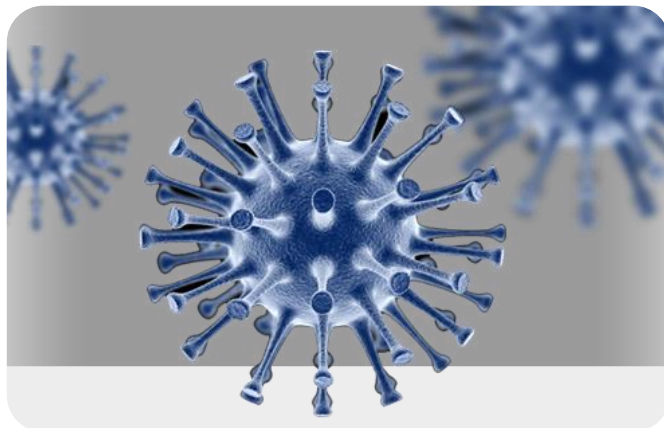




A survey assessing the **knowledge,** **attitudes,** and **experiences** of **COVID-** **19** in **Ghana**



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Different people’s **individual perspectives.**



Ghana



Why?

- First case reported in **March 2020**.
- **47,000** reported cases by October 2020 – of which half are in Accra.
- Severe negative effects of the epidemic on households.

Aims

- **To generate useful data that could inform decision-making and future research questions into the impact of COVID-19 in Ghana.**

Methods and procedure

- An **online survey**
- Validated self-report questionnaires assessing:
 - The impact of COVID-19 on finances
 - Preventative behaviours
 - Knowledge of COVID-19
 - Mental health symptoms
- Distributed through **Whatsapp groups** and **Facebook ads**

Participants

- **3036** Ghanaian residents residing in all 16 regions of Ghana
- **61%** male
- Age range of responses: **18-75**
- Mean age: **29**

Demographics

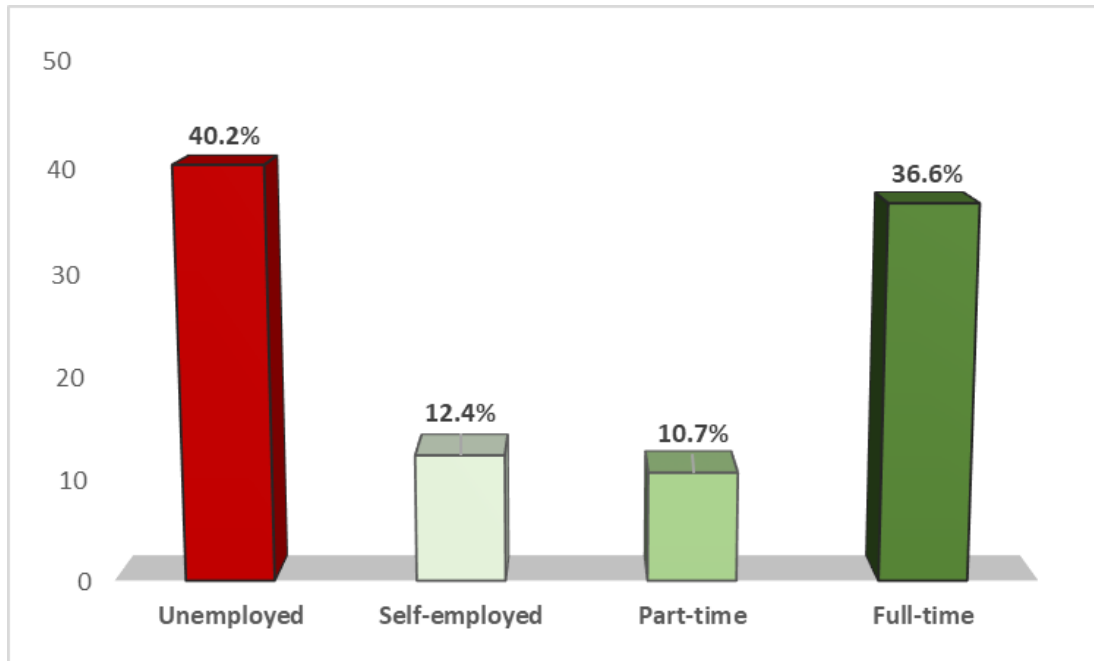
- Majority of respondents lived in **Greater Accra**
- **82%** completed university education

