

# Afterschool Alliance COVID Tracking Program Provider Survey – Wave 1 Results

Data are based on an online survey, conducted by Edge Research between May 28-June 30, of 914 program providers representing more than 6,000 program sites.

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## SURVEY<sup>1</sup>

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### Current status

**To what extent is the program you work in open or closed in regards to serving students, due to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| We are completely closed; no in-person or virtual services being offered             | 26% |
| We are physically closed, but offering virtual programming for students and families | 51% |
| We are physically open in at least some capacity                                     | 19% |
| Other (please specify)   | 3%  |
| Not applicable   | 0%  |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**Is it typical for your program to be open or closed at this time of year?**

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Typically open   | 81% |
| Typically closed | 18% |
| Not applicable   | 1%  |

*Number of respondents: 914*

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<sup>1</sup> Totals within questions may be different due to rounding.

**Please tell us if your program is currently conducting or plans to conduct any of the following activities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

|   | Currently Providing | Plan on Providing |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Engaging staff in remote professional development and training  | 60%                 | 13%               |
| Serving youth remotely/finding alternate ways to stay connected to youth  | 60%                 | 8%                |
| Serving as a meals site, delivering meals, or distributing other resources to families  | 48%                 | 4%                |
| Connecting families with community resources (e.g., health or dental clinics, financial planning, mental health services, etc.) | 47%                 | 9%                |
| Providing care for children of essential workers  | 18%                 | 6%                |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**Has your afterschool program made a change in staffing because of COVID-19? Select all that apply.**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Yes, layoffs  | 18% |
| Yes, furloughs or suspended work  | 33% |
| Yes, reduced hours of staff   | 31% |
| Yes, increased hours of staff to provide services for children of essential workers | 6%  |
| No, but anticipate layoffs or furloughs   | 12% |
| No change   | 20% |
| Not applicable  | 4%  |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**IF YES FOLLOW UP: At this point in time, what percentage of your afterschool program staff has been laid off or furloughed? Your best estimate is fine.**

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| 25% or less   | 15% |
| 26-49%        | 10% |
| 50-75%        | 17% |
| More than 75% | 50% |
| Not sure      | 8%  |

*Number of respondents: 413*

**How are you and/or staff in your program being financially supported? Please select all that apply.**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Being paid full salaries  | 61% |
| Being paid partial salaries   | 11% |
| Being provided with paid leave  | 5%  |
| Being allowed to use all accrued leave                                | 8%  |
| Full or partial benefits being covered by program                     | 12% |
| Staff relying on unemployment insurance                               | 20% |
| Staff are not being financially supported by the program at this time | 20% |
| Other   | 10% |
| Not sure/Not applicable   | 6%  |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**Has your afterschool program applied for financial assistance in response to COVID-19, such as a Paycheck Protection Program loan?**

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Yes                   | 31% |
| No                    | 40% |
| Not sure              | 19% |
| Not eligible to apply | 10% |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**FOLLOW UP IF YES: And what is the status of your application?**

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Applied, and received a loan          | 84% |
| Applied, and waiting for the decision | 4%  |
| Applied, but did not receive a loan   | 2%  |
| Not sure                              | 10% |

*Number of respondents: 279*

**What was the cost-per-child per week in your program before COVID-19? Your best estimate is fine. “Cost-per-child” refers to the cost to the program for each participating student per week. This cost is not necessarily the same as the fee charged per child to parents.**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| \$0                   | 5%       |
| \$1-\$25              | 6%       |
| \$26-\$50             | 10%      |
| \$51-\$100            | 12%      |
| \$101-200             | 6%       |
| More than \$200       | 3%       |
| Mean (excluding \$0): | \$130.70 |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**What is the cost-per-child per week for in-person services in your program since COVID-19? Your best estimate is fine. “Cost-per-child” refers to the cost to the program for each participating student per week. This cost is not necessarily the same as the fee charged per child to parents.**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| \$0                   | 11%      |
| \$1-\$25              | 4%       |
| \$26-\$50             | 6%       |
| \$51-\$100            | 7%       |
| \$101-200             | 6%       |
| More than \$200       | 3%       |
| Mean (excluding \$0): | \$146.70 |

