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N=603 residents of Massachusetts. Live telephone interviews were conducted March 16-19, 2020 via both landline and cell phone as a part of a tracking survey. The final data were weighted to known and estimated parameters on gender, age, race, county, and education. The margin of sampling error is 4.0 percentage points with a 95 percent level of confidence.

How Serious & for Whom?

		State	West Central	Southeast	Outer Boston	Inner Boston
How closely have you been following news about coronavirus, sometimes called COVID-19?	Very closely	67%	63%	60%	76%	65%
	Somewhat closely	26%	31%	31%	21%	26%
	Not too closely	5%	3%	7%	2%	9%
	Not closely at all	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%
How serious of a threat do you think coronavirus poses to each of the following? People across the state	Very serious	58%	54%	43%	67%	59%
	Somehat Serious	30%	33%	42%	25%	30%
	Not too serious	8%	9%	12%	6%	7%
	Not serious at all	1%	2%	0%	1%	7%
	DK/Ref	2%	2%	3%	2%	7%
How serious of a threat do you think coronavirus poses to each of the following? People in your city or town	Very serious	46%	40%	31%	50%	54%
	Somehat Serious	36%	34%	49%	36%	32%
	Not too serious	13%	19%	15%	10%	9%
	Not serious at all	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
	DK/Ref	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%
How serious of a threat do you think coronavirus poses to each of the following? You personally	Very serious	41%	41%	35%	39%	45%
	Somehat Serious	27%	24%	32%	25%	30%
	Not too serious	21%	22%	18%	25%	16%
	Not serious at all	11%	12%	15%	10%	9%

How serious of a threat do you think coronavirus poses to each of the following? Elderly people	Very serious	87%	86%	80%	90%	88%
	Somehat Serious	9%	8%	17%	8%	8%
	Not too serious	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
	Not serious at all	1%	2%	0%	0	1%
Do you think the threat posed to Massachusetts by coronavirus is getting	More serious	66%	64%	50%	71%	69%
	Less serious	4%	3%	0%	4%	5%
	About the same	28%	31%	41%	25%	24%
	DK/Ref	3%	2%	8%	1%	2%
From everything you understand, how much longer do you think daily life will be disrupted by coronavirus and the precautions being taken to prevent its spread?	Less than 2 weeks	5%	3%	7%	7%	2%
	2 weeks to a month	18%	20%	23%	15%	18%
	1 or 2 months	28%	31%	21%	30%	27%
	2 to 4 months	30%	28%	21%	33%	31%
	More than months	17%	15%	21%	14%	20%
	DK/Ref	3%	4%	7%	1%	2%
At this point, do you think the response to coronavirus in your area has	Gone too far	10%	10%	16%	11%	8%
	Not gone far enough	23%	22%	21%	22%	24%
	Been about right	64%	65%	58%	63%	66%
	DK/Ref	3%	3%	6%	4%	2%
Which of the following best describes how you are approaching the coronavirus situation? Visiting	Not anyone	46%	44%	41%	44%	53%
	Just a few	47%	46%	58%	50%	41%
	Seeing/visiting many	6%	8%	1%	6%	5%

		State	West Central	Southeast	Outer Boston	Boston Inner
Which of the following best describes how you are approaching the coronavirus situation in terms of shopping and visiting stores?	No change	13%	17%	14%	12%	10%
	Somewhat fewer stores	10%	10%	10%	8%	12%
	Stores only if essential	66%	60%	64%	69%	67%
	Not going to stores at all	11%	13%	13%	11%	10%
	DK/Ref	<1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Work?

