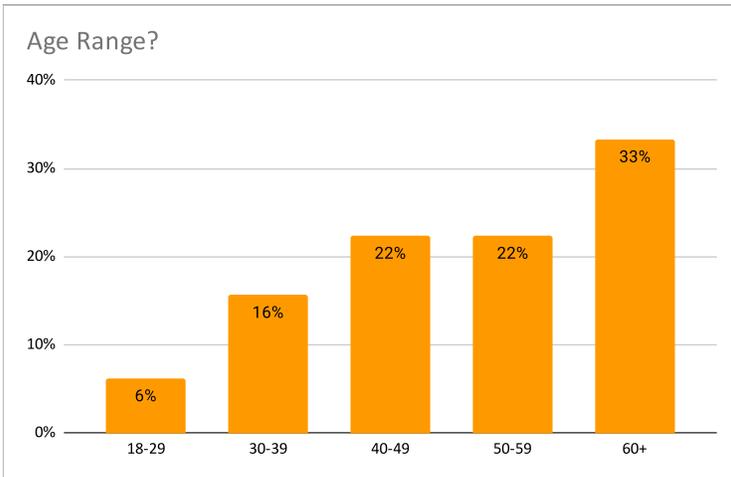
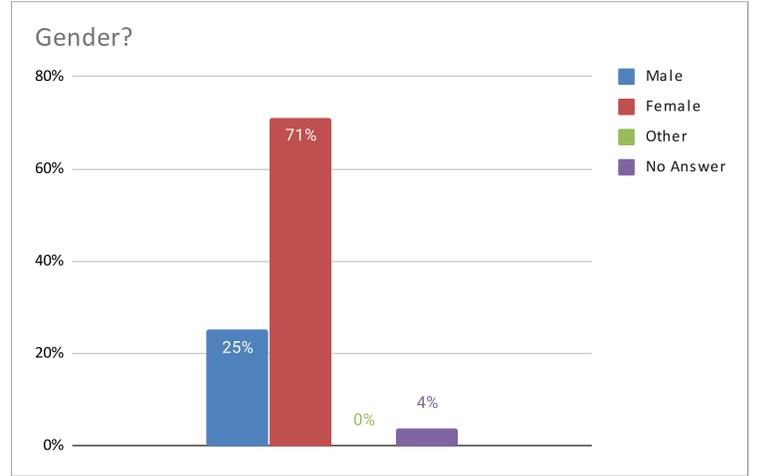
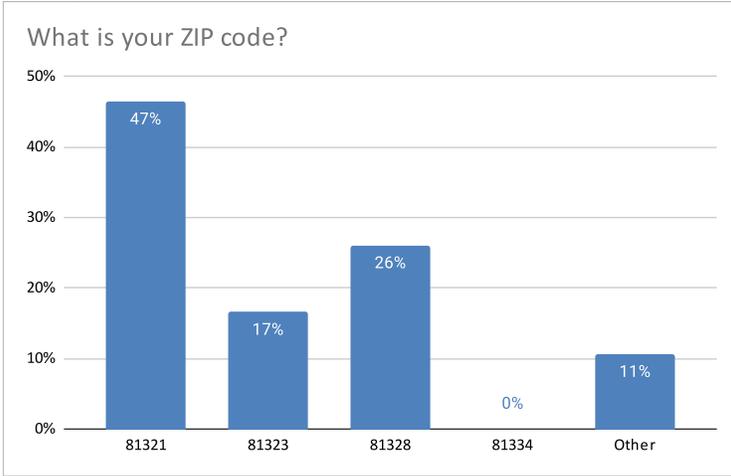


