

Opinion Poll Report on Lifting Covid-19 Measures in the UAE

Key Findings

- ❑ The sample size at the UAE level was **654** individuals.
- ❑ Male participants constituted **51** percent of total respondents, while female participants made up **49** percent.
- ❑ Non-Emirati participants in the poll amounted to **91** percent, compared to **9** percent of Emirati participants.
- ❑ The age group '30-39' made up **50** percent of total respondents, followed by the age groups '40-49' (**24** percent), '18-29' (**19** percent), and '50 and above' (**7** percent).
- ❑ **57** percent of total participants were bachelor's degree holders, **26** percent were diploma holders, and **17** percent were high school graduates.
- ❑ **75** percent of total respondents were from the emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai (**48** percent from the emirate of Dubai and **27** percent from the emirate of Abu Dhabi).

Key Findings

- ❑ **69** percent of total respondents received three or more COVID-19 vaccine doses, **28** percent received two doses, **1** percent received one dose, while **2** percent did not receive any dose.
- ❑ **24** percent of total respondents follow COVID-19 precautionary measures to protect themselves from the virus, **5** percent follow them to avoid violating laws and regulations, while **71** percent follow them for both reasons.
- ❑ **76** percent say the precautionary measures imposed by states have contributed to a great extent to curbing the spread of the coronavirus.
- ❑ **69** percent of total participants support the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.
- ❑ **43** percent recommend the lifting of mandatory regular **PCR** tests, **42** percent recommend the lifting of mandatory face masks, and **29** percent recommend the lifting of the limitation of the capacity of public places and events.

Introduction

As part of its opinion poll series, TRENDS Research & Advisory Center conducted an opinion poll on “**Lifting Covid-19 Measures in the UAE**” with the aim of exploring the opinions of the UAE community members, both nationals and expatriates, about lifting the COVID-19 restrictions in the UAE.

Supervised by the Center’s Global Barometer Department, the poll was conducted in the context of the memorandum of understanding and cooperation, recently signed between TRENDS Research and Advisory Center and the ‘Al-Emarat Al-Youm’ newspaper, aiming to enhance partnership and cooperation between research centers and national and international media institutions.

The poll contained the following five questions:

- 1- How many Covid-19 vaccine doses have you received so far?
- 2- Why do you follow precautionary measures (wearing face masks, physical distancing, taking PCR tests / etc.)?
- 3- To what extent have these precautionary measures imposed by states contributed to curbing the spread of Covid-19?
- 4- Some countries have recently lifted Covid-19 restrictions, such as mandatory face masks and regular PCR tests, and other measures. To what extent do you support such lifting in the United Arab Emirates?
- 5- If you support the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, which of the following restrictions do you recommend lifting?

Objectives of the Poll

- To know the number of doses taken by the participants in the survey.
- To know why members of the UAE community follow the COVID-19 precautionary measures (face masks, physical distances, PCR)
- To find out the opinions of the UAE community about the contribution of the COVID-19 precautionary measures to limiting the spread of the coronavirus.
- To understand the degree to which the UAE community supports the lifting of the COVID-19 precautionary restrictions in the UAE.
- To identify the most important three COVID-19 precautionary measures that the UAE community recommends to be lifted.

Methodology

Data Collection:

Due to COVID-19 precautionary measures, electronic data collection method was used whereby the questionnaire link was posted on TRENDS' website to ensure the ease and accuracy of responses.

The Sample:

a- Sample Selection:

Owing to the difficulty of reaching the target audience, snowball sampling method was used. A questionnaire link was sent to individuals whose information is available in the databases at TRENDS Research & Advisory Center. We requested them to share the link with other people in the UAE who fit the characteristics of the intended sample. We also used the data collection services of **Surviv** company to collect data.

b- Characteristics of the Sample:

The sample consisted of community members, from different age groups and nationalities, who live in the UAE.

c- Margin of Error:

The margin of error was $\pm 4.0\%$, which fell within the statistically acceptable range in electronic surveys. This was accounted for in the analysis to ensure the accuracy of the results.

Questionnaire Format:

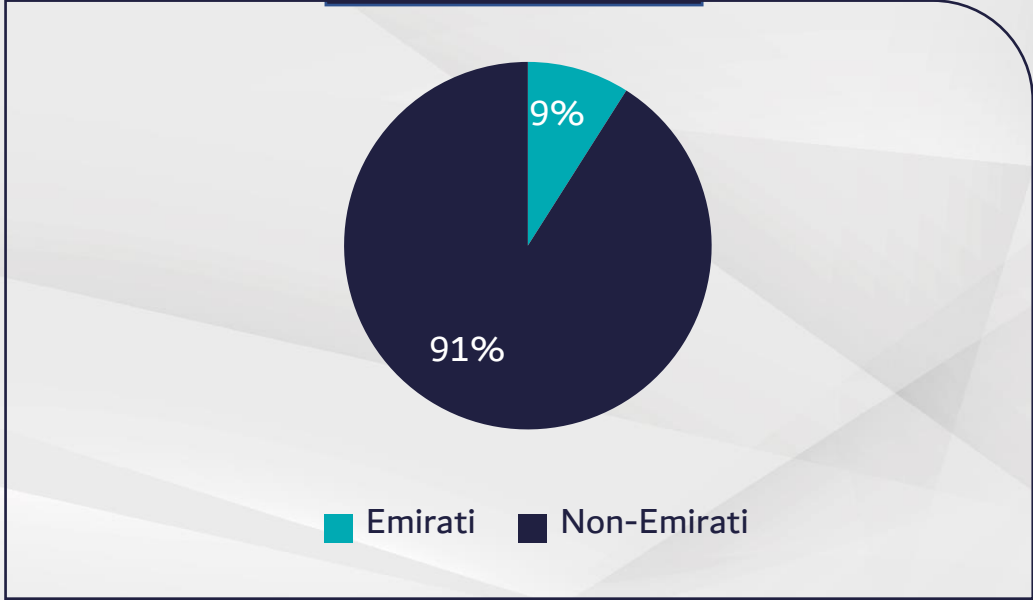
An electronic questionnaire was designed for the purpose of this survey. It consisted of five questions asking the UAE community members their opinion about lifting the COVID-19 precautionary measures imposed in the UAE.

Data Analysis:

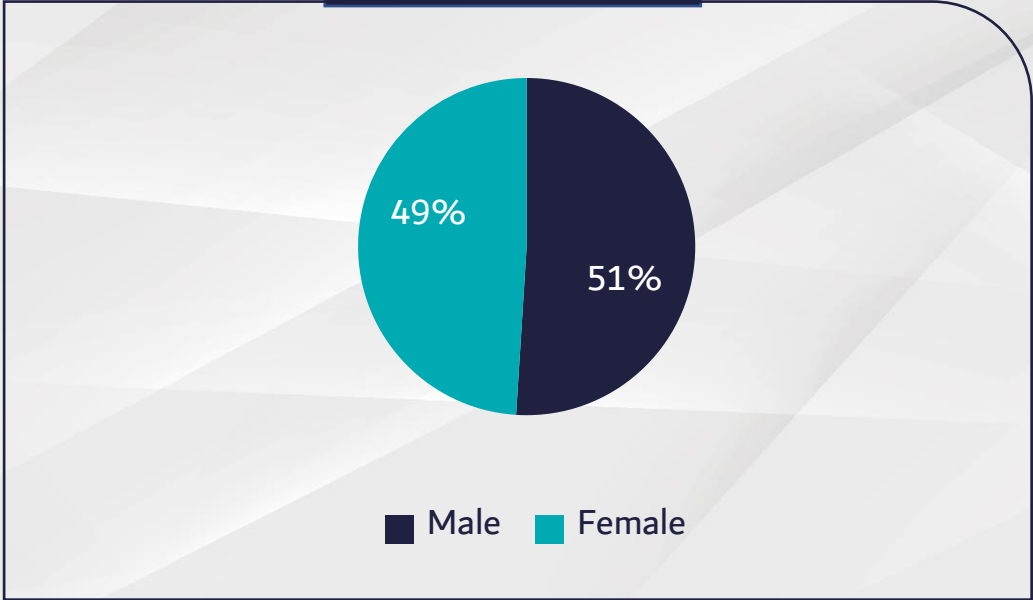
SPSS and Excel statistical programs were used to process and analyse the data, extract tables and graphs, and prepare the statistical report.