		State	West Central	Southeast	Outer Boston	Boston Inner
Which one of the following best describes your work situation—employed full time, employed part time, or not currently	Employed full time	53%	48%	49%	57%	55%
	Employed part time	12%	13%	11%	11%	13%
	Not currently employed	34%	38%	41%	32%	32%
	DK/Ref	<1%	2%	0%	0%	0%

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ASK NEXT QUESTION ONLY TO THOSE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED Are you a salaried employee or paid an hourly wage?	Salaried employee	44%	40%	39%	43%	51%
	Paid an hourly wage	49%	48%	50%	60%	43%
	Both, work multiple jobs	4%	8%	0%	4%	4%
	DK/Ref	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%

Behavior?

		State	West Central	Southeast	Outer Boston	Boston Inner
Since the coronavirus crisis began, have you Washed your hands more	Yes	86%	81%	85%	88%	89%
	No	14%	19%	15%	12%	11%
	DK/Ref	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		State	West Central	Southeast	Outer Boston	Boston Inner
Since the coronavirus crisis began, have you Avoided handshakes, hugs, or other physical greetings	Yes	87%	82%	86%	88%	91%
	No	13%	18%	14%	12%	9%
	DK/Ref	0%	1%	0	0	0

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Since the coronavirus crisis began, have you Cleaned common surfaces more than usual	Yes	75%	68%	78%	76%	78%
	No	24%	30%	22%	24%	22%
	DK/Ref	1%	2%	0	1%	0

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Since the coronavirus crisis began, have you Changed how you get around your area	Yes	27%	22%	16%	24%	39%
	No	72%	77%	84%	75%	60%
	DK/Ref	1%	1%	0	1%	1%

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Since the coronavirus crisis began, have you Cancelled major travel plans	Yes	44%	40%	33%	41%	54%
	No	55%	58%	62%	59%	44%
	DK/Ref	2%	2%	5%	0	2%

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Since the coronavirus crisis began, have you Cancelled social plans	Yes	72%	66%	61%	73%	82%
	No	27%	34%	39%	25%	18%
	DK/Ref	1%	0	0	2%	0

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EMPLOYED PEOPLE Worked remotely	Yes	48%	41%	40%	54%	50%
	No	51%	59%	60%	46%	48%
	DK/Ref	1%	0	0	0	2%

Prescriptions?

		State	West Central	Southeast	Outer Boston	Boston Inner
Do you currently take any prescription medications?	Yes I do	53%	56%	54%	55%	47%
	No I do not	47%	43%	45%	45%	53%
	DK/Ref	0%	1%	0	0	0

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If currently take prescriptions. Have you tried to refill your prescriptions early to have more on hand?	Have not tried	79%	76%	94%	80%	74%
	Tried not able to refill	4%	7%	2%	1%	6%
	Tried able to refill	16%	16%	5%	18%	20%
	DK/Ref	1%	1%	0	1%	0

Testing?

		State	West Central	Southeast	Outer Boston	Boston Inner
To the best of your knowledge, are there are enough Coronavirus tests available to test those who should be	Yes enough	17%	18%	15%	17%	17%
	No not enough	69%	61%	76%	68%	72%
	DK/Ref	14%	12%	9%	14%	11%

		State	West Central	Southeast	Outer Boston	Boston Inner
Since the coronavirus crisis began, have you used telemedicine, which is seeing a physician over video or by	Yes I have	8%	7%	5%	9%	9%
	No I have not	91%	91%	95%	91%	90%
	DK/Ref	1%	2%	0	0	1%

Telemedicine

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Before the coronavirus crisis, have you used telemedicine, which is seeing a physician over video or by telephone?	Yes I have	8%	7%	1%	8%	13%
	No I have not	92%	92%	99%	92%	87%
	DK/Ref	8%	1%	0	0	0

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To the best of your knowledge, are tests for coronavirus READ AND ROTATE for people who receive them?	Very expensive	9%	10%	4%	7%	11%
	Somewhat expensive	5%	2%	1%	7%	8%
	Somewhat inexpensive	4%	4%	2%	6%	1%
	Very inexpensive	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%
	Free of charge	42%	38	58	46	35%
	DK/Ref	38%	42%	32%	32%	43%