Public Survey on Reopening Local Businesses

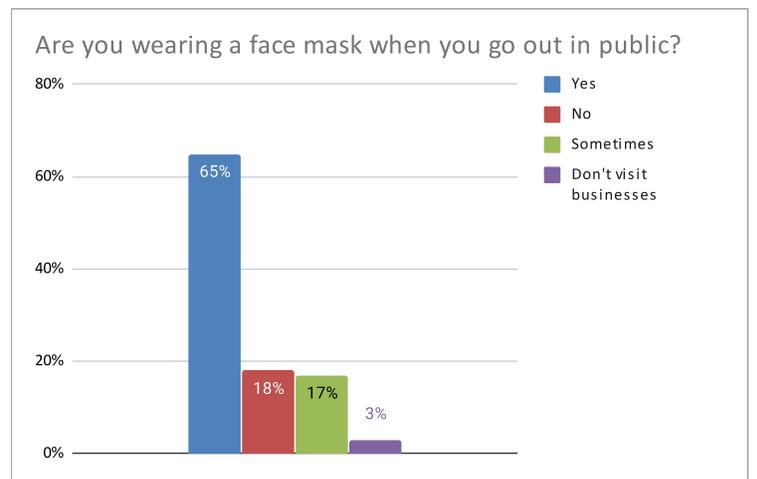
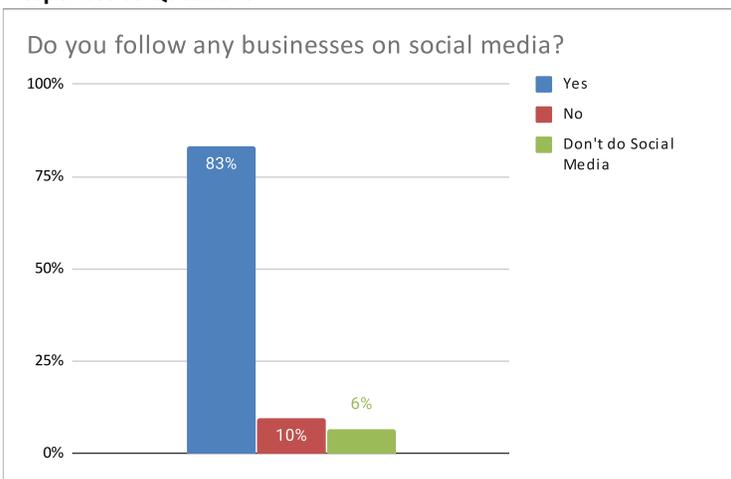
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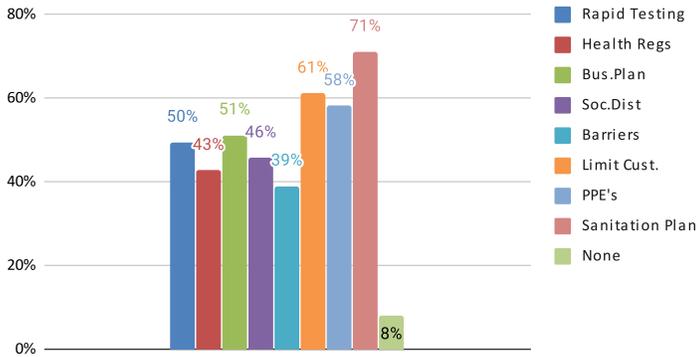
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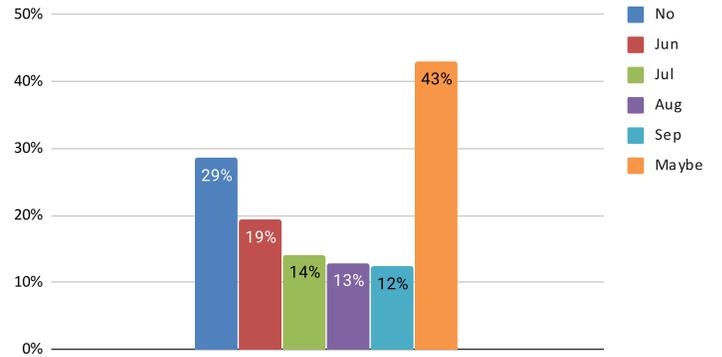
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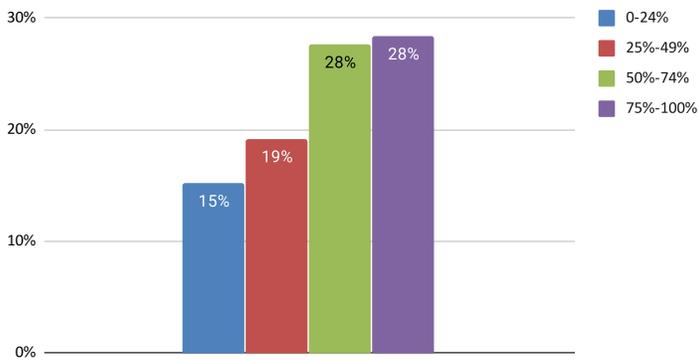
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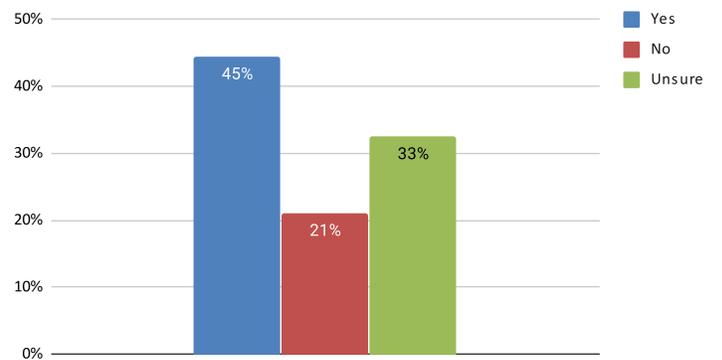
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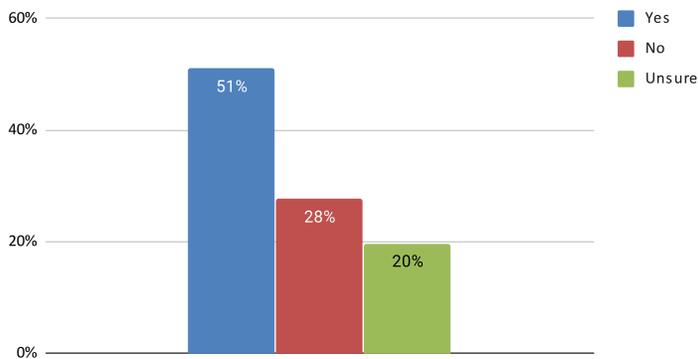
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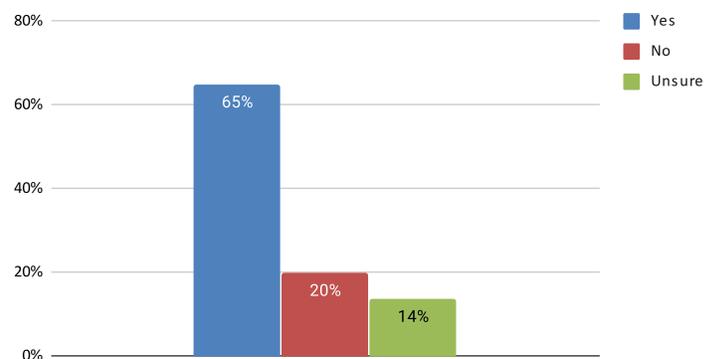
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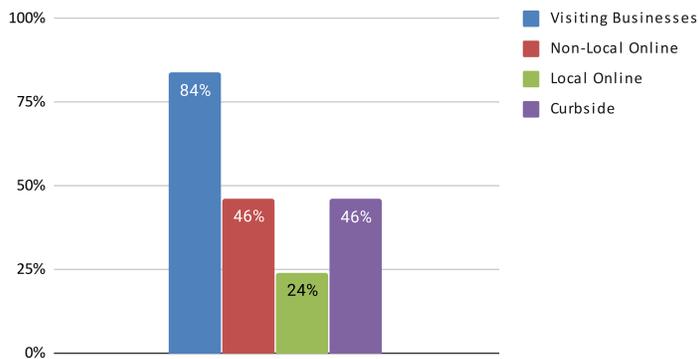
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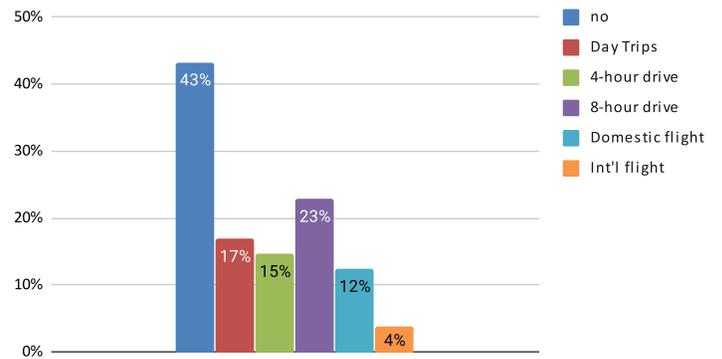
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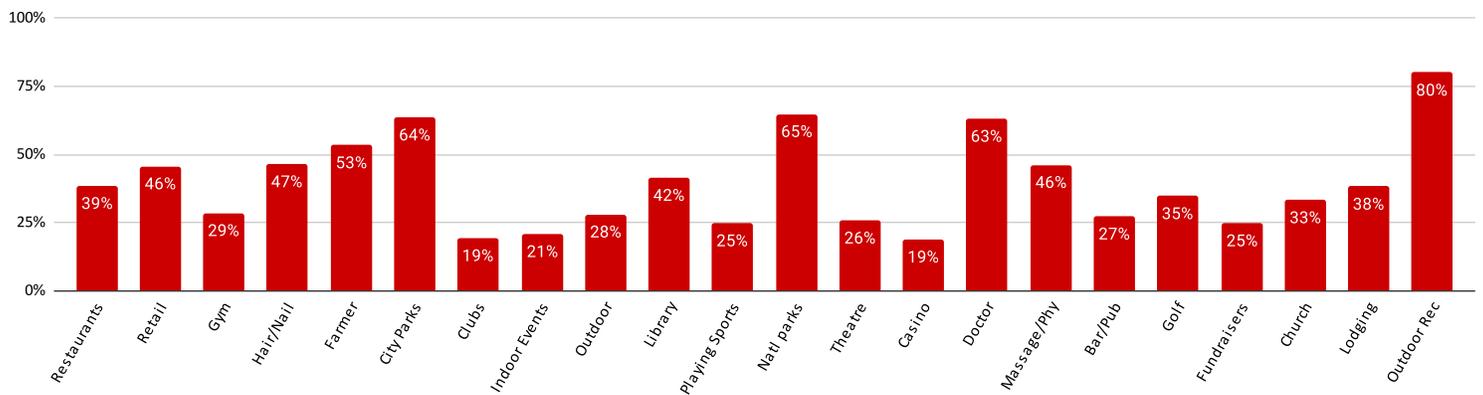
During this pandemic, how have you done the majority of your shopping? (check all that apply)



