

Survey: Most Americans Will Continue Health Precautions After COVID-19

While restrictions may lift, life will still look different on the other side of the pandemic

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| SUGGESTED TEASE | AS MORE PEOPLE ARE VACCINATED, SOME COVID RESTRICTIONS MAY BEGIN TO ROLL BACK, BUT EXPERTS WARN WE MAY NEVER COMPLETELY RETURN TO PRE-PANDEMIC LIFE. COMING UP, DETAILS ON A NEW SURVEY THAT REVEALS AMERICANS' WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE HEALTH PRECAUTIONS EVEN AFTER COVID-19 IS UNDER CONTROL. |
| ANCHOR LEAD | MANY OF US ARE WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN WE CAN THROW AWAY OUR FACE MASKS, GO TO A CONCERT OR SIMPLY HUG OUR LOVED ONES, AND AS MORE PEOPLE RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE, THERE IS HOPE ON THE HORIZON THAT WE'RE HEADED TOWARD A HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER FUTURE. BUT EXPERTS WARN THAT THINGS WON'T RETURN TO NORMAL WITH THE FLIP OF A SWITCH, AND SOME CHANGES MADE DURING THE PANDEMIC MAY BE PERMANENT. BARB CONSIGLIO HAS THE DETAILS ON A NEW SURVEY THAT FINDS MOST AMERICANS ARE ON BOARD TO KEEP COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS IN THEIR LIVES IN THE NAME OF PUBLIC HEALTH. |
| (PACKAGE START) ----- CG: Courtesy: The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center :00 - :0 Shots of Mike at home with family Shots of Mike teaching hip hop class | (Nats - Sound) :02 |
| CG: Michael Nicholson Dad and business owner | MICHAEL NICHOLSON HAS NOT ONLY BEEN HELPING HIS FAMILY THROUGH THE PANDEMIC, BUT ALSO THE STUDENTS IN HIS FITNESS CLASSES, WHICH HAVE BEEN VIRTUAL OR AT PARTIAL CAPACITY FOR MONTHS. :07 <i>"They miss their friends, because part of the class, aside from working out, is fellowship."</i> :06 |
| Shots of vaccines being administered Shot of person putting on mask Shots of hand washing Graphic: | WHILE WE HOPE WE'RE HEADED TOWARD RECOVERY, A NEW NATIONAL SURVEY OF MORE THAN TWO-THOUSAND AMERICANS BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER FINDS THE MAJORITY PLAN TO CONTINUE HEALTH PRECAUTIONS EVEN WHEN THE WORST OF THE |

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| <p>Continued Precautions After COVID-19 -72% plan to wear masks in public -80% will avoid crowds -90% will continue frequent handwashing and sanitizer use</p> | <p>COVID-19 PANDEMIC IS IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR. NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF RESPONDENTS PLAN TO WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC, FOUR OUT OF FIVE WILL STILL AVOID CROWDS AND NINETY PERCENT SAY THEY'LL CONTINUE FREQUENT HAND-WASHING AND SANITIZER USE. :20</p> |
| <p>CG: Dr. Iahn Gonsenhauser Ohio State Wexner Medical Center</p> | <p><i>"The risk is still very real in the community. And we can't let people ease off on the precautions that we know have worked thus far."</i> :06</p> |
| <p>Shots of Dr. Gonsenhauser</p> | <p>DOCTOR IAHN GONSENHAUSER (EE-un GAHN-sen-how-zer), CHIEF QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY OFFICER AT OHIO STATE, SAYS THIS YEAR'S FLU SEASON IS PROOF THAT THESE PRECAUTIONS WORK. :07</p> |
| <p>Dr. Gonsenhauser (CG'd earlier)</p> | <p><i>"We've seen flu numbers way down. We've seen hospitalizations way down. We're seeing the precautions of masking and physical distancing and hand hygiene, absolutely working for flu."</i> :09</p> |
| <p>Shots of people in masks at fitness class</p> | <p>AS RESTRICTIONS LIFT, GONSENHAUSER SAYS SOME OF THESE PRACTICES WILL ALSO PROVIDE A SENSE OF COMFORT AND CONTROL AS PANDEMIC FEARS LINGER. :07</p> |
| <p>Dr. Gonsenhauser (CG'd earlier)</p> | <p><i>"Emerging into a world that is so changed and so different after having experienced this for such a long period of time, that is going to create, for many people, really significant anxiety. For some people, it may be crippling anxiety when it comes to going out and being in public spaces again."</i> :16</p> |
| <p>Shots of hip hop fitness class</p> | <p>(NATS - hip hop dance class)</p> |
| <p>Mike Nicholson (CG'd earlier)</p> | <p>MICHAEL IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING MORE PEOPLE BACK TO CLASS, BUT TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, HE SAYS EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO STAY THE COURSE. :05</p> |
| <p>Shots of hip hop fitness class</p> | <p><i>"If everyone does their part, we'll get around that corner sooner than later."</i> :06</p> |
| <p>(PACKAGE END) ----- ANCHOR TAG</p> | <p>AT THE OHIO STATE WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER, THIS IS BARB CONSIGLIO REPORTING. :03</p> |
| | <p>EXPERTS SAY SOCIAL GATHERING AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WILL LIKELY BE THE FIRST TO LIFT, BUT OTHERS MAY BE PERMANENT, AND THAT'S NOT ALL BAD. WORK FROM HOME OPTIONS WILL LIKELY STICK AROUND IN MANY INDUSTRIES AFTER BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE FOUND THAT IT WORKS FOR</p> |

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