CRDP Webinar Series

Webinar #3: NORC

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Questions & Answers

1. Thanks for this great presentation and overview! With COVID-19, will there be any modifications especially with how COVID-19 may have changed people's perception of Mental Health in CA? – Camillia Lui

Hi Camillia, thanks for your question. The pandemic is a situation we are all experiencing that is likely changing perceptions of health for many worldwide. At this time, we don’t have any questions related to COVID-19 on the CCMHSS, such as perceptions about the overall impact, or the impact on mental health in California. As we progress with our formative research to develop the survey, the issue may come up and we might be able to add a question. Currently, the survey is running long, so we would likely need to remove other questions we now have on survey to add any others.

(Answered by Alyssa Ghiradelli)

2. Also JHU has a list of recommend Mental Health items/social distance and ATOD [Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs] use questions to include in population surveys. Perhaps can include for comparison or opportunity to see COVID-19 impact among priority populations? - Camillia Lui

Thanks again, Camilla. This is a great idea. We currently have some items on the survey that we are using as comparisons, but none that are specific to COVID-19. We’ll take a look at those items from Johns Hopkins University and will the raise the idea with the Office of Health Equity. At NORC, we have already started conducting research on COVID-19 impacts, but just not on this survey. We've begun to consider impacts on health values and beliefs, as well as how economic impacts are affecting many aspects of our lives. We have some interesting findings on our website: http://www.norc.org

(Answered by Alyssa Ghiradelli)
3. Hi, Alyssa. Sounds exciting. How do you integrate the different kinds of sampled groups in your analysis of the survey data? (AmeriSpeak vs. more targeted samples)? - Roland Moore

We will use a statistical weighting and calibration process to adjust the sample sources for representativeness. The probability sample will provide our control totals, but we will likely use other population-control totals such as CHIS for the weighting as well. We will then conduct comparisons across the groups and with the general population. NORC has many years of expertise with this type of approach, and experts using the state-of-the-art methods.

(Answered by Alyssa Ghiradelli)