Are you planning a vacation this summer? (check all that apply)



What types of businesses or services will you not be afraid to visit once restrictions get lifted? (check all that apply)



Comments

Again, without testing (both direct Covid and antibody) we have NO IDEA what's going on. So, in spite of the Covid protesters and their insane demand to "go back to normal," that's not going to happen.

That said, if businesses do reopen, the government and the business community needs to demand that customers practice safe distancing and wear PPEs. Because I will not be going to any businesses where I see people clustered together without them. That's just a non-starter. I will not enable or support a business owner who puts his or her interest over the lives of the public. If you want to return to "normal" you're going to have to do it correctly - with widespread testing and stringent social distancing and PPEs. Anything less will only prolong the misery and continue infecting people. So, I'm happy to stay home and not spend my money at local businesses if patronizing them means I put myself and my family at risk.

antibody testing is vital for re-opening.

especially for Employees

will only shop, go to Restaurants, hair, nail salons all retail etc, physical therapy, as long as Employees have positive antibodies only.

Antibody tests available for at least 50% of population in our county or state

as a former infection control RN I see that a lot of people are not taking this virus seriously. That will cause many more to become ill and possibly die.

As hard as this will be, businesses should be prepared to tighten or adapt restrictions if the rules get relaxed and transmission picks up. They should be responsive to weekly testing results in the county. As much as our County depends on tourism, we have to think about discouraging the quantity visitors from outside that would make it impossible to tell if community transmission is occurring. The good news is that locals are desperate to go out and support businesses, too. Re-opening should focus on locals.

Business owners in our community are smart and will take precautions when they open up. I'm not worried.

business should be open. if people are afraid to go into public, they should stay home. let those of us who can make our own decisions get back to life. If I get sick, that's my choice and risk. Government does not make my choices for me, and never will.

Businesses are prepared but the government is not. Testing is not available or very slow. Customers do not follow restrictions and jeopardize the safety of everyone. People have not followed the current stay at home order and it will be worse during the safer at home requirement.

Businesses should enforce masks-wearing by all customers. They should limit the # of customers to about 8 per 100 square feet. They should keep the online, curbside, and take out options robustly through the Fall. Those that haven't successfully established online and curbside shopping should learn how and implement.

Businesses should post their expectations of their clients. Government should not impose anything more than suggestions (not regulations) on communities. Gathering places should take into consideration alternative means of serving their clients, but everything should be able to go back to as it was, then let whatever happens happen.

Businesses should share what they are doing to protect themselves and customers and also what they expect of customers at the place of business.

