

COVID-19 SURVEY: SAMPLE OF NURSES

Preliminary results from our COVID-19 survey

The data presented here is from a survey, sent to a sample of members, designed to measure views on a range of COVID-19 matters. Data has been collated from 500 participants (all registered nurses), who completed a 16-item questionnaire.

KEY FINDINGS INCLUDE:

- 77.4% of participants reported that they currently have reasonable access to PPE in their workplace, but 19.6% reported that they did not.
- One third of respondents are dissatisfied with the current Ministry of Health (MoH) PPE guidelines for their setting, as well as the local PPE policies and practices in their workplace.
- However, there is a high level of satisfaction with the response to COVID-19 by the Prime Minister, as well as the Government more generally and that of the MoH.
- Two thirds have confidence in the COVID-19 plans and preparation for their service.
- There is real concern about the ability of the health service to cope in the event of a 'surge of COVID-19 patients'. Only 3.61% are "not at all" concerned.
- Many are concerned about their personal health and safety for occupationally acquired COVID-19 infection. Only 3.80% are "not at all" concerned.

Overall, the survey offers a snapshot of Nurses Society member views. Professional background data was collected from participants. Hence, whilst the survey only involved a relatively small sample of our membership, there is good reason to believe that the findings reflect Society membership as a whole and can probably be generalised to all nurses.

MORE DETAILS:

Responses to the specific questions.

Do you currently have reasonable access to PPE in your workplace?	
Yes	77.40%
No	19.60%

If not, are you reasonably confident that sufficient PPE will be available for you when it is needed and / or in the near future?	
Yes	58.59%
No	36.90%
Are you satisfied with the current Ministry of Health PPE guidelines for your setting / workplace?	
Yes	55.55%
No	40.04%
Are you satisfied with the PPE policies and practices in your workplace?	
Yes	66.06%
No	32.53%
Do you have confidence in the plans and preparations for COVID-19 to date for your service and / or specialty?	
Yes	67.34%
No	30.24%
How would you rate the Ministry of Health response to COVID-19 to date?	
Excellent	33.33%
Satisfactory	55.22%
Unsatisfactory	11.04%
How would you rate the general response by Government to COVID-19?	
Excellent	52.40%
Satisfactory	39.20%
Unsatisfactory	8.20%
How would you rate the general response by the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern to COVID-19?	
Excellent	68.80%
Satisfactory	26.60%
Unsatisfactory	4.20%
Are you worried about the ability of hospital and other health services to cope, if there is a 'surge of COVID-19 patients'?	
Extremely	48.50%
Moderately	35.47%
Somewhat	12.42%
Not at all	3.61%
As a health professional, how worried are you about COVID-19 as a public health issue?	
Extremely	66.40%
Moderately	29.80%
Somewhat	3.40%
Not at all	0.40%
Are you concerned for your personal health and safety in terms of possible occupational exposure to COVID-19?	
Extremely	37.40%
Moderately	37.80%
A little	20.60%
Not at all	3.80%

How would you rate our (NSNZ) response to COVID-19?	
Excellent	59.92%
Satisfactory	38.08%
Unsatisfactory	0.80%

- **Respondents also provided 1253 comments.** These comments are yet to be fully analysed.
- Data was collected over a seven-day period. The responses are able to be analysed cumulatively for that period as well as on a daily basis. The overall findings do not appear to vary on a day-on-day basis.
- The survey used a convenience sample. Convenience samples have significant limitations, but this sample would appear to be representative of our membership. Profile data suggests that the sample spanned a wide cross-section of clinical areas, specialties and all parts of the health sector. 46.49% of respondents work in DHBs.
- 500 members completed the questionnaire. A link to the survey was emailed to a sample of 1500 members. Responses continue to be received but data was collated as at 12 April 2020.
- **The link was only emailed to a sample of members. A sample was used rather than total membership, in part for convenience but also to allow comments to be fully analysed in a manageable way.**

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