COVID-19

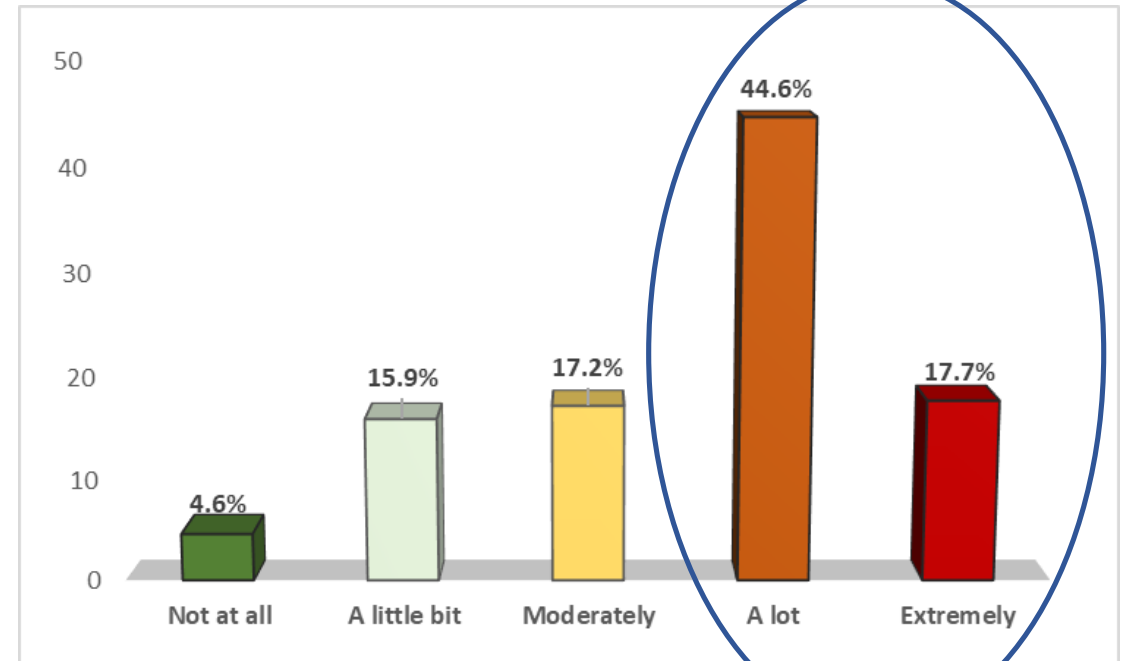
- **13%** tested for COVID-19 (**2%** tested positive with COVID-19).
- **26%** knew someone personally who tested positive with COVID-19.

