

Back to School: Evaluation of COVID-19 Safety Policies and Vaccine Hesitancy



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Introduction

- The Del Mar Union School District (DMUSD) returned to in-person instruction in Fall 2020 with comprehensive safe reopening plan
- COVID-19 vaccine available to the education sector February 27, 2021
- Evaluation was conducted to assess faculty and staff perceptions of safety and vaccine hesitancy

Objectives

- Examine perceptions of personal risk and safety at school
- Assess levels of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and acceptance
- Determine if COVID-19 vaccination changes personal risk and safety perceptions

Methods

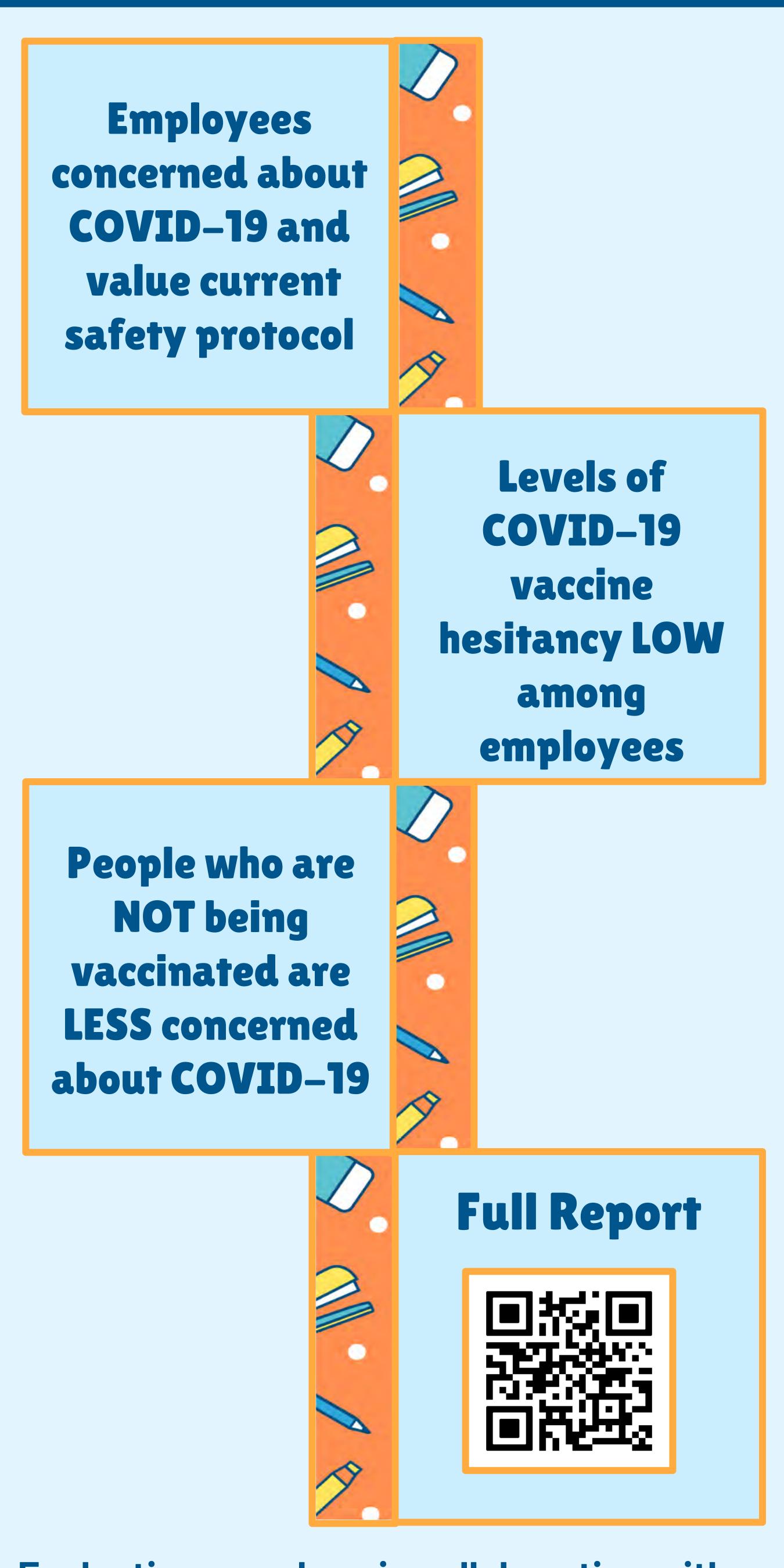
- Electronic quantitative questionnaire created and distributed to all faculty and staff (n=600)
- Data collection between March 10th and March 30th, 2021; response rate of 46%
- Data analyzed in SPSS

Results

- Over half of all respondents concerned about transmitting or contracting COVID-19
- Almost all respondents (94%) had either received at least one does or were planning to be vaccinated
- Respondents who reported that they would refuse vaccination less concerned about contracting and transmitting COVID-19

Conclusion

- Levels of vaccine hesitancy are low among employees at DMUSD
- Enforcement of COVID-19 safety policies important in helping faculty and staff feel safe at school



Evaluation was done in collaboration with...