businesses should take it seriously; posting at their place of business for information
Compromising public health, and individual's lives, for the economy is immoral and irresponsible.
Concerned that too many are ignoring safety guidelines and that out of state traffic will bring more COVID 19 into community.
Designate 1 or 2 employees whose SOLE responsibility is to constantly sanitize common surfaces (doorknobs, chairs, point-of-sale keypads, etc).
Good social distancing practices.
Social media most effective for me to receive information.
Here to represent the immune-compromised chickenshit demographic. Thank you, Chambers, for your hard work! love, Hil
Human health is more important than money
The county should serve the needs of its citizens. Vital services for local residents should be the priority when talking about opening businesses. All businesses should follow the recommendations of the CDC. No one should believe what Trump says because his focus is in money not health. We need to care for our elderly and our economically disadvantaged residents. Support farmers- let the farmers markets open up. Outside patios could be an alternative to take out and curbside pickup. I won't support any businesses not adhering to the precautions of physical distancing, masking and gloves and disinfecting procedures- that info should be provided to all customers
I am concerned that businesses will not fully adhere to the social distancing guidelines and we'll end up in a situation where we have to close back down again. I would feel comfortable shopping with businesses that have sanitation stations available for customers (hand sanitizer), businesses that accept contactless payments, and employees wearing face masks. Social media posts, website posts, and email communications about the business's efforts are useful communication avenues.
I am considered high risk, therefore I choose to stay home the majority of the time. I would like to visit a few stores and do some shopping but too many people have the thought that they will be ok if they do get virus. They don't think about us who won't be ok. Even with the 6ft apart suggestion, people don't follow the rules or wear masks out in public. I would like to see businesses make it mandatory that people wear masks to be allowed to enter. People are made to follow the 6 ft apart rule and would like to see most businesses allow the older people and those who are high risk at least one or two days a week early shopping. Social media is a good place to post rules and hours but a lot of people don't follow social media. I think flyers from the big companies would get the word out. The smaller business can place a sign on front window for people to read.
I believe in practicing individual integrity, ALWAYS! If I'm ill (whether a cold, flu, etc) I will stay home, practice personal hygiene, see my Dr if necessary.
You can NOT change other people - you'll drive yourself insane attempting to do so - INTEGRITY is a personal CHOICE. So, EMPOWER people with information - get people BACK TO WORK and begin re-building our economy ... in our city, county, state and nation! When you EMPOWER people you encourage them to be SURVIVORS and focus on a strengths perspective versus creating VICTIMS and providing handouts.
We are on a downhill spiral (financial, MHBH) - if you don't step in and do something soon, we are going to be in a VERY dark place, and if you think folks are panicking now, wait till then.
I believe this virus was created...evil...and will run its course regardless of what we do. We need to get back to working and living our daily lives....and for the very elderly...loneliness kills...
I do not believe the level of restrictions we have been placed under has been necessary so I respect what businesses locally have done but do not need that for myself.
I live next door to a small grocery store and the blatant disregard for procedures and precautions is concerning. Customers are refusing to follow directions. The owner and employees are frustrated. A few customers are ignoring the one way arrows in the aisles and crowding at the check out lanes. The majority of the businesses would be able to follow guidelines but they can't control the customers and those customers are putting the employees and immunocompromised public at risk. Continuing the stay at home order until the second wave passes would be the best solution.
I think essential business and their employees have done a fantastic job with having to adapt so quickly.
I think everyone wants to get back to "normal" but people are becoming impatient at a time we really need to hold the line. The virus will not come at us in a scheduled manner and it will impact us regionally. Our elected officials could do well by coordinating action with other regional elected officials (the tribes and municipalities within a 100 mile radius) to COORDINATE efforts rather than push an agenda that is being driven by a small group with a loud voice.
This is a regional challenge and there are over 1200 infected souls less than 45 minutes from us. Cortez is a major shopping area for many of these rural communities from New Mexico and Arizona. That is easy transit for a virus.
Please think about patience and long-term success, and consider the very real and deadly outcomes. Be prepared for destabilization in our ability to provide care for our community, as a move to open our economy without testing right now will surely overwhelm our rural healthcare system. Listen to the specialists with the data and science.
I think everything should open, we should take precautions, the high risk groups and unsure, panicked and stressed people can stay home.
I think if everyone is wearing a face mask, washing their hands frequently, and following sanitation measures then businesses who comply should be allowed to open. Clients and customers must also comply to do business with these companies. Anyone not wearing a face mask should not be allowed to go inside a building where all others are in compliance.
I think it should be slow, all masks, gloves especially in stores...sanitation plans in effect instores... limiting people inside.
Finally what's the story with Cortez City Market, I call it the local cesspool!!! CEO of Kroger just on in TV, 4/22/20 saying they are all complying, not here!!! management and employees not complying last I hear from friends...
I think it's ridiculous that the most dangerous businesses have been opened this whole time while the small businesses who pose a much smaller risk have been shut down.
I think the local people making decisions so far have been doing a good job over all and trust that they will not just open everything up to all. I think we have to have specific rules in place as we are a Tourist driven area and they will continue to come. Being informed by email is good, also I see things on TV on the Say What channel. The music is jammin'...
I think Walmart and grocery stores, and other large stores should require employees to wear masks.
I think we cannot determine a course of action without improved testing. I appreciate the consideration for public comment, but I think that any decisions made on how we move forward need to be based on health official guidance not public input.
I want to see businesses opened back up as soon as it is safe to do so. At this time, I think a phased and closely monitored reopening while continuing social distancing is probably the most responsible thing to do.
I will not be comfortable in public while so many people are fearful and rude