Sample Distribution

by Nationality

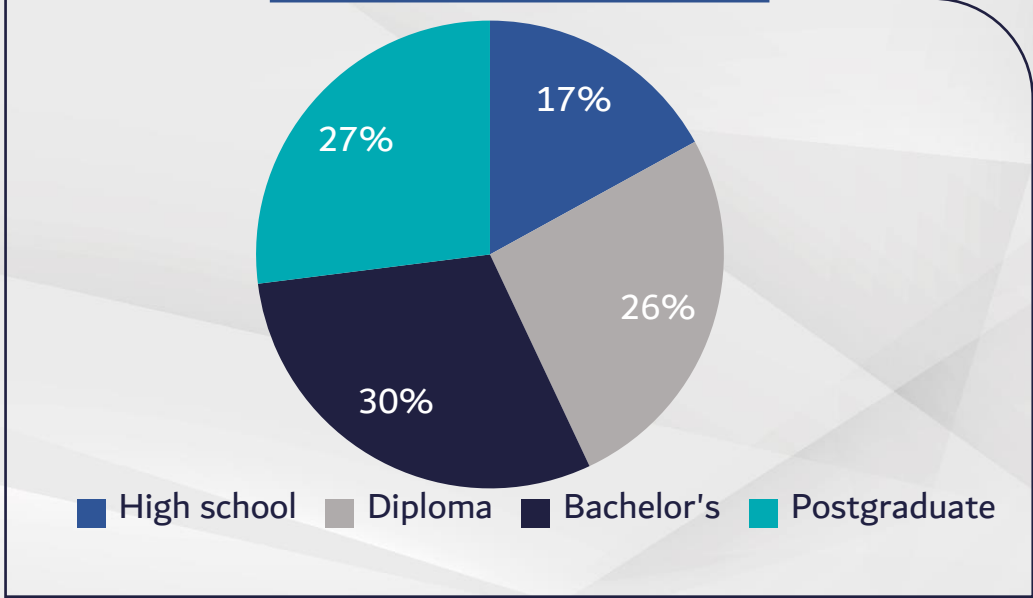


by Gender

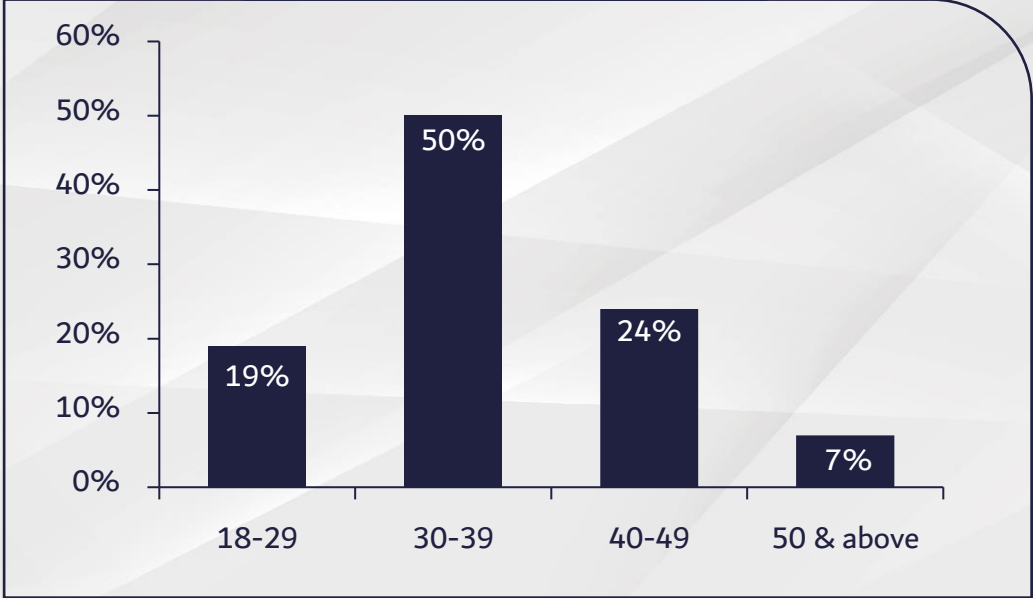


Sample Distribution

by Education Level

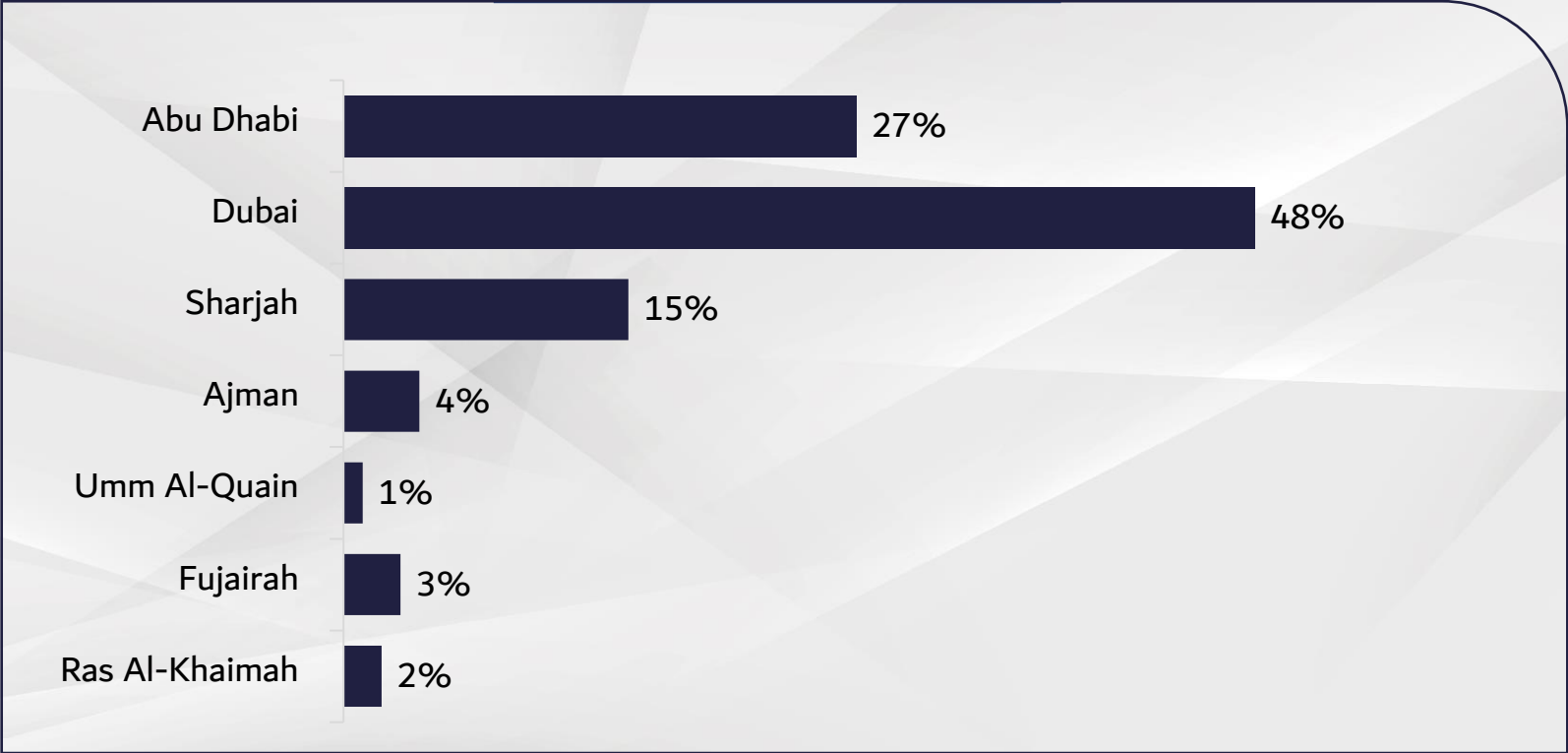


by Age Group



Sample Distribution

by Emirate



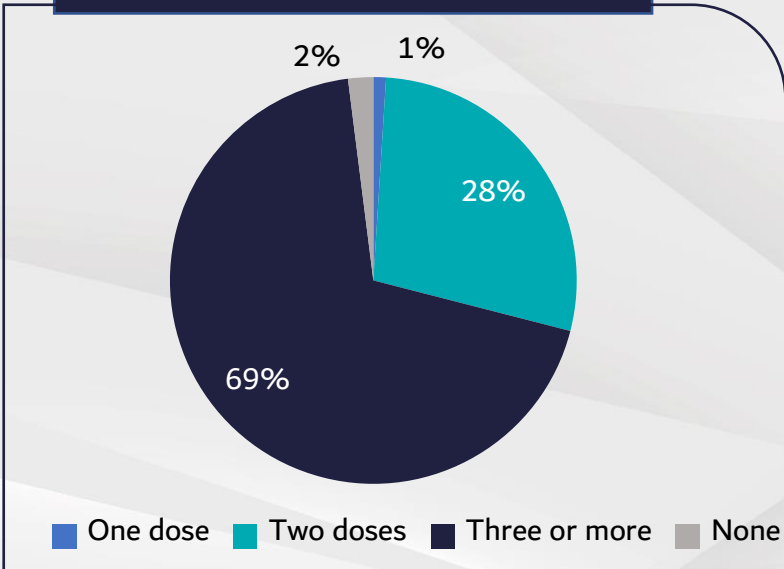
How many Covid-19 vaccine doses have you received so far?

