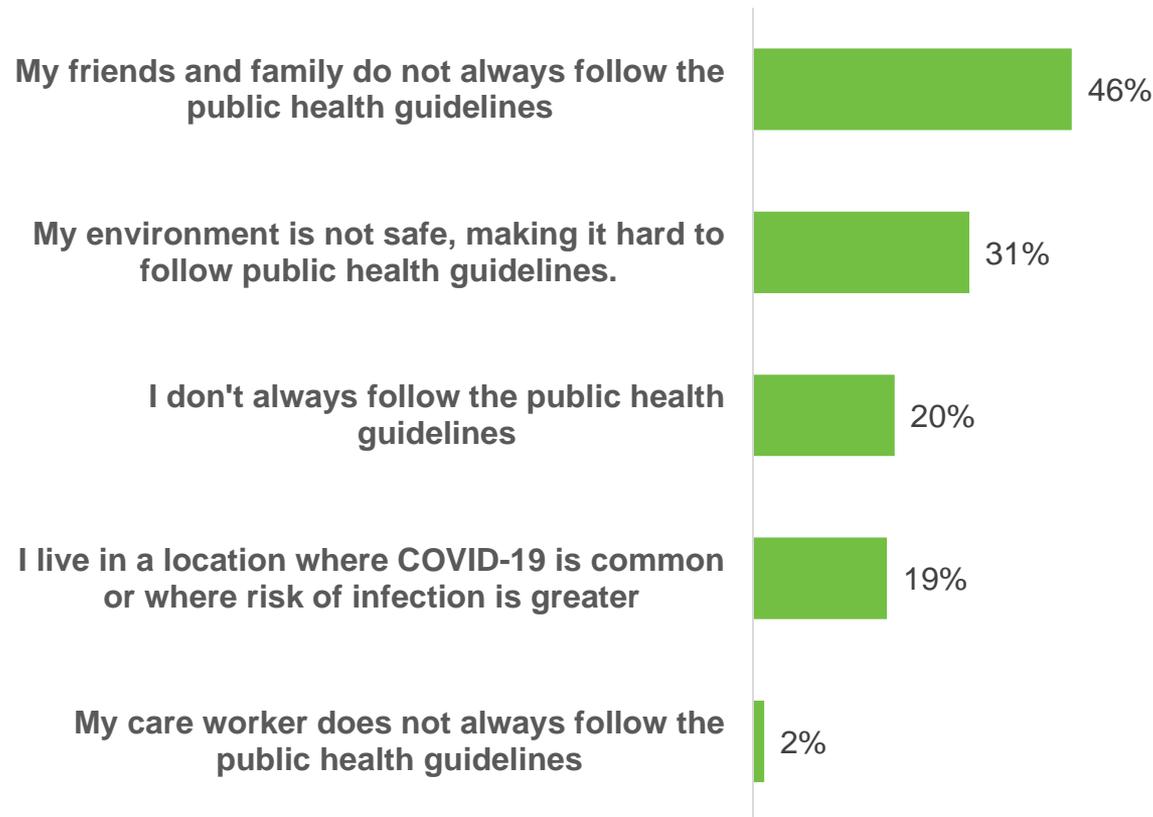
# Why do you feel well protected?



Base: Respondents who said they feel well protected or very well protected (N=7,016). Multiple responses allowed. Bars represent percentage of respondents choosing that response. Totals may not equal 100%.