I WILL NOT give my money to a business that does not follow guidelines and openly laughs at them, e.g. the Depot, they have lost my business forever due to their attitude, there are others as well but the Depot openly said precautions were a joke, I will also publicize businesses that do the same
I work at Mess Verde. If you open prematurely you put myself and my at risk spouse and all of the park employees in jeopardy. Cortez residents are already not taking precautions (distancing, face masks). If you reopen too soon people will think they need no precautions and the situation will escalate and keep us shut down even longer. Be smart. Take your time. We don't even know the extent of the virus in the county because we don't have adequate testing. We'll remember what you decided when it's time to vote.
I would feel better if we had more testing available. It's scary as we will have tourists visiting from around the world as well from states that are a higher risk for the virus. In staying away from crowds etc.
I would like handsanitizer to be available. Social distancing and limiting the number of people inside the business. I appreciate the hours set aside for the elderly.
I'm not sure if limiting the number of people inside would help since it would result in people waiting in a line to get in.
I've noticed in the supermarkets that even though they've marked aisles as one-way, many people don't follow the arrows. Whatever procedures businesses adopt should be explained clearly at the entrance -- not by signs but by someone wearing a face mask actually telling people as they enter.
I'm a healthcare provider. I see improper use of PPE all the time. Please train your employees on proper and effective use of personal protective equipment. Maybe someone from the hospital or the health department could hold online or zoom meeting classes to teach proper use and disposal. How to safely put on, take off masks and gloves, if you touch your mask, you just contaminated your hands and should wash hands/change gloves etc.
If a business allows customers to come inside without masks it is leaving the responsibility on customers, instead the business should be taking the responsibility to protect other customers by forcing everyone inside to wear some type of mask. This crisis has shown more evidence than ever that people are not responsible enough to be trusted with this as individuals. People keep going out without masks because they want to show us all how silly we are being and/or they are tough, and/or they can't imagine how silly they'd look wearing a mask, or whatever other justification they come up with to be the rebel. Sometimes the cure might be more damaging than the disease, but not when we're talking about a darn face mask...
If business want to open put in place PPE requirements to customers , face mask and hand cleaning station.
If the BOCC is determined to (prematurely) open some businesses in Montezuma County, every appropriate measure to keep our citizens healthy must be taken, and there must be a means to enforce compliance with these measures. Even so, the experts have said more people will become infected, and I personally don't believe it's worth the risk, especially when our neighbor, the Navajo Nation, has such a large number of COVID-19 cases in the US.
Instilling fear in people and keeping them from living their lives which promotes in their physical , emotional, and mental well-being is deadlier than the virus. There are more people that door from the flu, but we don't shut everyone out everything down. We need to get back to normalcy.
It is very likely our area has not peaked yet. I think the county is jumping the gun on reopening businesses and activities. It will also encourage travelers to spend more time here, potentially bringing in contagion.
It makes sense to keep constant monitoring and testing before we do too much opening up in my opinion.
It's extremely clear that this virus mostly impacts people that have compromised immune systems. If you don't take care of yourself and already have an unhealthy heart, unhealthy lungs like all other virus's you'll be at risk. I eat healthy. I exercise daily. I'm much more concerned about other ways of having my health impacted than this. People need to be personally responsible and take care of themselves. If they are sick (flu, CV-19 or otherwise) they need to stay home and be a responsible citizen and wait till they are healthy before they come into public places and infect other innocent people trying to be healthy. This countrywide shutdown is a complete politically pressured joke. It's a wake up call for all those that ignore eating healthy and exercising that guess what? It matters. The death rates don't even come close to substantiating destroy the fabric of America. The deaths that will come out of depression, poverty, alcohol/drug abuse, child/spousal abuse that historically comes out of these situations will be higher than the death rate of CV-19 in every single state except maybe NY. NY has 50% of the death rate and we've shut down the entire country. If 50% of the death rate was in Montezuma county would NY shutdown it's state for business?
It's much harder to close businesses, once they are open, than to slowly open businesses that have been closed for a while. a complete opening now is way to early.
Its sad that the rules are not inforced at stores, we are right next the rez with high death rates and they shop here too so until they get more help mo we dont need to be opening salon's and theater's use some damn common sense
keep the 6 ft distance and sanitize.
Life isn't much without a livelihood. Adults should be able to make their own decisions on what they're willing risk.
Limit the amount of people in a store, be strict about making sure they are 6 ft away, make sure sanitation stations are in place.
Make masks, 6 ft social distance, and limited entry mandatory. Daily temperature checks for employees. Allow sick employees to stay home without repercussions. Have rapid testing readily available for all, not just for symptomatic people.
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Masks should be required by everyone. Businesses should post their safety protocol at the door and limit number of people inside. I have been very impressed with safety measures of local businesses but not so impressed with careless customers I encounter inside.
Most people I see out are not wearing masks, I really would like to get back to work but am not comfortable with people who don't want to take precautions for other people's safety. I would like to move to curbside services for most things for quite a while until we get reliable rapid testing in our county.
Most restaurants and businesses in our community already offer a six foot distancing in their stores. Let the Health Department tell people to use good health habits all the time and stay home if you are sick instead of going to places you might make others sick! Common Sense!
My biggest concern is about the Navajos that drive up to shop here in groups while they have such a huge outbreak. I truly feel bad for them with the limited shopping and resources they have. They need supplies and food shipped to them so they can stay home.
My concern is that businesses and patrons will do the absolute minimum required. I especially appreciate businesses such as WildEdge that were proactive in limiting the spread of COVID and who subsequently had an easier time transitioning to a pickup/delivery system. However, you also have City Market, a place that everyone visits, which didn't even provide their employees with masks for grocery pickup. Those same employees seemed set on having a face-to-face interaction every time. Normally I'd appreciate the friendliness, but under the circumstances I felt that they should have been given more direction to avoid contact.
Those are two specific examples, but my point is that I will only feel comfortable spending money out in the community if people don't act as if the threat has passed. Sure, businesses need to reopen to avoid permanent closures, but have employees wear cloth masks, limit the number of people in each establishment and seat patrons farther apart in restaurants. Then, if we see a downward trend in number of new cases, I'll feel more comfortable opening things up further.
my family doesn't really go any where with large crowds anyway..I have a busy summer business and do not take vacations in summer..I hope for my business others travel
My only concern so far. There is no way to get TP, bleach, etc. without entering a store.