Employment and finances in Ghana

Employment status

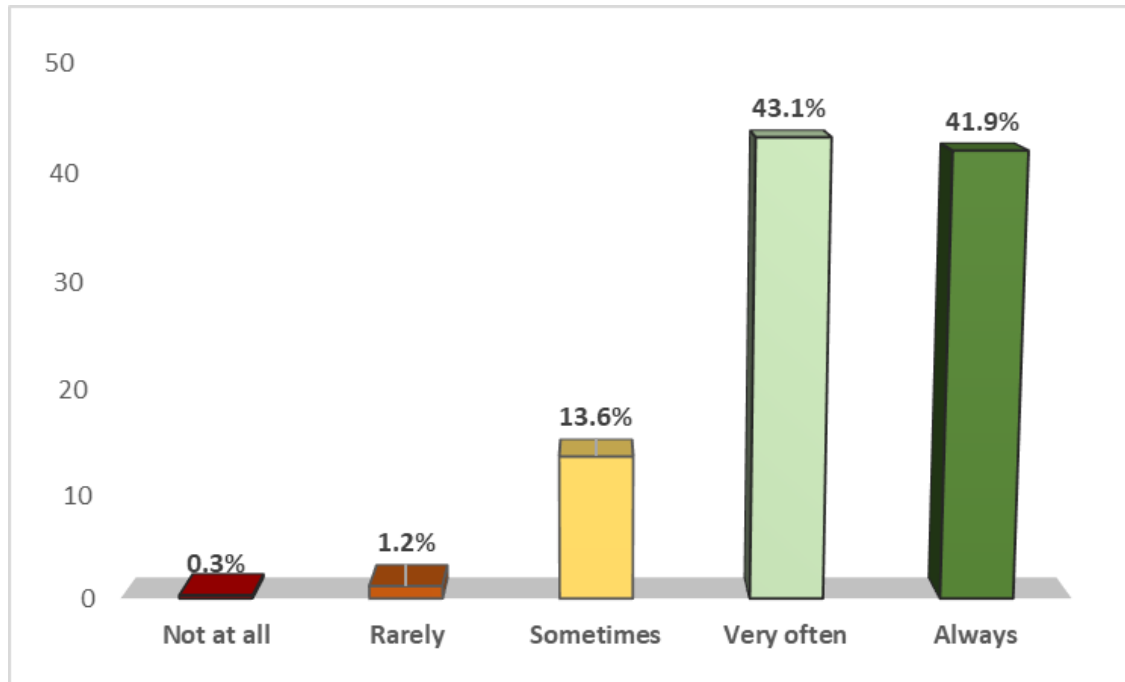


“To what extent has COVID-19 negatively impacted your financial situation?”

