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**NY/NJ/CT POLL:
MAJORITY SAY TAKE MONTHS NOT WEEKS TO REOPEN,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
MORE THAN 6 IN 10 KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD CORONAVIRUS**

As the states at the epicenter of the coronavirus crisis consider how and when to reopen their economies, new state polls in NY, NJ, and CT find majorities of voters in all 3 states are overwhelmingly supportive of their governors' responses and their states' restrictions. Majorities also say it will take at least a few months before their states are safe to begin to lift their stay at home orders and reopen their economies. These Quinnipiac University polls were conducted simultaneously in all three states, and include a combined more than 2,800 registered voters.

- **NY:** Governor Cuomo gets a 72 – 24 percent job approval rating, and an 81 – 17 percent approval rating for his handling of the response to the coronavirus. By comparison, President Trump gets a 36 – 60 percent job approval rating, and a 35 – 61 percent approval rating for his handling of the coronavirus. In New York City, the epicenter of the coronavirus crisis in the United States, Mayor de Blasio gets a 63 – 30 percent approval for his handling of the coronavirus among New York City voters.
- **NJ:** Governor Murphy gets a 68 – 23 percent job approval rating, and a 78 – 18 percent approval rating for his handling of the coronavirus. By comparison, President Trump gets a 36 – 59 percent job approval rating, and a 37 – 61 percent approval rating for his handling of the coronavirus.
- **CT:** Governor Lamont gets a 65 – 26 percent job approval rating, and a 78 – 17 percent approval rating for his handling of the coronavirus. By comparison, President Trump gets a 36 – 61 percent job approval rating, and a 36 – 61 percent approval rating for his handling of the coronavirus.

“A crisis rockets governors to approval ratings rarely seen. In the Tri-State area, the public leans on their leaders and the gratitude shows,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

Roughly two-thirds in each of these states also say the restrictions put in place in their state to slow the spread of the coronavirus are about right, while only about 20 percent in each state think they don't go far enough and about 15 percent think they go too far.

Majorities in all three states don't think their states should reopen any time soon. Timeframes for when voters in each of these states think it will be safe to begin to lift their state's stay at home order and reopen the economy are below.

In the next few months or longer:

- NY: 58 percent;
- NJ: 55 percent;
- CT: 59 percent.

Immediately or in the next few weeks:

- NY: 38 percent;
- NJ: 39 percent;
- CT: 38 percent.

And even if restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks, roughly 7 out of 10 in each state would be uncomfortable going to restaurants or bars, more than 8 out of 10 wouldn't be comfortable going to a large sports or entertainment event, and people in each state are split about returning to work outside the home.

There is a clear consensus that the state should be prioritizing slowing the spread of the coronavirus by keeping people home, even if it hurts the economy, say 71 percent of NY, NJ, and CT, while only about a quarter in each state think reopening the economy should be the top priority. A majority (NY 75 – 20 percent, NJ 74 – 20 percent, CT 76 – 19 percent) also think that there should be more testing in their state in order to begin to lift stay at home orders.

“Cautious but not cowering: having experienced a nightmare, the 32 million people who make up the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut Tri-State area are willing to hang tough and wait out the virus for another few months,” added Malloy.

AT THE CENTER OF THE CRISIS

The impact hits close to home. A majority of people in each state know someone who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus, and worry about infection is pervasive.

- NY: 63 percent know someone who has been diagnosed, 42 percent know someone who has been hospitalized, and 35 percent know someone who has died. 68 percent are very or somewhat worried that they will be infected and get seriously ill, while 78 percent are very or somewhat worried that someone in their family will be infected and get seriously ill.
- NJ: 71 percent know someone who has been diagnosed, 48 percent know someone who has been hospitalized, and 38 percent know someone who has died. 67 percent are very or somewhat worried that they will be infected and get seriously ill, while 80 percent are very or somewhat worried that someone in their family will be infected and get seriously ill.

- CT: 61 percent know someone who has been diagnosed, 33 percent know someone who has been hospitalized, and 22 percent know someone who has died. 65 percent are very or somewhat worried that they will be infected and get seriously ill, while 78 percent are very or somewhat worried that someone in their family will be infected and get seriously ill.