Our small businesses need to open, they need to self regulate, they do not want to be sick. Most entrepreneurs are brilliant and adults, they do not need daddy government to tell them what to do. People will choose whether to go or not.
Please base reopening on science and facts, not on pressure from politicians. We don't want to have round 2 and 3 of this later in the year.
Please follow WHO and CDC guidelines for far more testing and contact tracing. Businesses need training in proper mask wearing (saw a grocery worker wearing mask under her nose), disinfecting areas, and researching whether heat or air conditioning can spread the virus. We need to make health and safety the top priority!
Please open businesses up as soon as possible - otherwise many small businesses will not make it through this
Please open up - I am a small business; the past 6 weeks have been really tough financially for many. I believe people can be smart and safe using common sense.
I don't understand why there has been so much panic and hysteria this season. Each year in the past, Influenza outbreaks (also coronaviruses) have killed 3 to 4 times more than this season's covid-19. Our nation was not shutdown in the past. This mandated closure has hurt our country (states and counties) so much; how will small businesses ever recover? So sad.
Please please update your hours regularly on Google maps
Post a sign next to the door about what the "rules" are - like "Stay 6 feet apart", or "Must wear a cloth mask".
Post their safety measures on entry door, website website or social media.
Poster at front door stating both customer and employee protocols.
prepare for how rude people are. Many are stir crazy and cranky. extremely difficult to deal with!!
Prioritize testing before relaxing lockdown as it exists. People's health is more important than money. Some people don't seem to get that.
Push hard for testing all of us. Press for all your customers to wear face masks and you wear them as well. Take all the precautions that have been recommended by the infectious disease experts. DO NOT GIVE IN TO THOSE LOONIES WHO ARE PUSHING TO REOPEN EVERYTHING. This is not about 2nd Amendment rights, etc., but about the health of our citizens, all of us together.
Refuse admission to anyone not wearing a mask. Hand out Clorox wipes to everyone as they enter.
Regular testing and contact tracing for all employees who come in contact with the public regularly. This must start with essential employees and then move to non-essential when that is established.
Then, and only then should non-essential start a slow, phased reopening.
Reopening businesses in Montezuma County will be a complicated plan that needs to include consideration of several variables, such as coordinated efforts of the municipalities AND the UMU Tribe. But it also needs to consider the impacts of the virus on the Navajo Nation and other communities in the Four Corners area, since reopening will draw people from other areas that have infection. A key consideration needs to be of the health care resources available in Montezuma County, keeping in mind that we send cases to higher-level hospitals when we need to, but that those centers (St. Mary's in Grand Junction, and the hospital in Farmington), are also experiencing draw-downs in available staffing and equipment, so a shortage in our area cannot necessarily be made up for by sending patients elsewhere, or requesting mutual aid from other jurisdictions. We cannot act like we are an island; we are a county with daily visitors from other states and countries.
Require all employees to be tested and retested frequently. Immediately place positives on sick leave and notify all customers of the date range of possible exposure. Expand curbside and delivery-only service. Require all visitors/customers who enter buildings to wear PPE. Enact strict disinfection protocols.
Require masks of everyone. Improve restaurant take out facilities.
Respect other's space and give space. Wash your hands. Assist those afraid to come out.
Schools and daycares need to be a big part of decisions. Some can't go to work with out this being part of the first phase. It's terrible to just say, those people have to figure it out without government support.
Since this area is a magnet for people from all over the area, country and world I will severely limit my going out near others until things have really settled down. Maybe a vaccine would change my mind if I thought most of the population got it. If things open too soon I believe it could be a disaster for this area.
Social media seems to be the best way for me to get my local news.
Would love to see restaurants with outdoor dining capability be able to open outdoor dining areas.
Chiropractors, dentist, vision, acupuncture... Alternative medicines that already practice good sanitizing should be allowed to open as well as elective medical.
Start promoting people getting out and being active for mental health as well as building their immune systems!
Strongly encourage businesses to require masks (except rest. & bars)and provide hand sanitizer at the door.
Study how other states react to opening And be ready to close down if there is an increase in cases.
Test employees, wear mask other then while eating at restaurant , employees where mask, spacing tables, disinfect areas being used, hand sanitizer at Business doors , limited numbers. Etc
Testing, Testing, Testing
Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on this!
I believe the all precautions are necessary. 6 foot markers help people understand what 6 feet looks like, sneeze guards for obvious reasons, limiting numbers to help with the ability to keep 6 feet, sanitation for obvious reasons and PPE's. PPE's worn by employees will not only protect against many illnesses as we build our immune systems back up, it will help customers feel more comfortable about wearing theirs which will, again, help protect.
As far as being afraid or not afraid, that is too black and white. My comfort level will depend on the safe practices being observed and the way business owners and employees make me feel about taking the precautions I feel I need to take. This should not become another way to label people such as afraid and not afraid, ridiculous, careless. We do not know what each person we come across has been through or their reasons for doing what they chose to do.
I think, emails from chambers, social media postings, radio announcements and notices on doors of each open business are ways to provide the information. I realize mass mailing would cost but that may be helpful too.
Again, thank you!
Thank you for this survey
The best way to communicate with the public, in my opinion, would be the newspaper (which should run articles about Montezuma County).
The businesses don't need to prepare...the consumers do. Prepare to be at risk, prepare to take proper precautions, prepare to get medical help if needed, prepare to meet your maker if you're reckless.
The Montezuma County Public Health Department has FAILED to provide the public information necessary to making sound deciyabout our health and responses to CV19.
They all need to have sanitation procedures in place and employees in PPE. Shoppers need masks and should be limited in number.