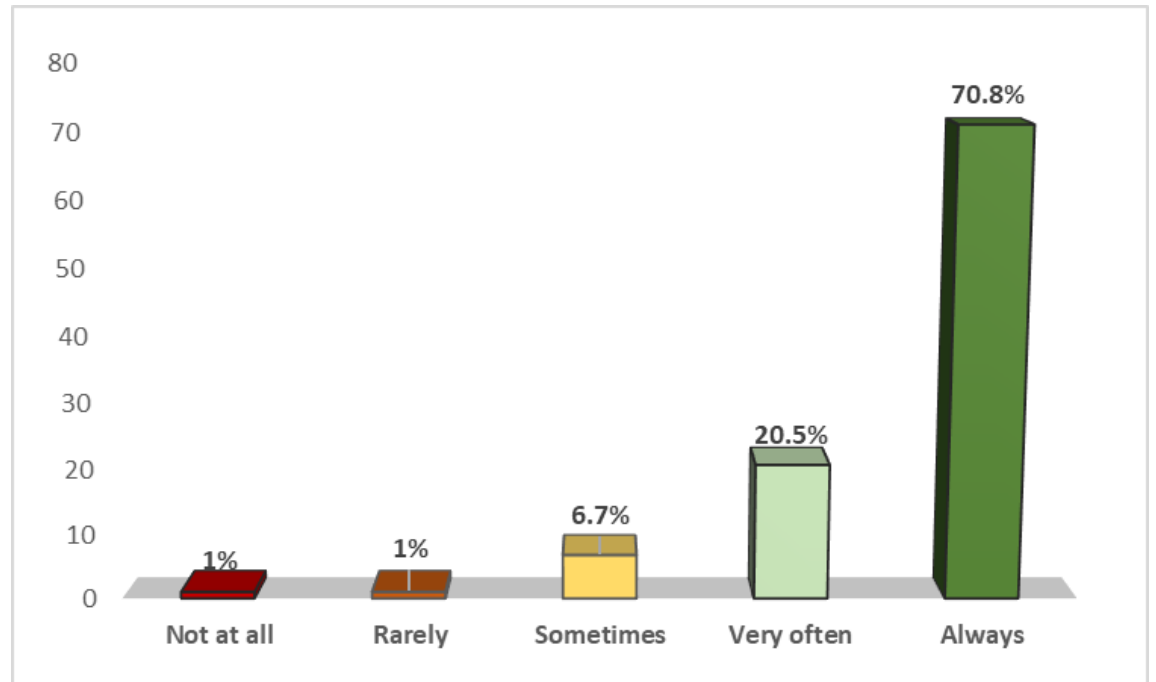


Preventative behaviours in Ghana

“To what extent do you... practise regular hand washing?”

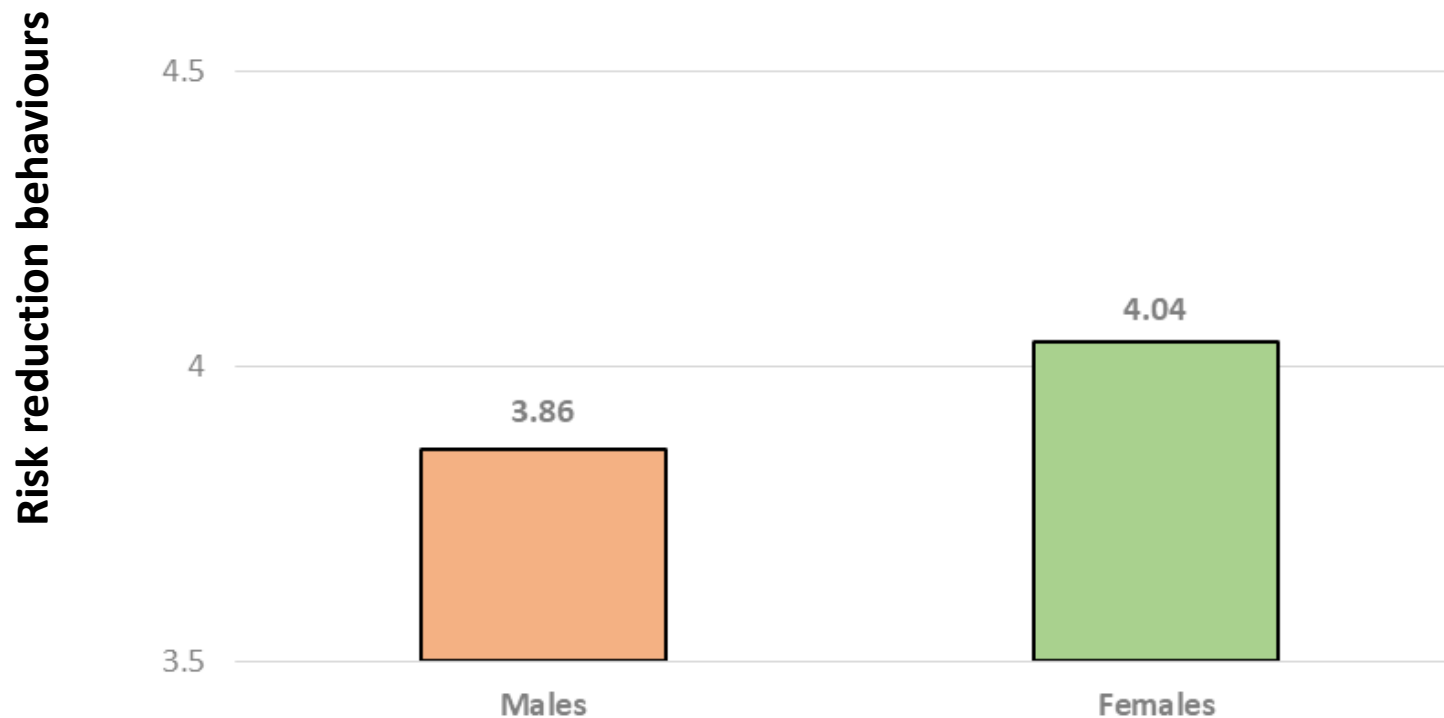


“To what extent do you... wear a mask in a public place?”



