



Summary of Parent Survey Results: Child Care Guidance for COVID-19

Following the evolving pandemic and as Oregon reopens, ELD gathered input through a survey for parents and caregivers.

[This short survey](#) included a series of questions on the health and safety precautions in child care needed to help families feel comfortable during COVID-19.

Of the 3598 total respondents, **3,060** of the respondents are parents and other family members who have a child in need of child care. **The responses of those 3,060 are summarized below.**

3598
Total Respondents

WHEN:
June 29, 2020
to July 6, 2020

Respondents by Race/Ethnicity	
American Indian or Alaska Native	85
Asian	159
Black or African American	72
Hispanic or Latino/a/x	226
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	26
Middle Eastern/Northern African	24
White	2356
Other	118
*Note: Respondents were able to select more than one racial or ethnic identity, so the sum adds up to more than 3060.	

Of the 3,060 respondents who have a child in need of care, **33** respondents took the survey in Spanish, **5** in Chinese, and **3** in Russian.

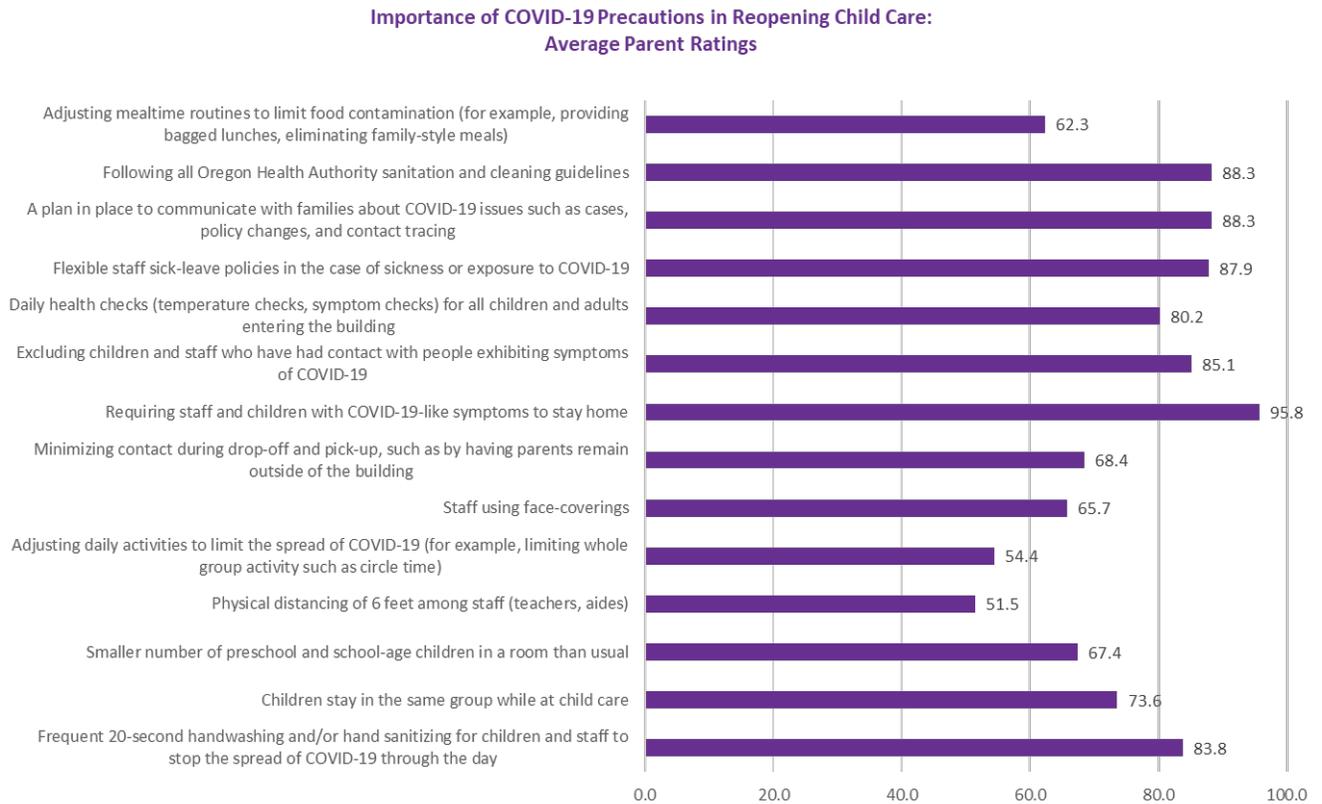
Respondents by Age of Children Who Need Child Care	
0 to 2 Years	1139
3 to 5 Years	1955
6+ Years	890
*Note: Respondents were able to select more than one age range if they have multiple children, so the sum adds up to more than 3060.	

The below graph displays averages for how the 3,060 respondents who have a child in need of child care rated the importance of COVID-19 safety precautions.