To have rapid testing available and contact tracing. To see employees using PPE properly and what disinfection strategies are being used.
When opening whose responsibility is it to protect the employee with mask act., the employers or the employee? All restrooms need to be automatic use. Who will be monitoring how many people are in the business at a time? Will there be golf tournaments? A lot of people out there and the Pro Shop is small. Plexiglass for all business registers! City or the county needs to send out flyers to all tax payers or city water account holders on how the guidelines will work. Everyone needs to wear a mask out in public. Lots to do.
Why is our county opening before doing any additional testing? The Bay Area has been doing random antibody sample testing to get better estimates of current herd immunity, we are a small enough community this could easily be done but you're not attempting to find ANY facts, just opinions to push your early re-opening. The commissioners are using this early re-opening for their own political / financial gains rather than protecting our community for fear of losing the popularity contest.
you asked once restrictions are lifted, did you meant completely or the phased version. I'll feel much more safe when at least 1,000 people in Mtz county are tested. Businesses should wait for county health dept says it's ok to reopen based on testing
Another downside to opening up too soon is if it spreads the virus rapidly our very small, already under staff hospitals would be overwhelmed. How many beds are in Cortez, less then 50. How about tests, ventilators. This area is in short supply. Wouldn't it be smarter to wait until cases decline to little or none. I know that seems like a long time, but I think better safe than sorry.
Before businesses can prepare, we need state and local case numbers to decline for at least 14 days; we need robust testing; we need state and county authorities to provide more information about the nature of the spread of the virus in each county. Montrose is about to begin reopening, despite more than a doubling in positive tests in the past two weeks. We know nothing about the characteristics of the infected patients. If they're all in nursing homes, that's one thing. (They aren't.) If they are in food service and distribution or other businesses that have remained open, that sheds an entirely different light on the decision whether to head back into the marketplace. We need to know much, much more about the nature of the risk before we resume widespread public interaction--even with masks and distancing. We got the governor's order to wear masks barely a week ago, and now we're talking about opening up businesses. This zigzagging does not inspire confidence. There is no plan for testing, contact tracing, protection, contingencies. All previous criteria for reopening have seemingly been forgotten, in flagrant disregard of science. Too many citizens will fail to appreciate that even partial reopening is not meant to be the same as going back to normal. If opening up proves a mistake and the spread accelerates again, good luck getting people to return home and stay there. In short, the authorities don't know enough about the behavior of the virus to take chances, nor do individuals have enough information to make the personal choice to go into society.
By all means take precautions but we need to get our economy going again!
Had international trip planned but not sure it will happen.
I am biased. We don't have kids, we both already work from home, we both still have jobs, and we like to be socially distant already. We understand that other ppl feel different, are in dire need of income, need to get their kids out of the house. Based on articles and studies I have read, it seems that with any increase in human congregating, we will have an increase in covid cases, which will bring us back to isolation and slowed economy. Our state and local officials and neighboring states need to build a plan to collaborate on how we can slowly open, have space in hospitals, have immediate testing, contract tracing, and get a medical protection (vaccine or some other model) for our elders and ppl who are ill and our first responders and medical ppl. Then we can truly have a long term opening.
I am very concerned about reopening in Montezuma county and think many precautions need to be taken. We cannot conduct business as usual, but I also want to give businesses the chance to re-open so folks can make money. I love our small businesses! Every business needs a plan for how they will act responsibly to enforce social distancing. I think a set of standards for the county would be helpful so that everyone is on the same page.
I believe this was blown way out of proportion compared to all other dangers we live with continually every day. It was extreme government over-reach and multiple violations of our Constitutional Rights... not to mention paranoia, politicism, and bullying. We should have never been forced into this social demolition.
I don't believe we need to be extending limitations on small businesses any further. As it is, we will likely lose at least 50% of all of our small businesses. We should allow them all to open back up fully and completely and trust them to implement common sense measures. Those who don't feel comfortable or unsafe can simply avoid any stores they don't feel comfortable in. In this way, we would see herd immunity achieved in the shortest amount of time, similar to what Sweden has accomplished, while protecting the most vulnerable in the community.
I just want the virus gone so I can go back to work
I really feel that businesses need to post their policies on line, social media, on their front doors etc. What precautions they are taking, how they are screening employees etc. There needs to be VISIBLE precaution taking - masks, hand sanitizer, signs limiting number of people in a business (Dolores market is doing a great job at this) etc. Sadly given the overall poor health of our community, number of smokers, socioeconomic issues etc I think we are sitting ducks when the doors start to open. I'd truly like to see a concerted effort between all entities involved in commerce, tourism, healthcare etc in the 4 corners to have consistent policies to keep our citizens safe. I listened to the cc meeting this week and was appalled at how the gentleman from the Ute tribe the biggest employer in the county seemed to be summarily dismissed. There is a place for all at the table - please don't let bias stand in the way of public health.
I visit the 4 corners area for recreation and friends I have in Mancos/Cortez several times a year. You have a reasonably low infection rate but do not have enough testing (I get it, no one does yet) to draw a firm reopening plan. I hope it happens, I really love my CO family and friends. Tad Strickland Tucson, AZ
It does not make any sense to open up businesses in the county. WE are just making an unsafe, unpredictable problem, even worse. Even if small business were to open I would not jeopardize my life to support them, people cannot follow rules, look at Walmart and the pot stores in Montezuma County.
Keep stores clean. People just need to be smart. The common flu has killed more people. I think there has been an over reaction
People need to take this pandemic serious. We don't want our business to fail, but we also want people to stay alive and safe. Let's listen to the professional health care and scientist, and not our President, who doesn't care about us as human beings. I hate to see what the second wave will bring, when they say it will be worse then the first wave.
People who talk about this pandemic as if it were some conspiracy to keep people in their homes - for what purpose is unknown - do not make me any more sympathetic to local businesses. I feel their pain. I want to be able to go back out and mingle in public but I want to do it safely, not in some big rush. Seems like sanitation is biggest issue. Best way to get prepared is to make sure hospitals have equipment and staff and can handle a second surge in cases. Not sure how a business can operate safely other than limit interactions and be clean. Without hand sanitizer this seems very difficult. Gatherings seem like a bad idea until there is capacity to handle infections and people can take their own risks to attend but either way innocent people will be exposed just doing essential activities. No one wants people to be unemployed....but it does seem like some businesses have opportunities to get creative with their plans. All the personal care businesses seem most difficult to address this. its Not that important to me but if it were I could choose to only get a haircut where they wear and require a mask.
The death rate is .00007% within Colorado population. Let's get the county open! If people are concerned, they can stay home. I think the virus has been here for awhile and we are developing immunity in the county.