69 percent of the sample members have received three or more doses of coronavirus vaccine.

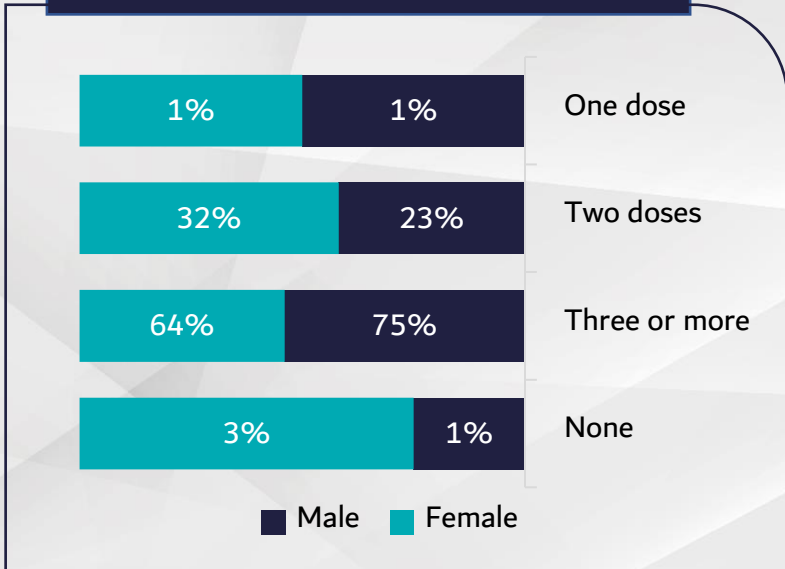
- The results show that males are more interested in taking all the vaccine doses (**75 percent**) than females (**64 percent**).
- **28 percent** of both Emiratis and non-Emiratis have received two doses, while **65 percent** of Emiratis and **69 percent** of non-Emiratis have received three doses respectively.
- **80 percent** of the age group '40-49' and **83 percent** of the age group '50 & above' have received all the required doses, showing more interest in receiving them compared to other age groups.

How many Covid-19 vaccine doses have you received so far?

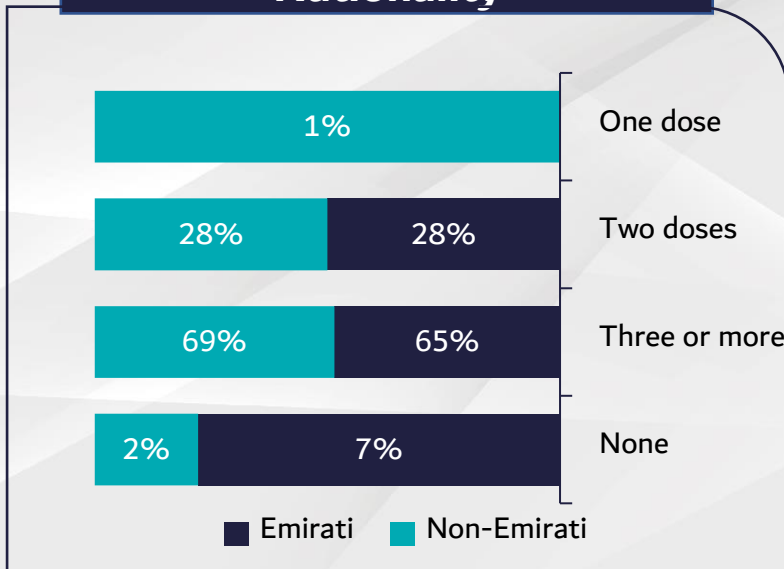
by Doses Received



by Doses Received and Gender

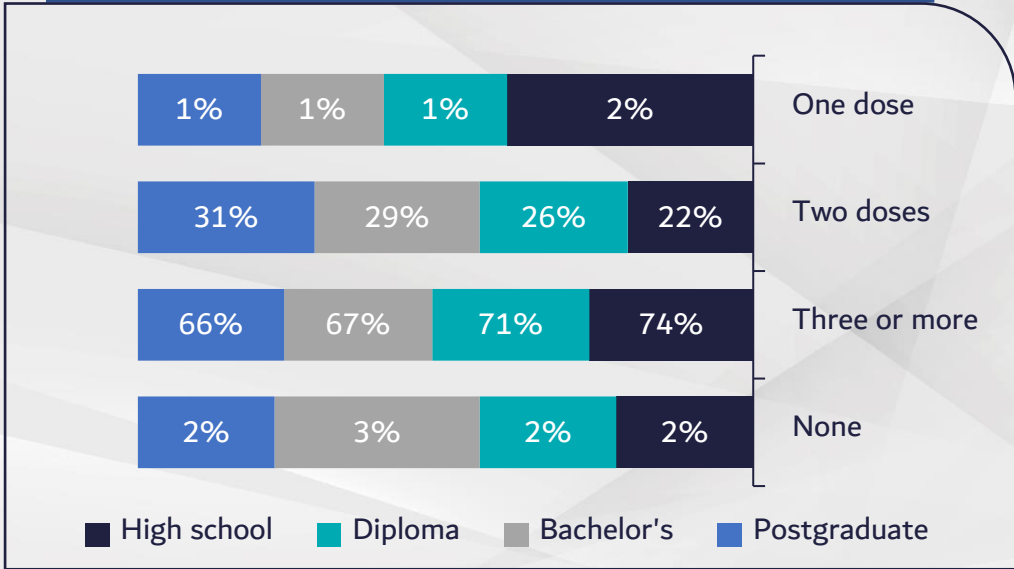


by Doses Received and Nationality

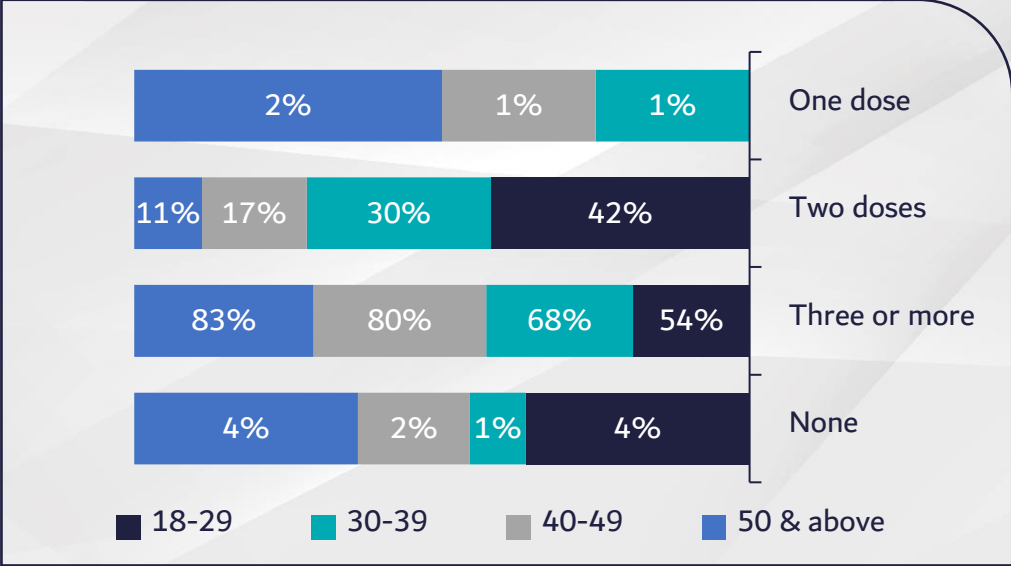


How many Covid-19 vaccine doses have you received so far?

by Doses Received and Education Level



by Doses Received and Age Group



Why do you follow COVID-19 precautionary measures?