Gender differences

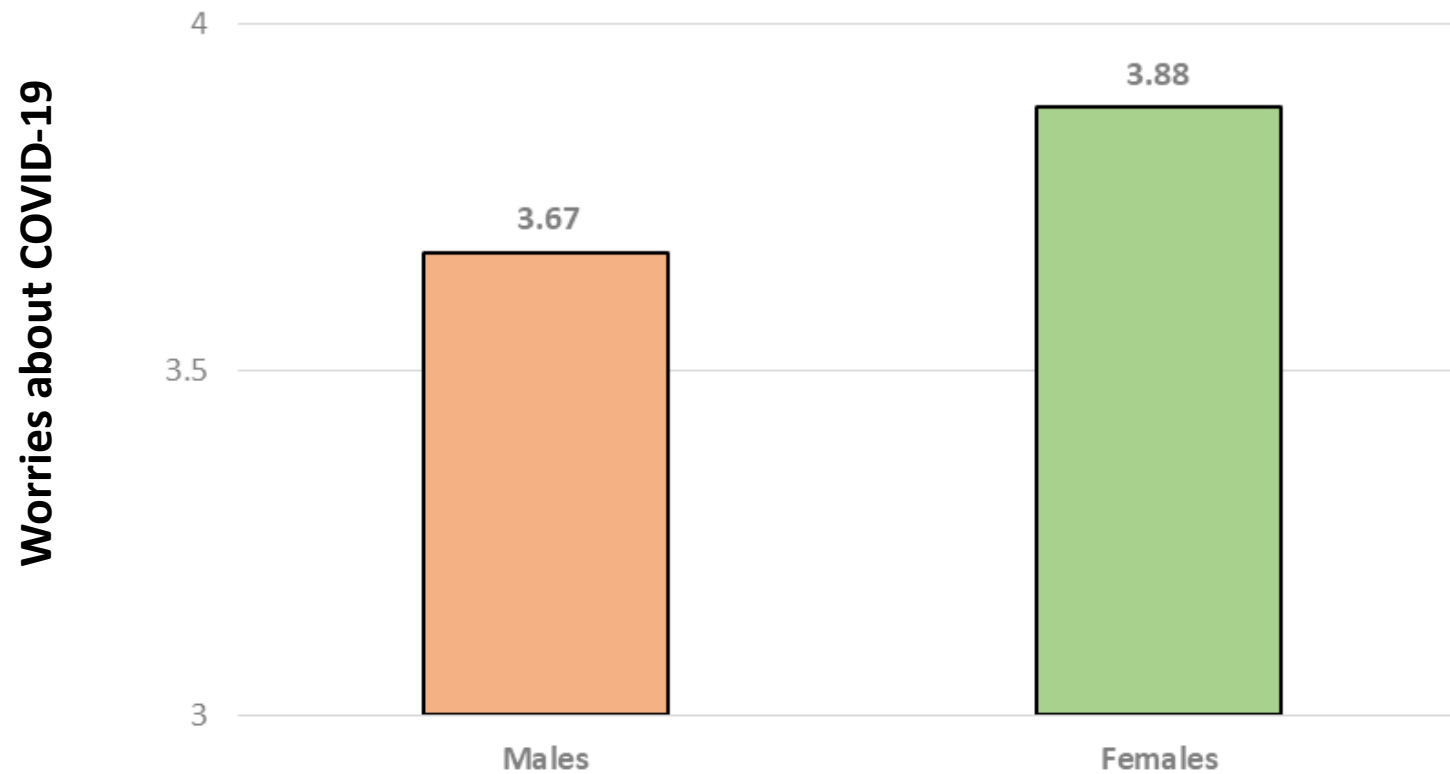
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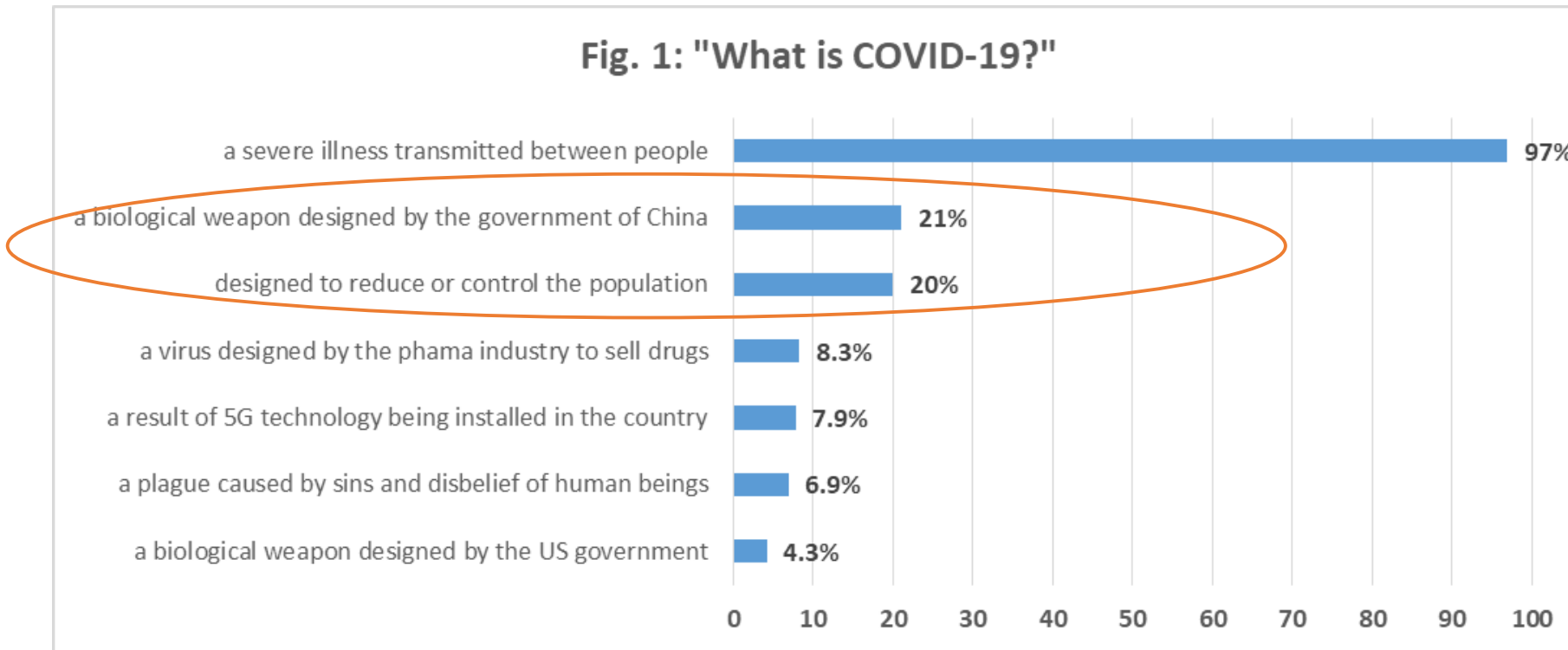
- Handwashing
- Disinfecting surfaces
- Social distancing
- Avoiding touching face
- Coughing/sneezing into elbow
- Wearing a mask
- Using hand sanitiser