The majority of the people wearing the masks & gloves are doing so incorrectly. They're touching everything including keys, purse, car, etc. With the same gloves on. Not realizing they could have contaminated everything they're taking home. They're touching their face, taking off their masks to talk. They're only using them because it makes them feel secure.
There will need to be strict policies for safety and those violating policies or social distancing recommendations should be asked to leave, or not allowed to enter without a mask. I am very concerned about the lack of concern by people in our community that may lead to infection of not only themselves, but others who are immunocompromised.
This plan needs to be data driven, and depoliticized. A few loud voices are not intimidating me.
Until a vaccine is available for everyone, I believe we need to continue all safe protocols such as wearing masks, washing hands, safe distancing (which should be extended to 12 ft) and sanitizing of all surfaces handled. Food handlers should wear masks and gloves at all times.
Walmarts a joke. There are marks for lines outside...never seen them used, groups of people wandering without masks, and frankly if the indian reservation has such a high infection rate i am a littler nervous around natives without PPE on.
We need to unite our county and understand that COVID19 is not a hoax, it is not a CHINESE disease, it costs lives, and its dangerous. This virus is Russian Roulette. You don't know who will be okay and who won't. People need to respect mask wearing and stop licking doorknobs (this is a thing!)
You can't hide from this. You can't expect everyone to get tested. You can't expect everyone to get the vaccination. By the time the vaccine is available the virus will have mutated! Stop the political bullshit! If you are scared - you stay home!
Be serious about being safe. Don't act like this is a joke, or frivolous, or inconvenient. DON'T allow this to be political - it's not.
Just do what needs to be done, and do it well, and we'll come back with our dollars.
Keep your online and social media information up to date, if we want to visit your business, we'll look you up online to find out what's going on. Building must be sanitized, precautions reinforced, staff are appreciated for their diligence , service with a smile.
Communicate plan to keep business clean/sanitary to public. Make sure cleaning routines are effective and seen in action by customers. Enforce social distancing measures, do not hesitate to respectfully confront those not abiding by health and safety restrictions, i.e. getting to clooe to other shoppers, touching multiple items unnecessarily, not wearing mask if coughing/sneezing/etc for any reason, etc.
Develop testing procedures so we know who has COVID & who doesn't when entering a business, publish the business's sanitation procedures, wear and change gloves, wear and change/clean masks.
Give information on Facebook and by email.
I understand people have worries and concerns about the virus, but I believe it is time community leaders and local officials quit ignoring the serious health and safety risks the shutdown itself imposes on people's lives...it's not just about the dollars! Increased rates of Drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse and domestic violence, food insecurity, poverty, and suicide are all serious problems that are being exacerbated the longer this shutdown continues. A suicide epidemic and many of these things were already serious problems in our community before this pandemic hit, and locally could very likely have a higher death toll than the virus itself over the long-term as the effects from the shutdown linger! There are a number of folks who are in fact not "Safer at Home" and the risks to their health and safety really need to be made part of the larger equation to weigh at what point the cure to the pandemic is more dangerous than the virus itself when it comes specifically to our local community, not New York or other large metros with different challenges!
I would like to see a sign outside the store location saying that masks are being worn by employees and must be worn by customers and somebody will be enforcing that rule. Also someone monitoring the number of customers so that there is space for distancing
It is very likely that: some time after the restrictions are lifted and people start to mingle again, the virus will come back and spread more.
Mesa Verde is at greatest risk once opening due to having visitors from far and wide and not just from the local area.
Limiting number of people as opposed to 6ft distancing lines. 30 people in a building will still get crowded vs 10-15 people. Information from business would help by either being posted on front door, social media pages, and having a central list with info that can be accessed by people.
New information is still emerging everyday about how this virus is being transmitted, the rates in which asymptomatic people are spreading the virus, how many people have actually been infected, how the virus is mutating, and how the virus behaves in mild to moderate cases that don't require hospitalization and life-saving interventions. Until rapid testing is available then it seems paramount for the overall health of the public for most people to stay home, not congregate in groups, not overcrowd essential businesses, not travel to places outside of their home communities, not flock to public lands and developed trail areas. The public needs to do everything they can to continue to slow down the spread until treatments and a vaccine can be made widely available.
Personal space is now defined! Use it! Facebook for information. Our city agencies (city, police, fire) county. Free information
Relax and wash your hands.
There is no vaccine. There is no approved medication. The virus is highly contagious. It's a joke to think that going back out into the community while it's still circulating is somehow going to be safe because there are some restrictions in place. I don't trust workers to take precautions and cleanliness seriously and wouldn't patron any business.
There's so much yet to learn. We will know more after things open up. Ideas for continuing social distancing - I'd order locally online if I knew how - offer tutorials on their website perhaps? Information is key, it will help me adapt - we don't have a local TV station, how crazy is that? Restaurants could deliver to family groups meeting in the park for a picnic.
Get the area linked up with Purposity.com to help out those in need. Check it out, it is a fantastic App that matches up those with needs to those who can financially meet the need. Employees who will be working less - need our support, but I don't know how to reach them with the resources I could offer. Other people want to help also. This is a cool way to match up needs with givers. It allows a nonprofit to list for example - a child with no shoes to someone who would be happy to buy them. Our county is not listed there. Really, check out https://about.purposity.com/about
Wish the County Commissioners (or at least two of them) would be respectful of those in public health and not be mavericks. It's very obvious that two of them are worried about their business and their golfing.
Businesses need to have procedures in place regarding distancing, masks, and available hand sanitizer. Disinfecting spray should be available at each check-out station and used frequently throughout the day. This information should be posted and enforced.
Employees of businesses should be tested before returning to work. When they do, masks, gloves, etc needs to be worn until virus is proven to be gone everywhere in the world. Signs, posts on internet, texts, emails to explain their (business)position on reopening.

I am a responsible adult who is capable of using good hygiene practices and suitable protective measures just like I do for any other infectious pathogen. I may get mildly sick less than once per year. I believe there is a serious infectious pandemic, however, it is not as dire as the media would have you believe, and they are taking advantage of peoples fear for some other nefarious intent. There is a line between public safety and sacrificing my civil rights. I would definitely accept risk over loss of rights to government control.

I feel our community businesses will do everything they can to protect their customers. Sometimes I think we don't give them enough credit. There may be a couple who will not comply but the majority will. They live here, and make their money here. I don't believe they want to jeopardize that.

I think offering online services (curbside pick-up, delivery) will still be beneficial. If restaurants open up, it would be nice to see them do so that does not involve large groups in enclosed spaces all at once - it should be broken up and there should be a smaller maximum capacity. Continuing to wear PPE (that is available) and sanitize surfaces.

I think that if the county health department actually followed CDC guidelines and released age information about the COVID-19 infected/casualties in the county (which is not in violation of HIPAA laws and is in fact in accordance with CDC guidelines) then working folks in the county would feel much safer.

Montezuma County is comprised of folks (of all kinds & that makes this area special!) including some that feel obligated to be dismissive of the pandemic. It has been disappointing to see that some have turned this into a platform for "rights issues". I mention this because I hope that the county officials are making decisions for ALL residents of Montezuma County and not just those with a loud "don't tread on my rights" voice. This is about one thing only - health and respect for all.

Our health community needs to be able to handle the increases we will see in cases.

People need to care about one another. Weather your staff or customer stay home if your sick, practice good hygiene and above all be kind it's catching ☹!

Restaurants need to have fewer tables spaced out more

They need to be very strict on making people wear PPE's before entering their store. Like Choice hardware. Employees don't wear masks or gloves and get very close to customers. Most customers don't ware masks. I stopped going there. I'm going to order my hardware needs on line.

We need to be able to get disinfection supplies and minimum PPEs in the personal level to protect. Because people will be coming from outside.

We've tested too few people to open up - there are too many people in stores like IFA without masks, I don't trust businesses tondo why is right (requiring masks , staying apart)

What would suggest is to research before act on what everyone else is doing case in point if everyone was jumping off a bridge would that mean you have to? We the people need to put a stop to this Covid19 shit, because in the end if any of you has a fucking brain stem you'll realize that all this is, is just government control thats the bottom line