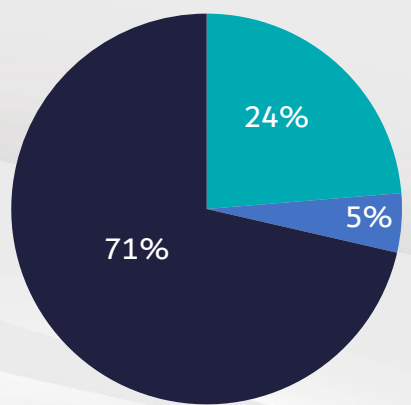
The findings show that **5** percent of the respondents follow precautionary measures, such as face mask and PCR, in order avoid violating laws and regulations.

27 percent of males and **20** percent of females say they follow precautionary measures to protect themselves from the virus.

5.7 percent Emiratis follow precautionary measures in order to avoid violating laws and regulations.

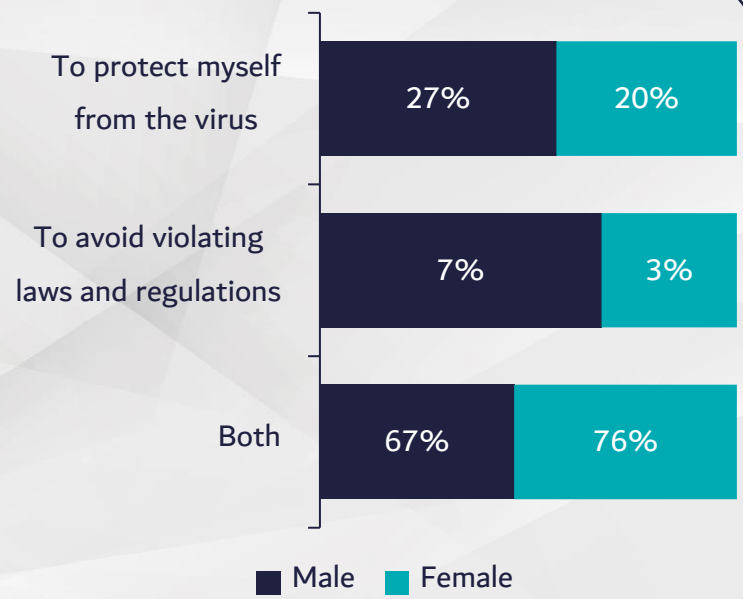
Why do you follow COVID-19 precautionary measures?

by Reason to Follow Precautionary Measures

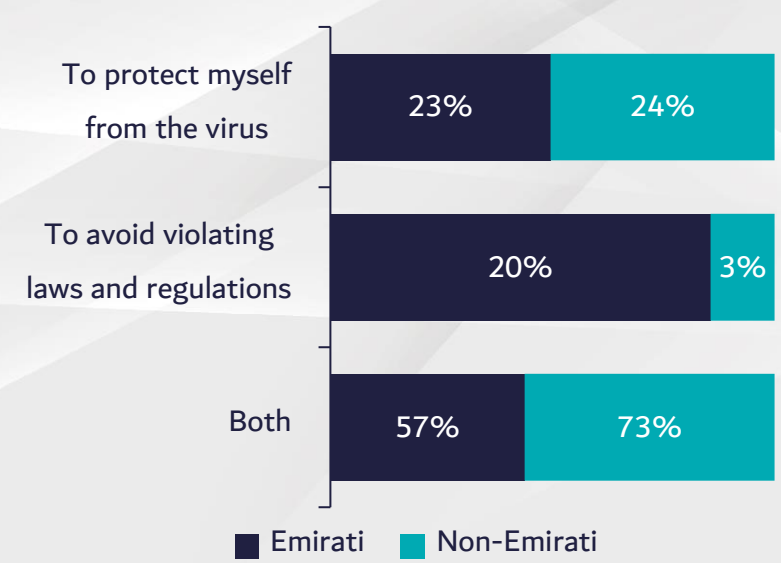


- To protect myself from the virus
- To avoid violation of laws and regulations
- Both

by Reason to Follow Precautionary Measures and Gender

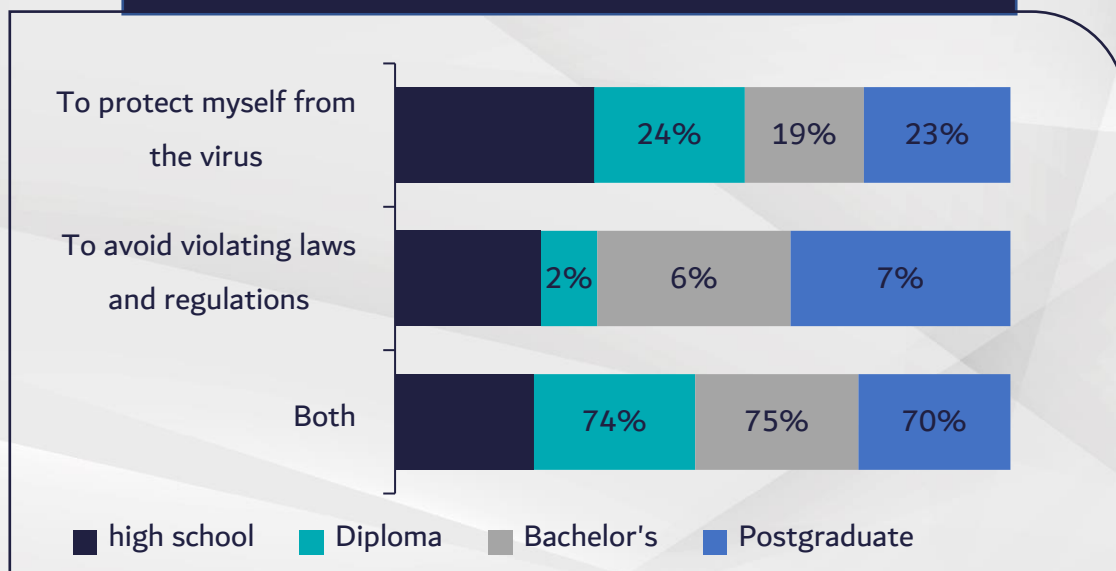


Respondents by Reason to Follow Precautionary Measures and Nationality

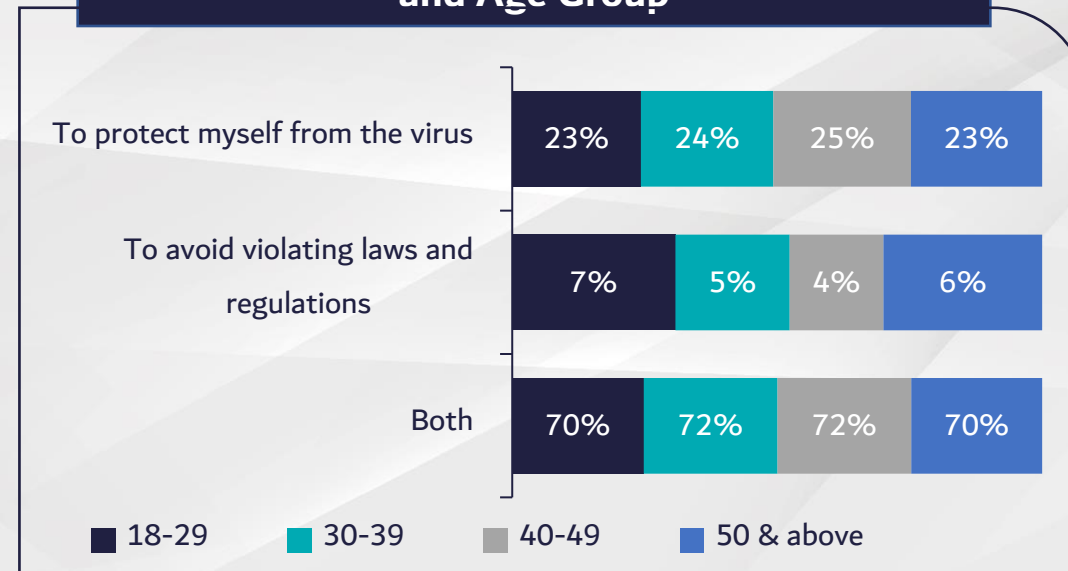


Why do you follow COVID-19 precautionary measures?

