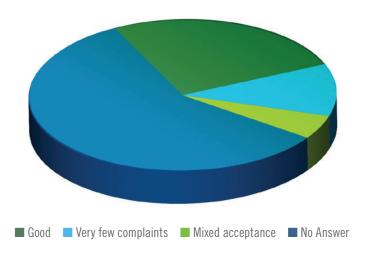


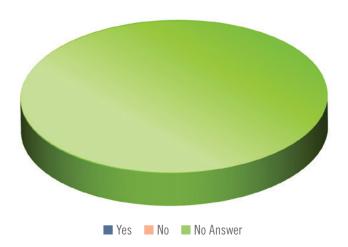
Impact of lifting state mandated mask requirements for the restaurant industry?

A recent survey of several nationwide restaurant chains shows that, even though municipalities and some states are relaxing their mask mandates, all are still requiring that Employees continue to wear masks. As one respondent points out, "many guests still consider covid safety & precautions when deciding where to dine. If the CDC promotes mask wearing, it is best to follow their guidelines."

Guest acceptance of mask policies?

Guests are generally understanding of mask policies; however, it can be a mixed bag at times. Most restaurants will require their guests to wear a mask unless they are seated at a table. If local or state guidelines do not require masks, restaurants need not try to enforce wearing a mask.





Would removal of a mask mandate for Employees result in an increase of covid cases?

Most responded that it is not applicable at this time. It is also good to note that masks are still required regardless of vaccination status. Some restaurants have offered cash incentives to employees to get vaccinated, when possible.