Gender differences

1 = Not at all worried; 5 = Extremely worried

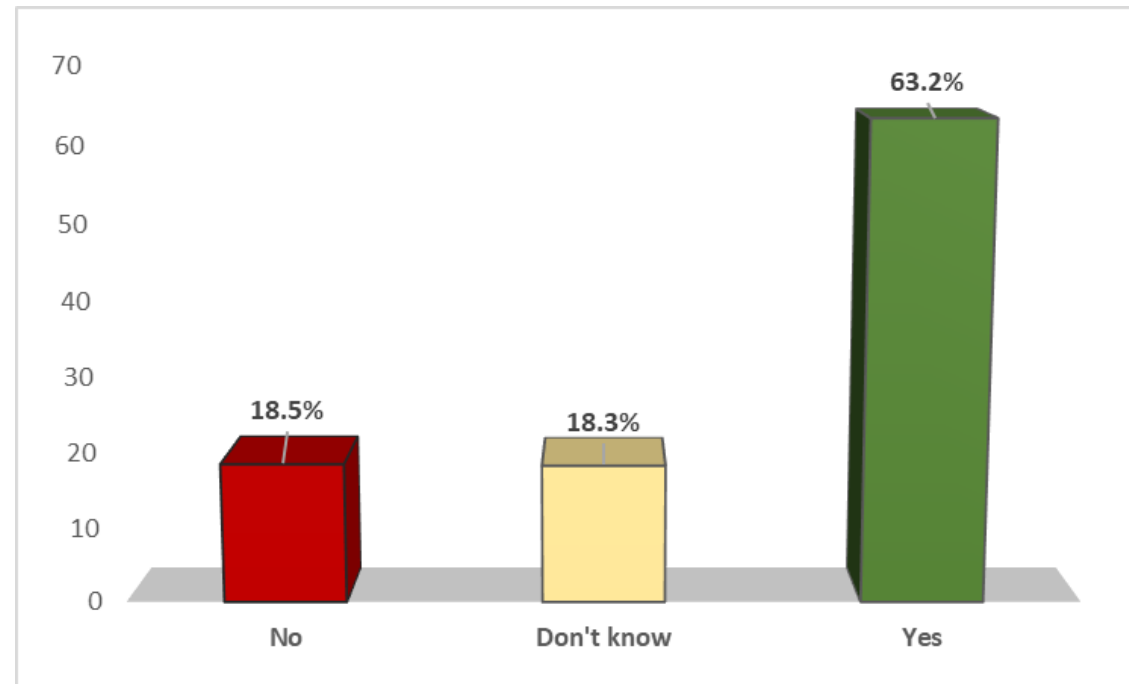


“IT’S A CONSPIRACY!” Knowledge of COVID-19 in Ghana



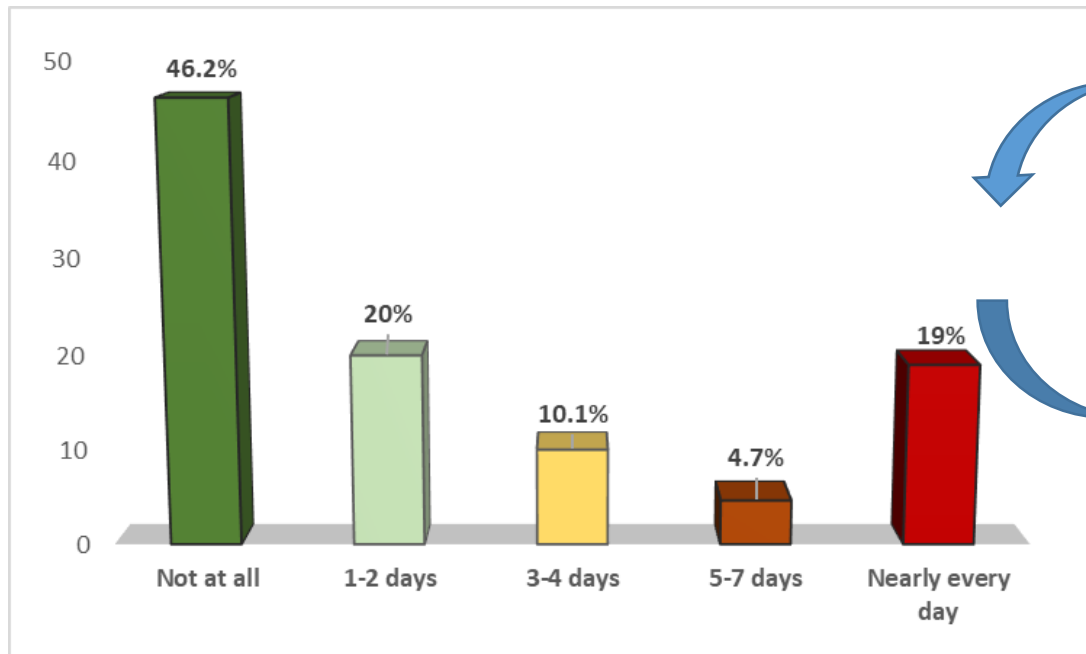
Attitudes toward a COVID-19 vaccine in Ghana