by Reason to Follow Precautionary Measures and Education Level



by Reason to Follow Precautionary Measures and Age Group



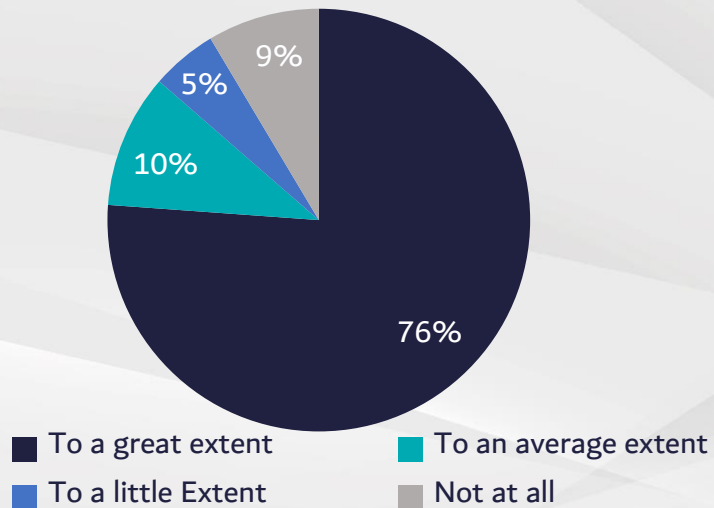
To what extent have these COVID-19 precautionary measures contributed to curbing the spread of the virus?

76 percent of the respondents believe that the precautionary measures imposed by states have contributed to curbing the spread of the virus to a great extent.

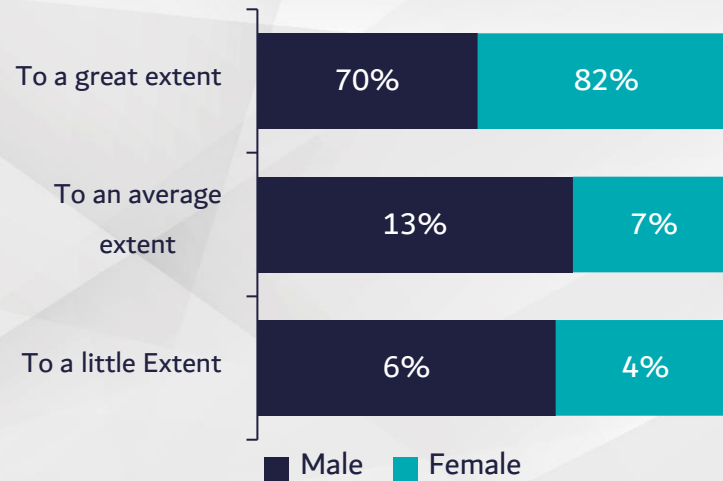
- **82** percent of females believe that precautionary measures have contributed to a great extent to curbing the spread of the virus, compared to **70** percent of males who believe so.
- **53** percent of the Emirati respondents say that precautionary measures have contributed to a great extent to curbing the spread of the virus, compared to **75** percent of non-Emiratis who say so.

To what extent have these COVID-19 precautionary measures contributed to curbing the spread of the virus?

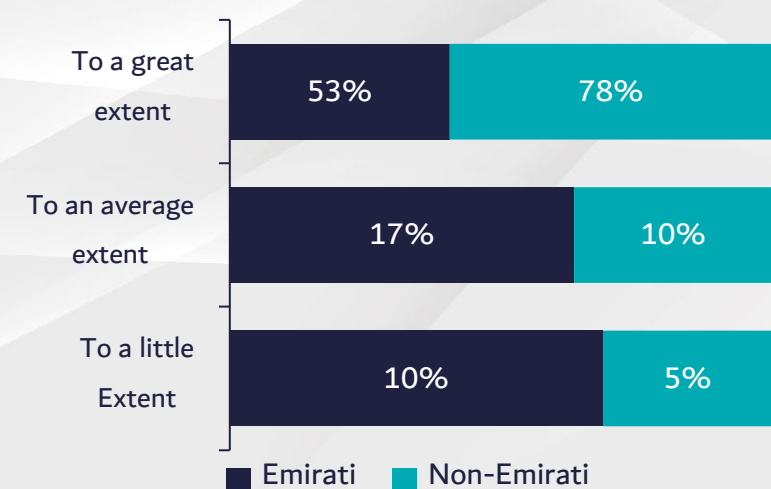
According to the Contribution of Precautionary Measure to Curbing the Spread of the Virus



According to the Contribution of Precautionary Measure to Curbing the Spread of the Virus, and Gender

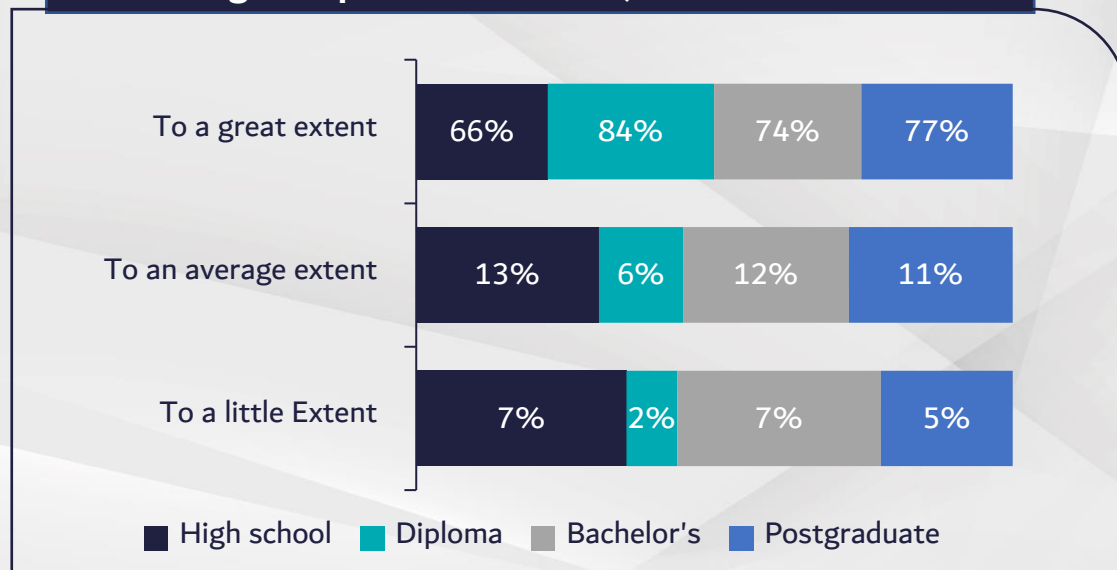


According to the Contribution of Precautionary Measure to Curbing the Spread of the Virus, and Nationality

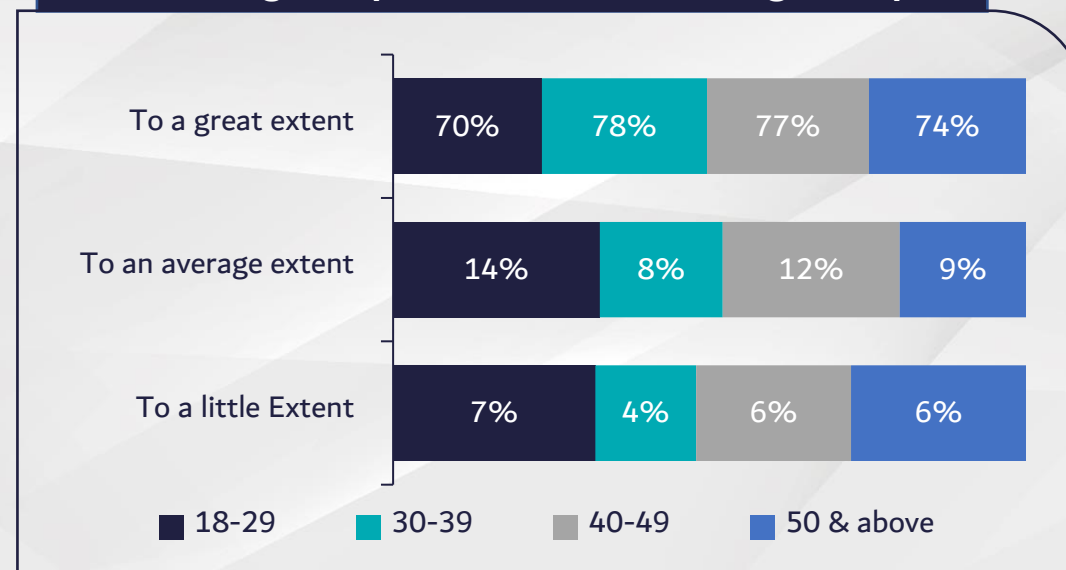


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According to the Contribution of Precautionary Measure to Curbing the Spread of the Virus, and Education Level



According to the Contribution of Precautionary Measure to Curbing the Spread of the Virus, and Age Group



To What Extent do you Support the Lifting of COVID-19 Restrictions in the United Arab Emirates?