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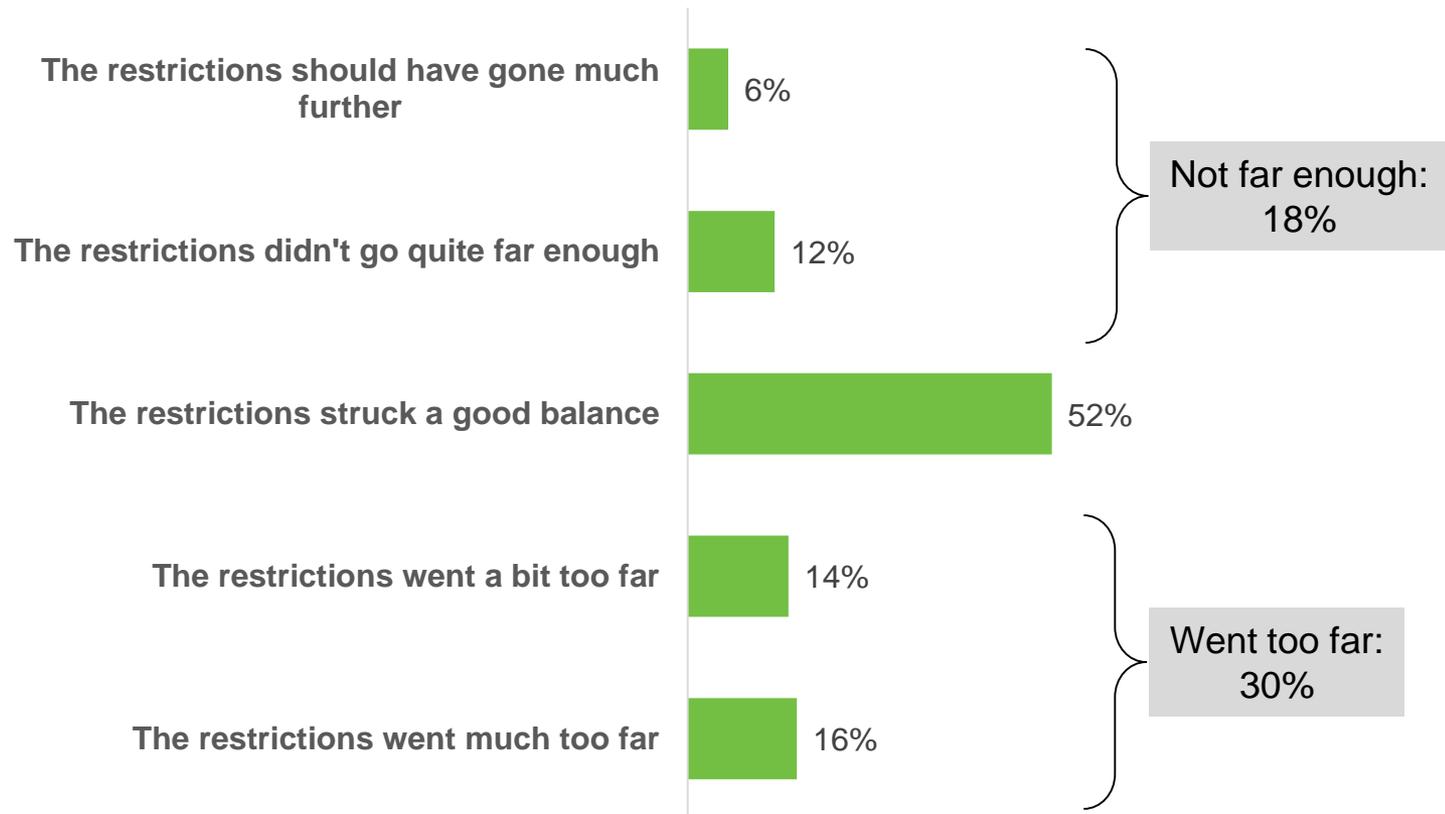
# Why don't you feel well protected?



Base: Respondents who said they feel reasonably well protected or insufficiently well protected (N=4,132). Multiple responses allowed. Bars represent percentage of respondents choosing that response. Totals may not equal 100%.

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# Do you think the restrictions in place prior to May 1, 2020 went too far, not far enough, or struck a good balance?