“The outbreak is personal for people living in the Tri-State region. Not only do a majority of them know someone who tested positive for the coronavirus, close to 4 in 10 people in the hardest hit states of New York and New Jersey know someone who died after being infected,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Mary Snow.

FINANCIAL STRAIN

Roughly half of each state say that the coronavirus crisis has caused them financial hardship (NY 48 percent, NJ 51 percent, CT 46 percent), while about one third say they have lost their job or a substantial portion of their household income.

Close to 4 in 10 say that they are very or somewhat concerned about their household being able to pay their bills in the next month (NY 41 percent, NJ 39 percent, CT 35 percent), and about 3 in 10 in each state are very or somewhat concerned about having enough food to eat (NY 31 percent, NJ 25 percent, CT 26 percent).

“In states known for their high costs of living, the financial impact of the coronavirus is taking a toll with real concerns about making ends meet and feeding families. Roughly one-quarter of people have concerns about being able to pay their rent or mortgage bills in the next month,” added Snow.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

About a quarter of all three states say that the economy in their state is excellent or good (NY 25 percent, NJ 29 percent, CT 25 percent), while around 7 in 10 say that the economy is not so good or poor. However, just over half of NY and NJ, as well as about 4 in 10 of CT, say they expect economic conditions in their state to be excellent or good a year from now.

LOOKING AHEAD

NJ is the most optimistic that their state will be back to normal a year from now, 53 – 40 percent. New Yorkers are split 47 – 47 percent, while CT is little more pessimistic as 46 percent say yes and 51 percent say no.

THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

In all 3 states, former Vice President Joe Biden has a huge lead over President Donald Trump. In NY, Biden leads 55 – 32 percent; in NJ, Biden leads 54 – 35 percent; and in CT, Biden leads 56 – 33 percent.

“Fueled by big leads among women, non-whites, and whites with a college degree, it’s looking like a Biden blue state blowout across all three states,” said Associate Vice President and Director Doug Schwartz.

More voters have a favorable than an unfavorable view of Biden in all 3 states (NY + 12, NJ +9, CT +12). More have an unfavorable opinion than a favorable one of Trump (NY -25, NJ -24, CT -27).

From April 30th – May 4th:

- 915 self-identified registered voters in New York were surveyed, with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points;
- 941 self-identified registered voters in New Jersey were surveyed, with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points;
- 945 self-identified registered voters in Connecticut were surveyed, with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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1. How much attention have you been paying to the election campaign for president; a lot, some, only a little, or none at all?

	CT	NJ	NY
A lot	54%	58%	51%
Some	25	25	29
Only a little	14	11	12
None at all	6	5	7
DK/NA	1	1	1

2. If the election for president were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	CT	NJ	NY
Biden	56%	54%	55%
Trump	33	35	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	2
DK/NA	7	8	8

3. Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	CT	NJ	NY
Favorable	49%	47%	48%
Unfavorable	37	38	36
Hvn't hrd enough	12	11	12
REFUSED	1	4	3

4. Is your opinion of Donald Trump favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	CT	NJ	NY
Favorable	34%	35%	34%
Unfavorable	61	59	59
Hvn't hrd enough	3	2	3
REFUSED	2	4	3

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - (CT) Ned Lamont / (NJ) Phil Murphy / (NY) Andrew Cuomo - is handling his job as governor?

	CT Lamont	NJ Murphy	NY Cuomo
Approve	65%	68%	72%
Disapprove	26	23	24
DK/NA	8	10	4

6-7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - (CT) Chris Murphy, Richard Blumenthal / (NJ) Cory Booker, Robert Menendez / (NY) Chuck Schumer, Kirsten Gillibrand - is handling [his/her] job as United States Senator?

	CT.....		NJ.....		NY.....	
	Murphy	Blumenthal	Booker	Menendez	Schumer	Gillibrand
Approve	55%	55%	50%	40%	51%	43%
Disapprove	32	36	34	36	36	30
DK/NA	13	9	16	24	13	27

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	CT	NJ	NY
Approve	36%	36%	36%
Disapprove	61	59	60
DK/NA	3	5	4

9. (New Jersey only) Would you be inclined to vote to reelect Cory Booker the Democrat as a U.S. Senator this year, or not?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes	-	53%	-
No	-	36	-
DK/NA	-	11	-

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the response to the coronavirus?