Ratings had the following scale: 0 is “I don’t care about this precaution,” 50 is “I would like this to happen, but it won’t prevent me from using child care,” and 100 is “This absolutely must happen for me to use child care.”

The top three most important safety precautions rated by respondents who have a child in need of child care are:

1. Requiring staff and children with COVID-19-like symptoms to stay home
2. Following all Oregon Health Authority sanitation and cleaning guidelines
3. A plan in place to communicate with families about COVID-19 issues such as cases, policy changes, and contact tracing



Additionally, during COVID-19:

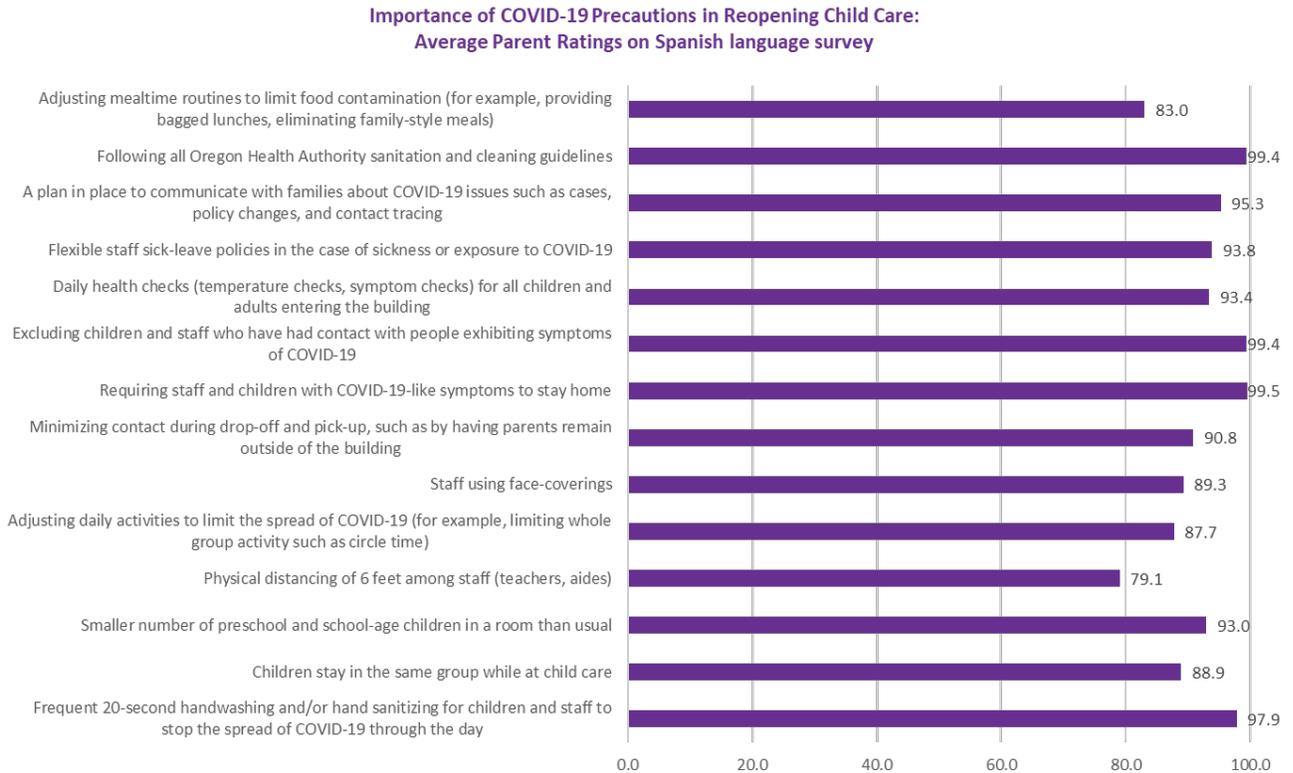
- 58.5% of respondents were “Uncomfortable” or “Very Uncomfortable” with their children “Going out to public parks and using public equipment (public play structure, public bathrooms),”
- 67.5% were “Uncomfortable” or “Very Uncomfortable” with their children “Going of field trips,”
- and 18.1% were “Uncomfortable” or “Very Uncomfortable” with their children “Receiving meals and snacks prepared by staff.”

The below graph displays averages for how the 33 respondents who have a child in need of child care and used the Spanish language survey rated the importance of COVID-19 safety precautions.

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The top three most important safety precautions rated by respondents who have a child in need of child care and used the Spanish language survey are:

1. Requiring staff and children with COVID-19-like symptoms to stay home
2. Following all Oregon Health Authority sanitation and cleaning guidelines
3. Excluding children and staff who have had contact with people exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19



The results from this survey, additional open comment surveys, and listening sessions with child care providers and other early learning stakeholders will be considered alongside current science in the [revised COVID-19 child care guidelines](#) to be released on August 14.