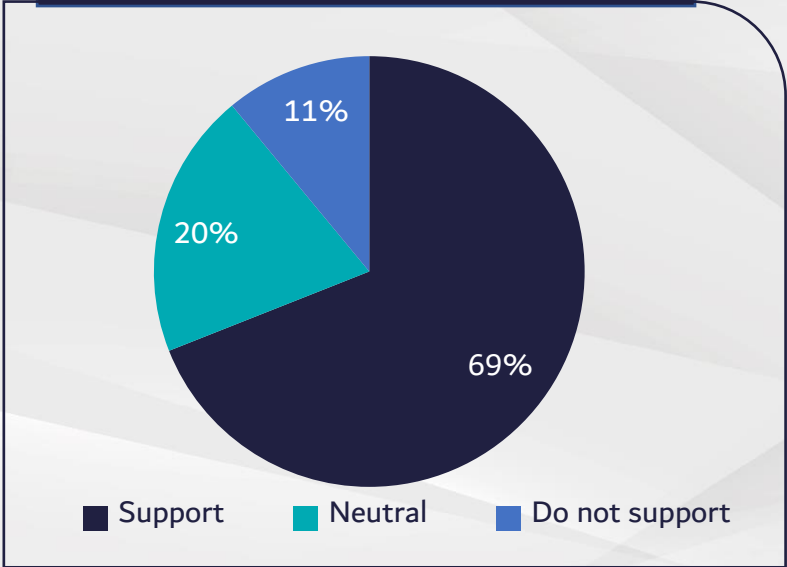
69 percent of the respondents support the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in the UAE.

73 percent of male respondents support the lifting of restrictions, compared to **65** of female respondents who support it. According to nationality, 69 percent of both Emiratis and non-Emiratis support the lifting of restrictions.

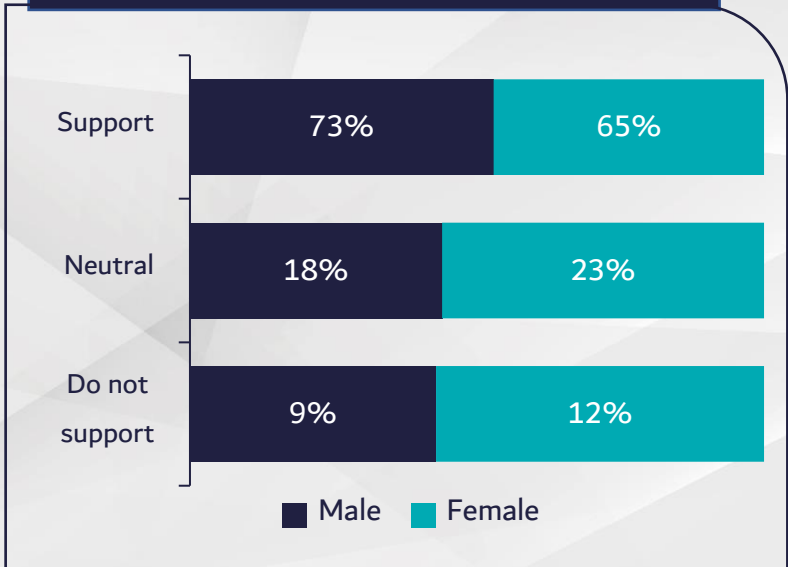
The age group '50 & above' is the most supportive of lifting COVID-19 restrictions in the UAE, registering 71 percent.

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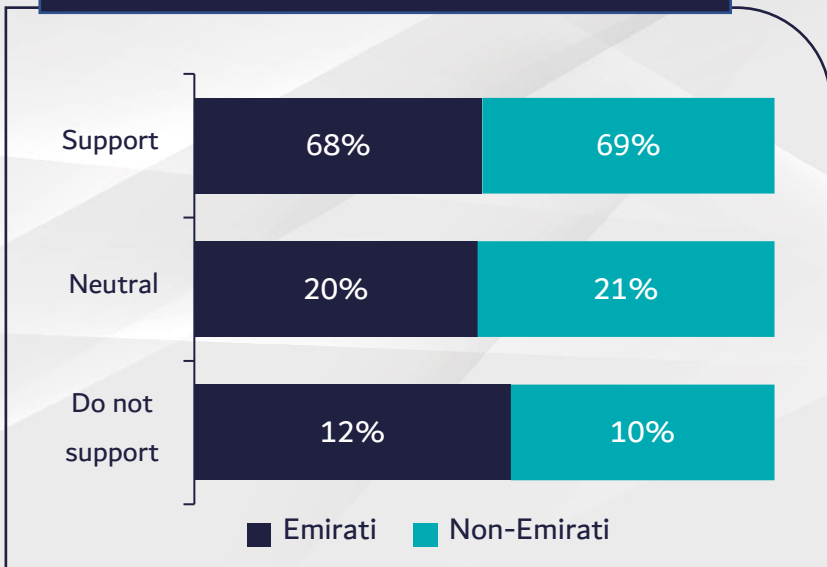
According to Support for Lifting COVID-19 Restrictions