	CT	NJ	NY
Approve	36%	37%	35%
Disapprove	61	61	61
DK/NA	2	2	4

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - (CT) Ned Lamont / (NJ) Phil Murphy / (NY) Andrew Cuomo - is handling the response to the coronavirus?

	CT	NJ	NY
	Lamont	Murphy	Cuomo
Approve	78%	78%	81%
Disapprove	17	18	17
DK/NA	5	4	2

12. (New York only) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill de Blasio is handling the response to the coronavirus?

	CT	NJ	NYC
Approve	-	-	63%
Disapprove	-	-	30
DK/NA	-	-	7

13. Would you describe the state of - Connecticut's/New Jersey's/New York State's - economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	CT	NJ	NY
Excellent	1%	3%	2%
Good	24	26	23
Not so good	46	45	43
Poor	28	21	29
DK/NA	2	4	3

14. Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in the state will be excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	CT	NJ	NY
Excellent	3%	6%	6%
Good	40	48	46
Not so good	37	33	34
Poor	17	9	10
DK/NA	3	4	4

15. How worried, if at all, are you about becoming infected and seriously ill from the coronavirus: very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	CT	NJ	NY
Very worried	23%	26%	26%
Somewhat worried	42	41	42
Not too worried	21	23	22
Not worried at all	12	9	10
DK/NA	1	1	-

16. How worried, if at all, are you that someone in your family will become infected and seriously ill from the coronavirus: very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	CT	NJ	NY
Very worried	39%	43%	42%
Somewhat worried	39	37	36
Not too worried	15	13	15
Not worried at all	6	6	5
DK/NA	1	-	1

17. Has the coronavirus outbreak caused any financial hardship for you or others in your household, or not?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes/Caused hardship	46%	51%	48%
No	54	48	52
DK/NA	-	-	-

18. Have you lost your job or a substantial portion of your household's income due to the coronavirus crisis, or haven't you?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes	30%	36%	35%
No	70	63	65
DK/NA	1	1	1

19. How concerned, if at all, are you about your household being able to pay bills over the next month: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

	CT	NJ	NY
Very concerned	11%	12%	17%
Somewhat concerned	24	27	24
Not so concerned	25	24	23
Not concerned at all	40	36	35
DK/NA	1	-	-

20. How concerned, if at all, are you about having enough food to feed your household over the next month: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

	CT	NJ	NY
Very concerned	6%	7%	10%
Somewhat concerned	20	18	21
Not so concerned	24	28	21
Not concerned at all	50	47	47
DK/NA	-	-	1

21. How concerned, if at all, are you about your household being able to afford rent or mortgage over the next month: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

	CT	NJ	NY
Very concerned	9%	10%	12%
Somewhat concerned	16	17	18
Not so concerned	17	24	18
Not concerned at all	58	49	51
DK/NA	-	-	1

22. Do you personally know anyone who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus, or not?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes/Know diagnosed	61%	71%	63%
No	38	28	37
DK/NA	1	-	1

NOTE: 'Yes' includes respondents who volunteered they have been diagnosed with the coronavirus.

22a. Do you personally know anyone who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus, or not?
 COMBINED WITH: (If yes q22) Have you or has anyone you personally know been hospitalized
 for coronavirus treatment?

	CT	NJ	NY
Know diagnosed/ Hospitalized	33%	48%	42%
Know diagnosed/ Not hospitalized	27	23	20
Don't know anyone diagnosed	38	28	37
DK/NA	2	1	1

22b. Do you personally know anyone who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus, or not?
 COMBINED WITH: (If yes q22) Has anyone you personally know died from the coronavirus?

	CT	NJ	NY
Know diagnosed/ Died	22%	38%	35%
Know diagnosed/ Has not died	39	33	27
Don't know anyone diagnosed	38	28	37
DK/NA	1	-	1

23. Thinking about the restrictions that have been put in place in the state to slow the
 spread of the coronavirus, do you think these restrictions go too far, don't go far enough,
 or are about right?

