Mass. resolute in virus battle, poll reveals

Support strong for Baker despite economic toll

By Victoria McGrane

Massachusetts residents remain remarkably steadfast in their support of the difficult isolation measures to slow the spread of the deadly coronavirus, buoyed by faith in their governor and optimism about the future, a new poll by SufiTech, Templeton Research Group, and WBUR News found.

The survey shows widespread support for Governor Charlie Baker and the restrictions he imposed on daily life more than a month ago.

At the same time, the poll indicated that the road to economic health is likely to be slow and painful, with opponents expressing reluctance not just concerning many activities that were once a normal part of life — going to the movies, traveling public transportation, and attending sporting events.

More than seven in 10 residents said they won't be comfortable engaging in those activities without new actions and accommodations being lifted, the poll found. Even if

Amid protest, a warning that state will reopen slowly

Protesters gathered outside the State House on Monday to demand that businesses be allowed to open.

By Matt Stout

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Protestors, Andrew, McDonald, and Jaclyn Reis, of the political science department at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, conducted a poll from April 21 to May 8. The survey, headed by the state's moderate 

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The new poll, released May 18, was sponsored by the political science department at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. It surveyed 500 Massachusetts residents, with a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.

**GOVERNOR BAKER**

Robert Kraft, the owner of the New England Patriots and the Boston Bruins, has called for the state to reopen quickly and safely. On May 8, he wrote an open letter to Governor Baker, urging him to consider the economic impact of a longer shutdown. He also said that businesses need to be able to reopen soon in order to survive.

The poll asked whether residents felt that the state should continue to stay home for the duration of the pandemic or if they believed it was safe to begin reopening businesses and schools. The results showed that 42% of respondents believed that the state should continue to stay home, while 58% believed that it was safe to begin reopening.

The poll also asked residents about their attitudes towards public health measures, such as wearing masks and practicing social distancing. The results showed that 72% of respondents said they would continue to wear masks, while 28% said they would not.

The poll concluded that the state should continue to stay home for the duration of the pandemic, and that residents should continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. The results also showed that residents are increasingly comfortable with the state's response to the pandemic, and that they believe it is safe to begin reopening businesses and schools.

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**MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY**

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**PUBLIC OPINION**

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**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

The state of Massachusetts has implemented a range of public health measures to mitigate the spread of the virus. The state has also provided financial support to businesses and individuals affected by the pandemic. However, there have been concerns about the state's response, with some saying that it was too slow to implement strict measures and that it was not doing enough to support its economy.

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**CONCLUSION**

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