“If a vaccine became available, would you get vaccinated?”

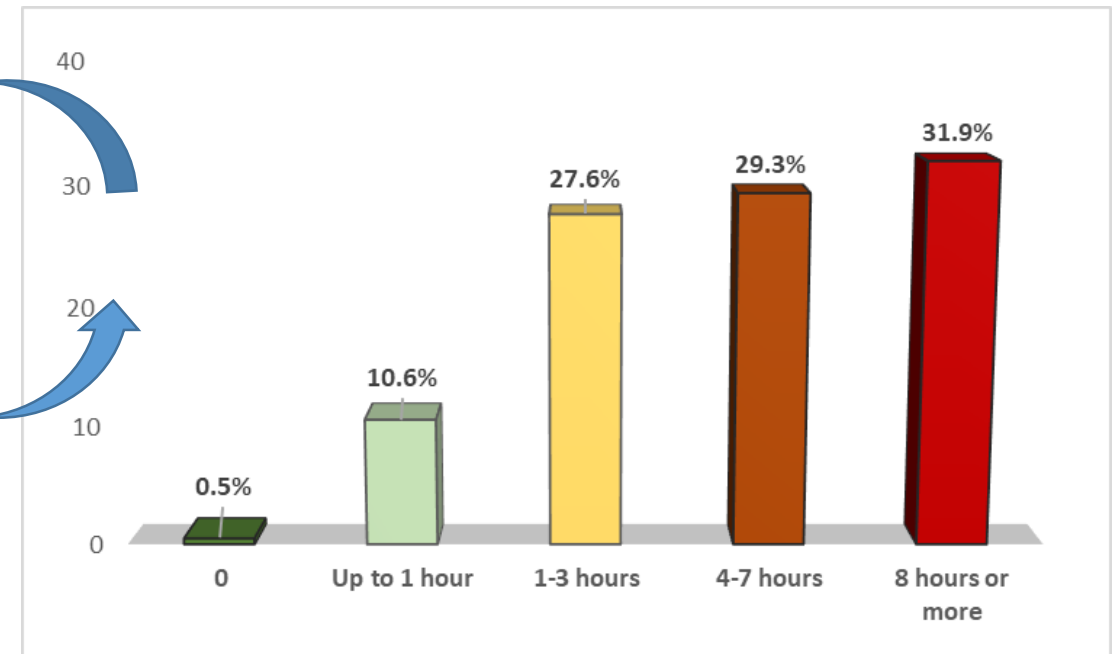


Mental health in Ghana

Loneliness (during the past two weeks)



Social media use (avg. time in hours; past 2 weeks)



Next steps

- **Sharing these results**
 - Policy and decision-makers in Ghana.
- **More research**
 - Attitudes toward vaccines – who and why?
 - Exploring differences in attitudes toward COVID – city vs. rural.

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