	CT	NJ	NY
Too far	13%	14%	16%
Not far enough	19	20	18
About right	66	65	65
DK/NA	1	1	-

24. When do you think it will be safe to begin to lift the state's stay at home order and
 reopen the economy: immediately, in the next few weeks, in the next few months, in the next
 year, or longer than that?

	CT	NJ	NY
Immediately	10%	8%	11%
Next few weeks	28	31	27
Next few months	47	43	43
In the next year	10	9	11
Longer than that	2	3	4
DK/NA	3	7	4

25. Do you think there is enough coronavirus testing being done to begin to lift the state's stay at home order, or do you think there should be more coronavirus testing in order to begin to lift the state's stay at home order?

	CT	NJ	NY
Enough testing	19%	20%	20%
More testing	76	74	75
DK/NA	5	6	5

26. If you had to choose, what should be the top priority for the state right now: try to get the economy going by sending people back to work, even if it means more people might be exposed to coronavirus, or try to slow the spread of coronavirus by keeping people home and social distancing, even if it hurts the economy?

	CT	NJ	NY
Get economy going/ Back to work	26%	24%	23%
Slow spread/ Keep people home	71	71	71
DK/NA	3	4	5

27. If stay at home restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks, would you be comfortable or uncomfortable - getting on an airplane?

	CT	NJ	NY
Comfortable	20%	19%	23%
Uncomfortable	79	78	76
DK/NA	1	2	2

28. If stay at home restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks, would you be comfortable or uncomfortable - visiting friends?

	CT	NJ	NY
Comfortable	58%	57%	56%
Uncomfortable	40	41	42
DK/NA	2	2	2

29. If stay at home restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks, would you be comfortable or uncomfortable - going to a large sports or entertainment event?

	CT	NJ	NY
Comfortable	16%	14%	14%
Uncomfortable	83	83	84
DK/NA	2	3	2

30. If stay at home restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks, would you be comfortable or uncomfortable - going to a workplace outside your home?

	CT	NJ	NY
Comfortable	48%	45%	47%
Uncomfortable	45	50	48
DK/NA	7	5	5

31. If stay at home restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks, would you be comfortable or uncomfortable - going out to restaurants or bars?

	CT	NJ	NY
Comfortable	27%	28%	27%
Uncomfortable	72	70	70
DK/NA	1	2	3

32. If stay at home restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks, would you be comfortable or uncomfortable - going to the beach?

	CT	NJ	NY
Comfortable	53%	48%	44%
Uncomfortable	45	49	53
DK/NA	2	3	3

33. If stay at home restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks, would you be comfortable or uncomfortable - going to parks?

	CT	NJ	NY
Comfortable	72%	75%	67%
Uncomfortable	28	24	31
DK/NA	1	1	1

34. If stay at home restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks, would you be comfortable or uncomfortable - going to the barber shop or hair salon?

	CT	NJ	NY
Comfortable	45%	42%	44%
Uncomfortable	53	55	54
DK/NA	2	2	2

35. If stay at home restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks, would you be comfortable or uncomfortable - using public transportation?

	CT	NJ	NY
Comfortable	16%	18%	20%
Uncomfortable	81	78	77
DK/NA	3	4	3

36. In a year from now, do you think your state will be back to normal, or don't you think so?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes	46%	53%	47%
No	51	40	47
DK/NA	3	6	6

37. (Intro q37-42: In thinking about how you are dealing with the state's stay at home order, I'm going to ask you about how you've been feeling.) Are you feeling - restless a lot of the time, or not?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes	42%	43%	41%
No	58	57	58
DK/NA	-	-	1

38. Are you feeling - stressed a lot of the time, or not?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes	43%	42%	44%
No	57	58	55
DK/NA	1	-	1

39. Are you feeling - scared a lot of the time, or not?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes	19%	22%	23%
No	80	78	76
DK/NA	1	-	1

40. Are you feeling - sad a lot of the time, or not?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes	26%	25%	29%
No	74	74	70
DK/NA	1	1	1

41. Are you feeling - lonely a lot of the time, or not?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes	20%	17%	21%
No	80	82	78
DK/NA	-	-	1

42. Are you feeling - angry a lot of the time, or not?

	CT	NJ	NY
Yes	17%	13%	18%
No	83	86	81
DK/NA	1	1	-