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# Changing opinions on COVID-19 restrictions: *The restrictions went too far vs. The restrictions didn't go far enough*, five-day rolling average percentage

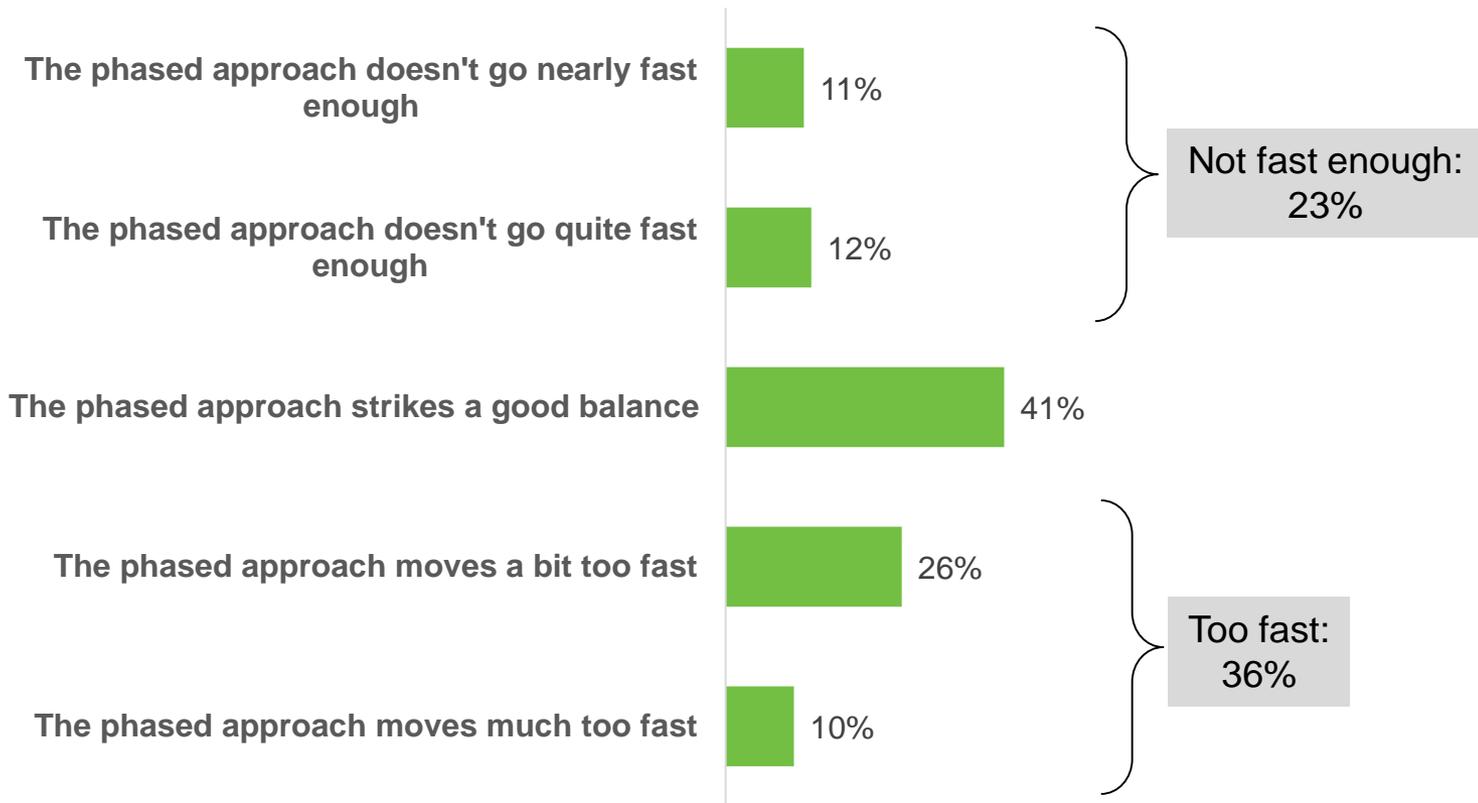


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# To what extent do you feel the phased approach to lifting restrictions moves too quickly, not quickly enough, or strikes a good balance?



Base: All respondents (N=11,180). Bars represent percentage of respondents.

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# Changing opinions on the removal of COVID-19 restrictions: *phased approach moves too fast vs. phased approach doesn't move fast enough, five-day rolling average percentage*



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