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## VPR - VERMONT PBS 2020 POLLS

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### **VPR - Vermont PBS Poll Finds Vermonters Support Mask Mandate, Black Lives Matter Movement and Gov. Scott's Leadership**

*Statewide public opinion survey shows widespread concern  
Over economy, future of small businesses*

Winooski, Vt. – Vermont residents support a mask mandate, the Black Lives Matter movement and the leadership of Gov. Phil Scott and are concerned over the future of small businesses in the state. Those are four of the big takeaways from a [joint statewide poll released today](#) by Vermont PBS and Vermont Public Radio.

The poll examined Vermonters' views on the state's response to the coronavirus pandemic, recent protests over racial inequality, and the economy. The phone poll of 603 registered voters was conducted by Braun Research Inc., of Princeton, N.J. and overseen by [Rich Clark](#), professor of political science at Castleton University and the former director of the Castleton Polling Institute. It took place from July 15 to 28. It has an overall margin of error of 4%. The full results, methodology, and appendices are [available for download here](#).

Vermont PBS and VPR will provide extensive broadcast and digital coverage and analysis of the polling results throughout the week, including:

- [VPR News stories and reports](#) throughout the week
- A look at what Vermonters are saying about the toll recent events is all taking on their mental health and personal finances on [Vermont Edition](#) Tuesday, August 4 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- A reporters roundtable discussion of the results on [Vermont This Week](#) Friday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. on Vermont PBS

The poll, released one week ahead of Vermont's primary election, is the second of three [statewide public opinion surveys Vermont PBS and VPR are conducting](#) during this election year. The [first poll](#) was released in February, ahead of Town Meeting Day and Vermont's presidential primary. The final poll will be released in late October, ahead of the general election.

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