*Number of respondents: 914*

## Concerns

**At this point in time, how concerned are you about your students missing opportunities for social connections with peers and caring adults?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>89%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 58%        |
| Very concerned                      | 31%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 9%         |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>1%</b>  |
| Not too concerned                   | 1%         |
| Not at all concerned                | 0%         |
| Not sure                            | 0%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**At this point in time, how concerned are you about your students experiencing learning loss?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>86%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 59%        |
| Very concerned                      | 26%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 11%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>2%</b>  |
| Not too concerned                   | 2%         |
| Not at all concerned                | 0%         |
| Not sure                            | 1%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**At this point in time, how concerned are you about your students lacking a safe, structured environment?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>79%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 50%        |
| Very concerned                      | 29%        |

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Somewhat concerned                  | 15%       |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>5%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 4%        |
| Not at all concerned                | 1%        |
| Not sure                            | 1%        |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**How concerned are you about losing touch with students in need as a result of COVID-19?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>78%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 48%        |
| Very concerned                      | 29%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 15%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>7%</b>  |
| Not too concerned                   | 5%         |
| Not at all concerned                | 2%         |
| Not sure                            | 0%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**At this point in time, how concerned are you about your students experiencing food insecurity?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>67%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 40%        |
| Very concerned                      | 27%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 21%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>11%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 8%         |
| Not at all concerned                | 2%         |
| Not sure                            | 2%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**How concerned are you about long-term funding and the program's future as a result of COVID-19?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>63%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 38%        |
| Very concerned                      | 25%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 25%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>10%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 7%         |
| Not at all concerned                | 2%         |
| Not sure                            | 2%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**How concerned are you that new restrictions as a result of COVID-19, such as student/staff ratios, cleaning protocols, and social distancing guidelines, will make it cost prohibitive to offer programming?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>63%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 32%        |
| Very concerned                      | 31%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 25%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>11%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 8%         |
| Not at all concerned                | 3%         |
| Not sure                            | 1%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**How concerned are you about loss of funding to the program this year as a result of COVID-19?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>55%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 33%        |

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Very concerned                      | 22%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 20%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>19%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 13%        |
| Not at all concerned                | 6%         |
| Not sure                            | 5%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**How concerned are you about whether families will come back after the pandemic is over as a result of COVID-19?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>48%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 22%        |
| Very concerned                      | 26%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 26%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>25%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 17%        |
| Not at all concerned                | 8%         |
| Not sure                            | 1%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**How concerned are you about having to lay off or furlough staff in the months to come as a result of COVID-19?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>47%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 24%        |
| Very concerned                      | 23%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 24%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>19%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 13%        |
| Not at all concerned                | 6%         |
| Not sure                            | 9%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*



**How concerned are you about having to permanently close the program as a result of COVID-19?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>37%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 21%        |
| Very concerned                      | 15%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 24%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>36%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 21%        |
| Not at all concerned                | 15%        |
| Not sure                            | 3%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**How concerned are you about being able to re-hire furloughed staff in the months to come?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>34%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 15%        |
| Very concerned                      | 18%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 22%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>26%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 16%        |
| Not at all concerned                | 10%        |
| Not sure                            | 18%        |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**How concerned are you about paying for staff health insurance and other benefits?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>22%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 12%        |
| Very concerned                      | 10%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 17%        |

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>28%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 17%        |
| Not at all concerned                | 11%        |
| Not sure                            | 33%        |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**How concerned are you about lack of certainty about when your program will re-open? (Only asked of programs that are closed)**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>61%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 32%        |
| Very concerned                      | 29%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 24%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>14%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 9%         |
| Not at all concerned                | 5%         |
| Not sure                            | 1%         |

*Number of respondents: 658*

**How concerned are you about rushing to reopen before it is safe for students and staff? (Only asked of programs that are closed)**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>50%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 28%        |
| Very concerned                      | 22%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 27%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>21%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 14%        |
| Not at all concerned                | 6%         |
| Not sure                            | 2%         |

