



COVID - 19 SURVEY RESULTS

CONDUCTED THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021

This survey was mailed to 425 members of Polio Heroes of TN Support Group the latter part of March. Seventy-two surveys were returned by the deadline of May 1, 2021. The reason for the survey was because we were not getting reports of those in our support group getting Covid. The results from the respondents shows that of those who did have Covid, there were NO hospitalizations.

1. Have you tested positive for Covid - 19? Yes - 4 No - 68
2. Have you experienced symptoms of the Corona Virus in the past year? Yes - 8 No - 64
3. If "yes" in questions #1 or #2, what were your symptoms? and how long were you sick?
Fever, headache - fever 101, fatigue, slept 24hours, muscle aches - low grade fever, aches, very sleepy, no appetite, 3 weeks with cough, sick 2 weeks - extreme tiredness, aches, symptoms like sinus or allergy, sick for 10 days, giving up was NOT an option - flu like symptoms - fatigue, loss of smell, low grade fever, low oxygen level, sick 2 weeks - lethargy
4. Have you had one of the vaccines? Yes - 59 No - 13
5. If you checked "yes" in question #4, which vaccine? (some did not indicate which vaccine)
Johnson & Johnson - 1
Moderna: 1st dose - 28 2nd dose - 27
Pfizer 1st dose - 28 2nd dose - 28
6. Did you have any side effects after the vaccine? Yes - 18 (11 after 1st dose, 7 after 2nd dose)
Johnson & Johnson - Passed out, headache, extreme fatigue for 10 days, food made me sick
Moderna - Swelling of foot and legs, went to Dr., Dr. said my immune system was attacked, sore arm, upset stomach - sore arm 2-3 days, elevated blood pressure after both doses, great fatigue after 2nd dose - sore at injection site for 2-3 days, low grade fever, back aches, ached all over, after 2nd dose fever for 24 hours, aching muscles 2nd day, arm sore, fatigue
Pfizer - 2nd dose tiredness, muscle aches for several days - arm sore after 1st shot, no reaction to 2nd - sore at injection site a couple of days - sore arm - 2nd headache, sleepy, weak - arm swollen, sore 8-9 days, arm very hard and red - 1st headache, 2nd sore arm, couldn't lift arm for a day - 2nd felt like having a flu shot, injection site sore - arm sore after each dose, fatigue after 2nd
7. Have any other family members had Covid-19? Yes - 35 No - 37
How many? 3,4,3,1,2,1,1,2,1,2,1,3,2,4,1,2,8,2,1 (95 yr. old Mom OK) , 6,4 (all health care workers), 1,2,5,2,2,2,1, 6 (one death), 3,1,4,2
8. Have any of your family members tested positive? Yes - 25 No - 47 (may not have been tested)
Do they live with you or you with them? Yes - 5 No - 67 (questionable results, question may not be clear.)
9. If you are NOT planning to take the Covid-19 vaccine at this time, what is your reasoning?
"It can affect your immunity. My wife and I will not get the shot" age 74, polio 1953
"I do not feel there has been sufficient testing. Too many unanswered questions. Too hurried. Not enough history yet." age 77 polio 1949
"Not confident in them". age 79, Polio 1950
"I had a reaction with the Swine Flu vaccine, resulting in muscle loss that recovered some, but not wanting to risk more muscle loss" age 68, polio 1954
"Too experimental, and I'm not a volunteer for this. Too many adverse events reported. No confidence in 'warp speed'. Nobody is messing with my RNA/DNA." age 77, polio 1950



CONTINUATION OF RESULTS OF COVID 19 SURVEY for April 2021 by Polio Heroes of TN Support Group

More results from question 9 - If you are NOT planning to take the Covid-19 vaccine at this time, what is your reasoning?

"I have severe allergies". age 72, polio 1949 KY

"I never had a flu vaccine and don't feel the need to start now. And don't believe it is safe." age 81, Polio 1945

"My wife is over cautious and does not feel comfortable in taking it." age 72, polio 1952

"My primary Dr. has advised me NOT to have it." age 81, polio 1951

"Need more facts. Was in an Iron Lung. Lungs could not handle vaccine or virus." age 83, polio 1955

"Moderna and Pfizer are experimental gene therapy, NOT a vaccine. J&J may be a vaccine, but I don't take any vaccines - NO flu shots - J&J many issues - finally halted." age 68, polio 1954

"Don't trust. Not out long enough. Not a guinea pig. Don't take stuff I don't know what's in it - including flu shots." age 79. polio 1950

Which vaccine would you most likely take?

Johnson & Johnson (1 shot) - 1

Moderna (2 shots) - 2

Pfizer (2 shots) - 2



Name was optional. AGES: 60's - 8 63-69, 70's - 44 70 - 79, 80's - 17 80 - 89, 90's - 2 90 - 91

One did not list age

Year you had polio : 1937 -1, 1939 - 1, 1040 -1, 1941 - 1, 1942 - 3, 1944 - 2, 1945 - 5 , 1946 - 1, 1947 -3, 1948 - 2. 1949 -5, 1950 - 6, 1951 -8, 1952 -8, 1953 -3, 1954 - 5, 1955 - 7, 1956 - 3, 1957 -1, 1959 - 1

County and State you Live in: Respondents from 29 counties in TN, 7 Ky, 2 Florida, 1 NJ, 1 Mississippi, 1 N Carolina, 1 Texas, 1 Ohio (Except for KY, those in other States moved from TN and still receive our Newsletter.)

Many wrote comments. Most complementary of the Newsletter over the years.

"Thank you Easter Seals for all you have done over the years for Polio Survivors here in TN."

"Keep up the good work!"

"I should have not gotten Polio, the vaccine was already out but my mother did not drive and there were 8 children in my family. My dad worked the TN State Dept of Roads and was out of touch during the week. By the time we got the vaccine, I had a brace on my leg from polio." polio 1956

"I am grateful for how much you kept us informed."

"I have more confidence in the treatments that are known." polio 1950

"As an alternative health practioner I have chosen to follow a more natural course for health, using medical intervention as called for. I believe the results of my choice is the exceptional health I continue to enjoy." age 81, polio 1945

"Thank you for keeping us up dated with the latest information".

"Since 1951 I have been paralyzed from the waist down and in wheelchair. Thank you for the needed survey.. age 81

" We were bless to have beat this virus. I still help feed my livestock everyday and we are starting our usual garden. I also mow our yard." age 83, polio 1944

There were many who wrote personal notes about their polio and how much they appreciated the Newsletter from Polio Heroes of TN over the years. All comments were read and greatly appreciated. Continue to check Easter Seal TN web site for additional information: www.easterseals.com/TN/ Under programs - Polio

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