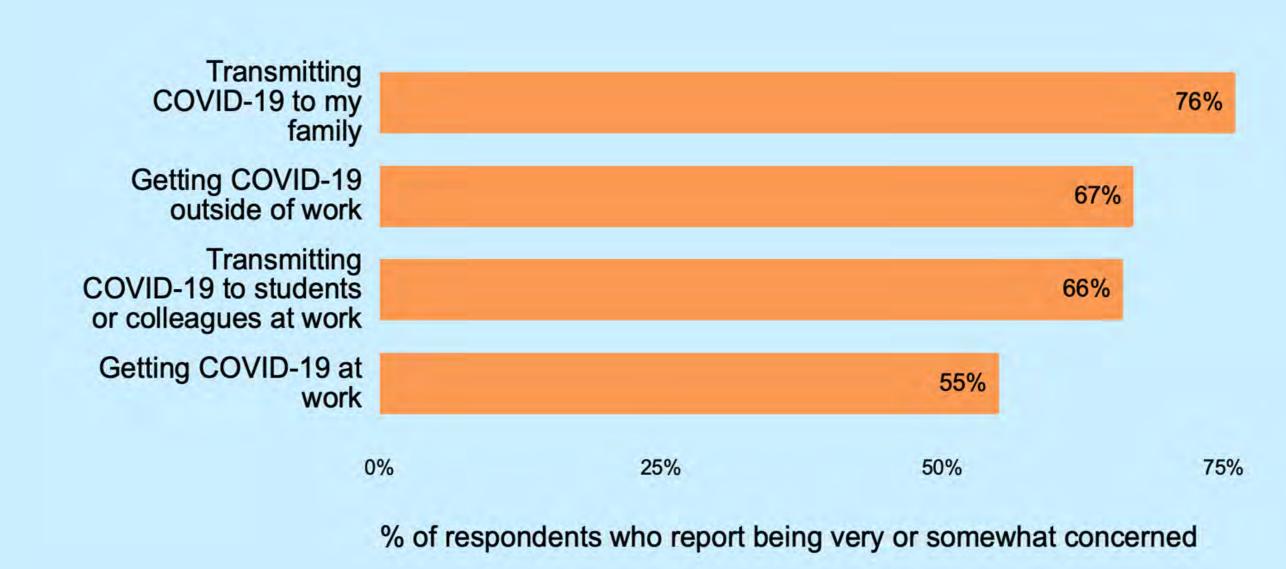
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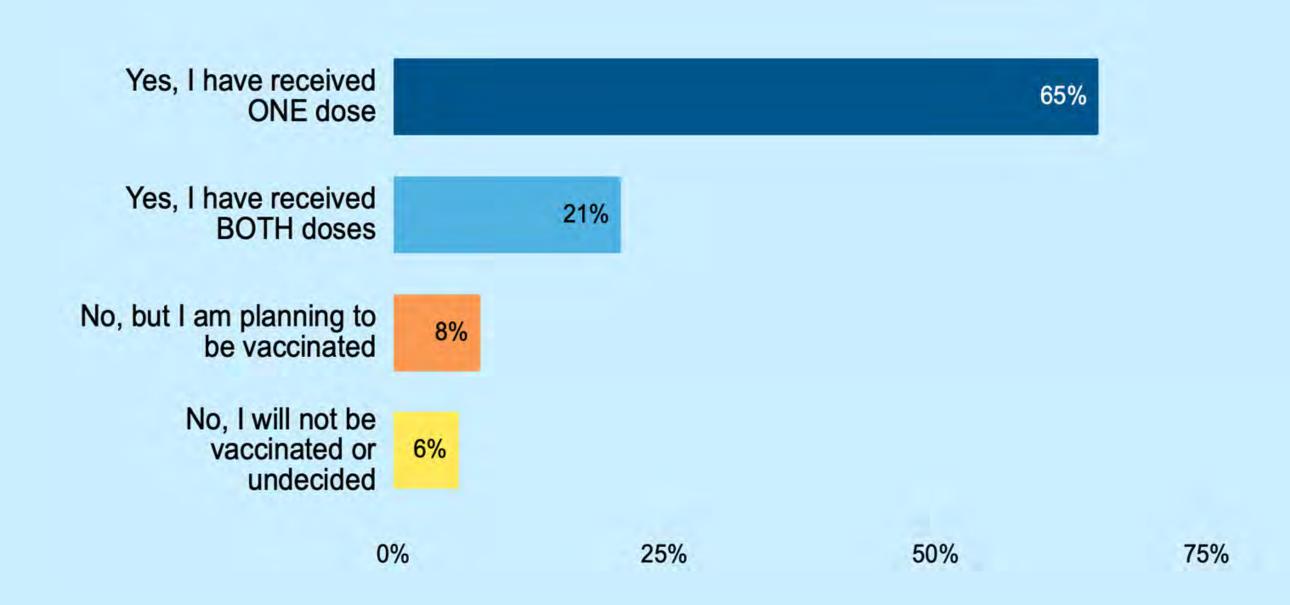