According to Support for Lifting COVID-19 Restrictions, and Gender

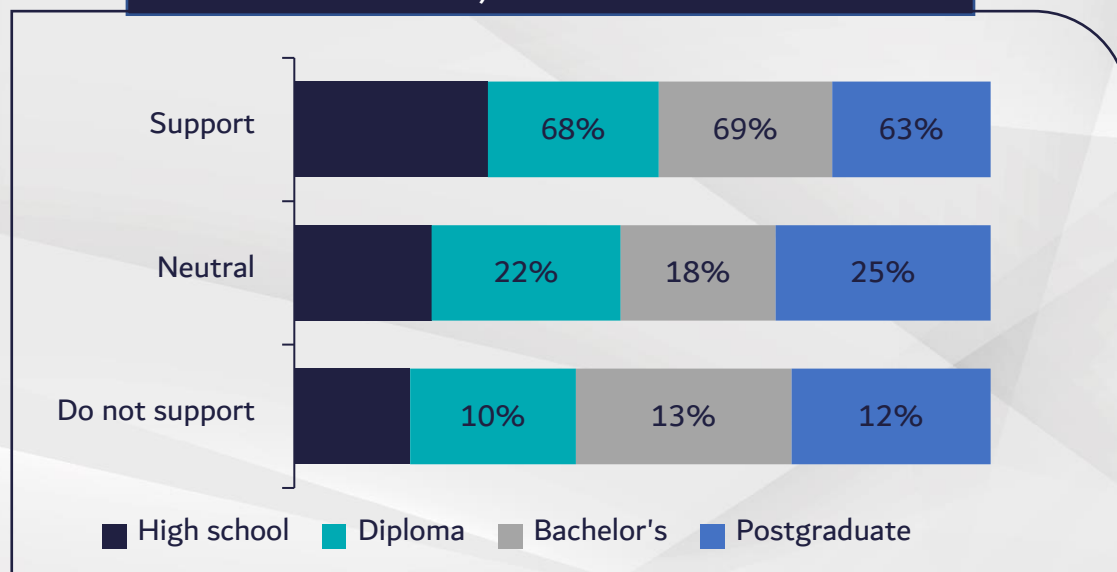


According to Support for Lifting COVID-19 Restrictions, and Nationality

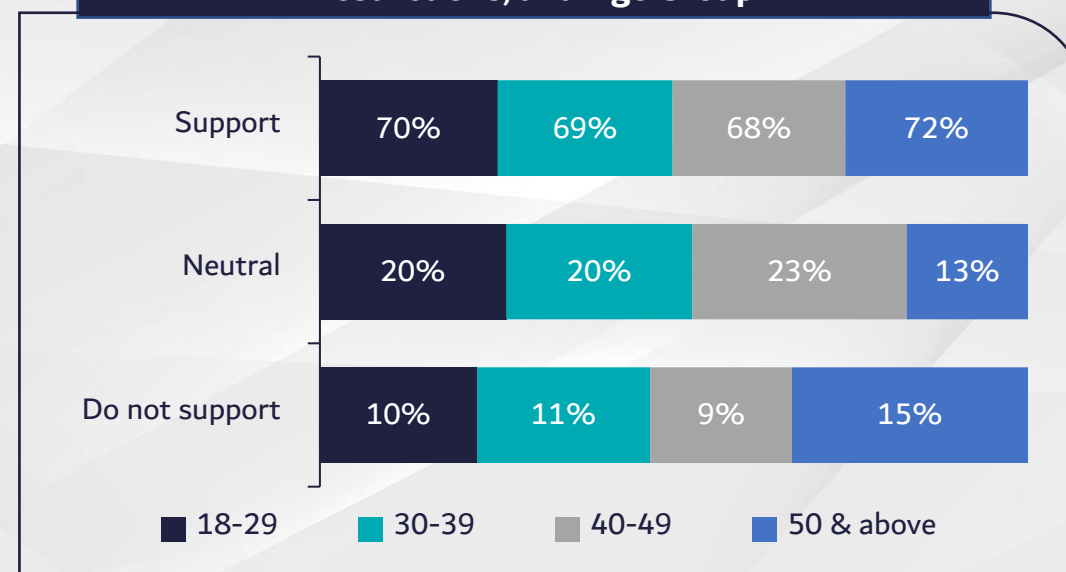


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According to Support for Lifting COVID-19 Restrictions, and Education Level



According to Support for Lifting COVID-19 Restrictions, and Age Group

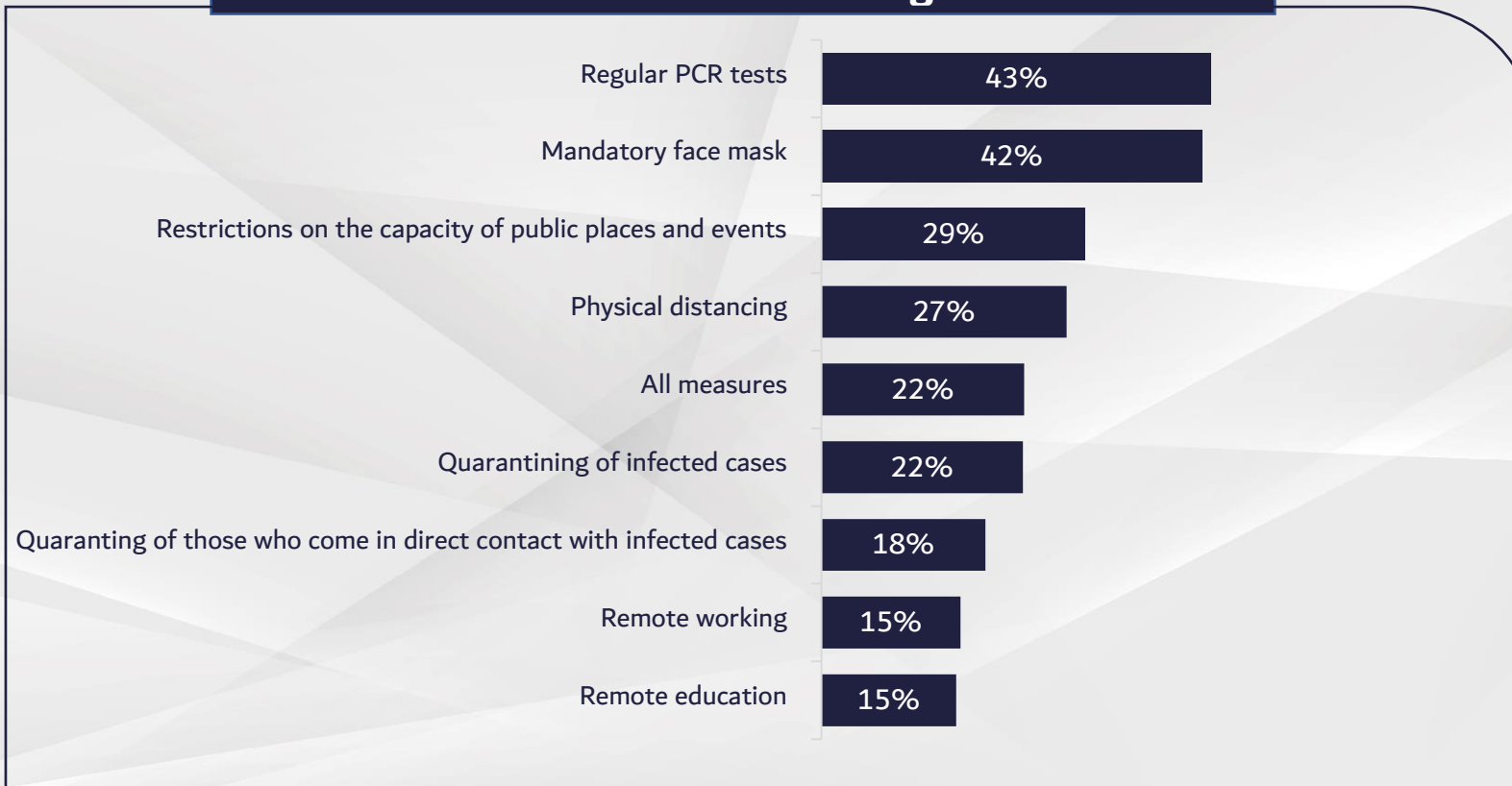


What the most important three restrictions do you recommend lifting?

The results reveal that the most important precautionary measures that the respondents recommend lifting are: PCR (**43** percent), mandatory face mask (**42** percent), and restrictions on the capacity of public places and events (**29** percent).

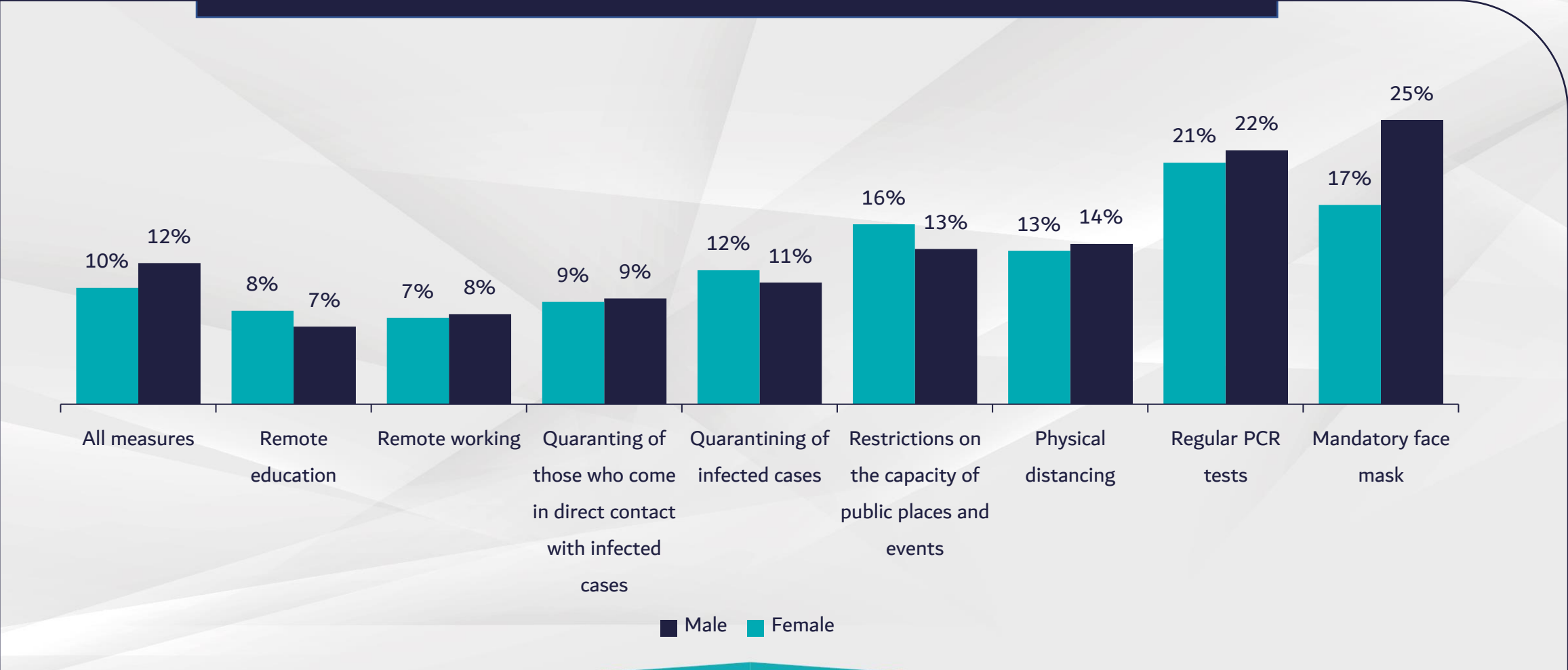
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According to the COVID-19 Measures they Recommend Lifting