Figures and Findings

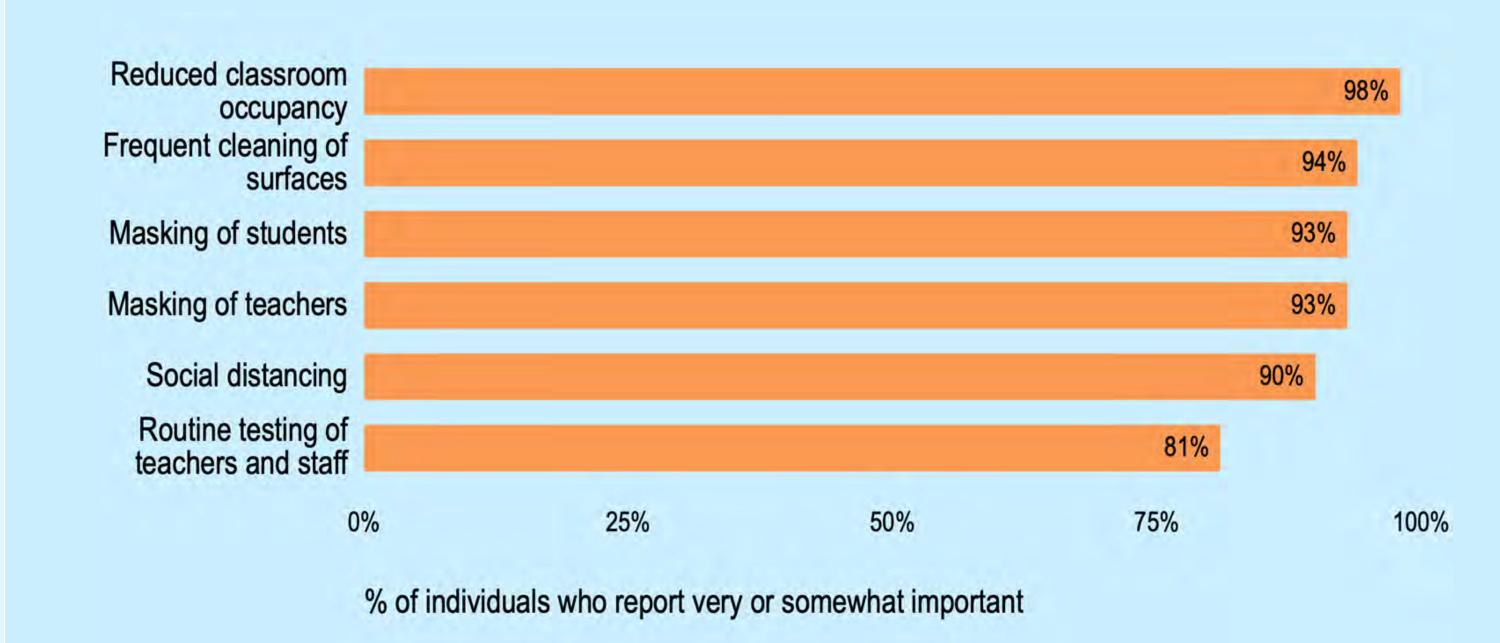
COVID-19 Concerns



COVID-19 Vaccine Status



Perceptions of Safety at School



COVID-19 Risk Perceptions and Vaccine Status