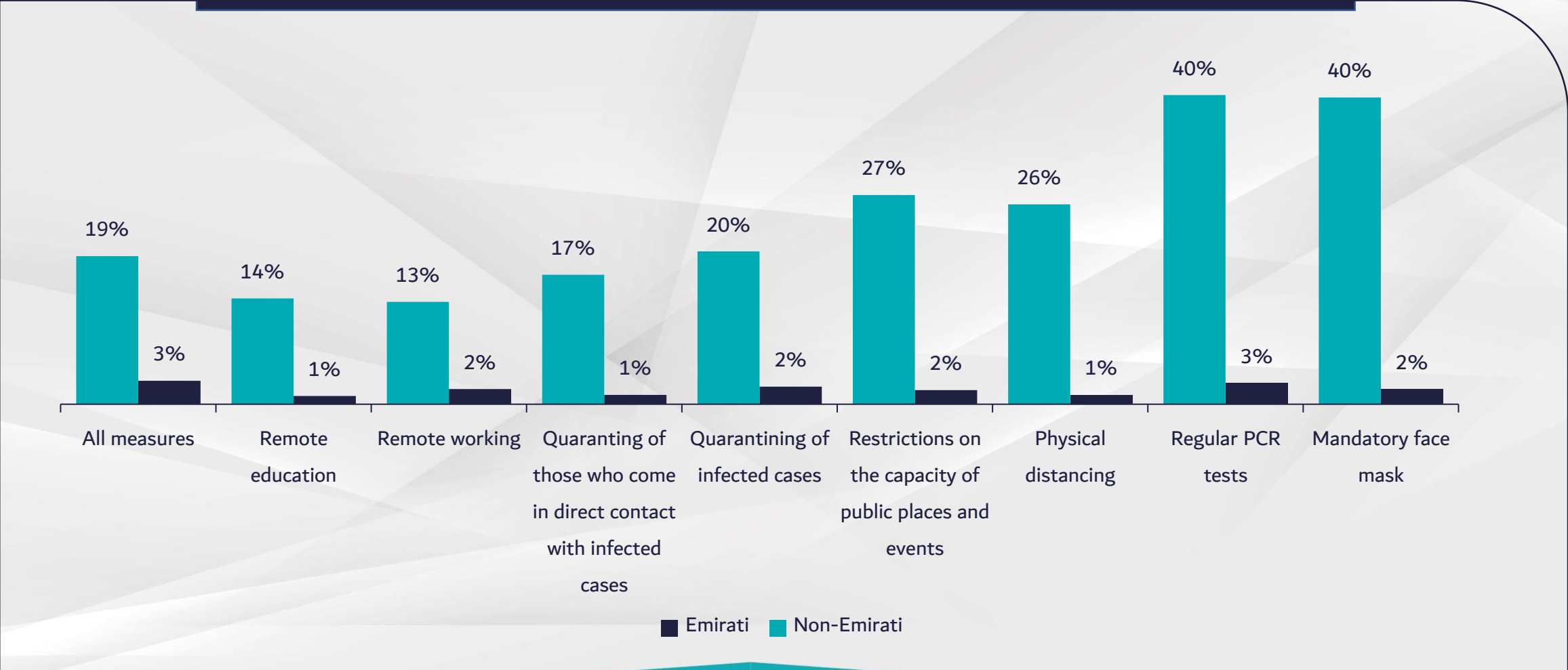
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According to the COVID-19 Measures they Recommend Lifting, and Gender



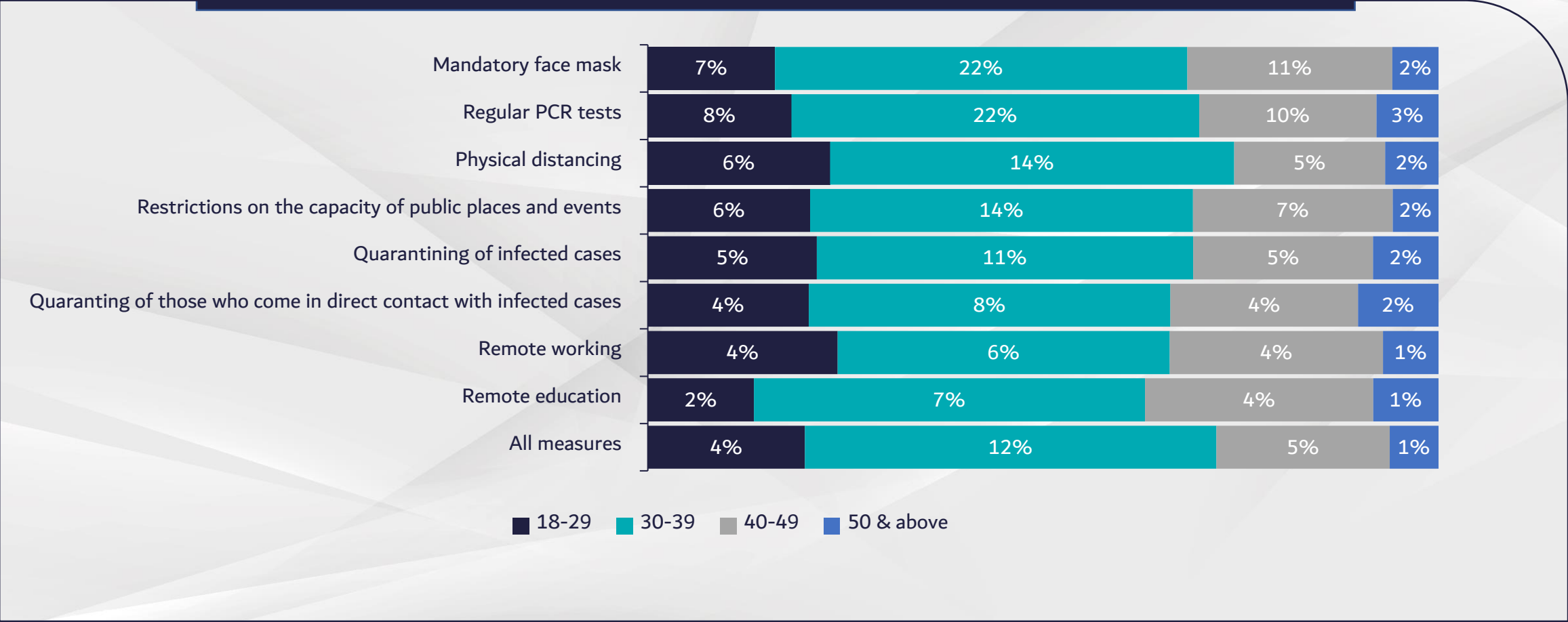
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According to the COVID-19 Measures they Recommend Lifting, and Nationality



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According to the COVID-19 Measures they Recommend Lifting, and Education Level