*Number of respondents: 658*

## Supports and resources

**At this point in time, how important is better guidance and more information to help plan for the future to your program?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very important overall | <b>85%</b> |
| Extremely important                 | 46%        |
| Very important                      | 39%        |
| Somewhat important                  | 12%        |
| Not too or at all important overall | <b>2%</b>  |
| Not too important                   | 2%         |
| Not at all important                | 0%         |
| Not sure                            | 0%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**At this point in time, how important is funding sources or money to your program?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very important overall | <b>84%</b> |
| Extremely important                 | 55%        |
| Very important                      | 29%        |
| Somewhat important                  | 11%        |
| Not too or at all important overall | <b>3%</b>  |
| Not too important                   | 3%         |
| Not at all important                | 1%         |
| Not sure                            | 2%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**At this point in time, how important is better guidance and resources to protect the health and safety of staff and students to your program?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very important overall | <b>82%</b> |
| Extremely important                 | 44%        |
| Very important                      | 39%        |

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Somewhat important                  | 15%       |
| Not too or at all important overall | <b>3%</b> |
| Not too important                   | 2%        |
| Not at all important                | 1%        |
| Not sure                            | 0%        |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**At this point in time, how important is finding and paying for protective equipment and cleaning supplies to your program?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very important overall | <b>74%</b> |
| Extremely important                 | 42%        |
| Very important                      | 32%        |
| Somewhat important                  | 19%        |
| Not too or at all important overall | <b>4%</b>  |
| Not too important                   | 4%         |
| Not at all important                | 1%         |
| Not sure                            | 2%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**At this point in time, how important is more online resources or more student access to technology to your program?**

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very important overall | <b>67%</b> |
| Extremely important                 | 36%        |
| Very important                      | 31%        |
| Somewhat important                  | 22%        |
| Not too or at all important overall | <b>9%</b>  |
| Not too important                   | 7%         |
| Not at all important                | 2%         |
| Not sure                            | 1%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**And which resources would be most helpful to your afterschool program right now?**

**Please pick up to 3.**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Updates on COVID-19 relevant to the afterschool field            | 62% |
| Advice on funding streams and securing foundation funds          | 39% |
| Online educational resources to share with families              | 34% |
| Online trainings for direct-service staff                        | 32% |
| Virtual coaching for program leaders and staff                   | 28% |
| Opportunities to stay virtually connected to others in the field | 22% |
| Advocacy communication tools to use with decision makers         | 20% |
| Online trainings for leadership                                  | 19% |
| Other  | 3%  |

*Number of respondents: 914*

## Future oriented questions

### What are your plans for summer programming?

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Offering as planned                       | 5%  |
| Offering, with adjustments                | 56% |
| Not sure/To be determined                 | 26% |
| Typically do not offer summer programming | 14% |

*Number of respondents: 914*

### FOLLOW UP, IF OFFERING: What will be included in your summer programming?

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Serving students in-person                    | 30% |
| Serving students virtually                    | 39% |
| Serving students both in-person and virtually | 27% |
| Not sure/To be determined                     | 5%  |

*Number of respondents: 555*

### How concerned are you that your afterschool program will not be able to provide services in the fall—in person or virtual?

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Extremely or very concerned overall | <b>56%</b> |
| Extremely concerned                 | 30%        |
| Very concerned                      | 26%        |
| Somewhat concerned                  | 28%        |
| Not too or at all concerned overall | <b>16%</b> |
| Not too concerned                   | 12%        |
| Not at all concerned                | 4%         |
| Not sure                            | 0%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**Is your organization involved in conversations organized by the school district or individual schools about how best to re-open schools in the fall?**

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes                     | 62% |
| No                      | 26% |
| Not sure/Not applicable | 12% |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**Thinking about the future of your afterschool program, which comes closest to your view today, even if neither is exactly right?**

*Optimistic/Pessimistic:*

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Optimistic overall   | <b>52%</b> |
| Strongly optimistic  | 20%        |
| Somewhat optimistic  | 32%        |
| Neutral              | 32%        |
| Pessimistic overall  | <b>16%</b> |
| Somewhat pessimistic | 13%        |
| Strongly pessimistic | 3%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

*Worst is over/Worst is yet to come:*

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Worst is over overall                       | <b>22%</b> |
| Strongly feel that the worst is over        | 6%         |
| Somewhat feel that the worst is over        | 16%        |
| Neutral                                     | 55%        |
| Worst is yet to come overall                | <b>23%</b> |
| Somewhat feel that the worst is yet to come | 18%        |
| Strongly feel that the worst is yet to come | 5%         |

*Number of respondents: 914*

# Respondent Profile

**How would you describe the setting(s) for your program? Select all that apply.**

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Rural    | 41% |
| Suburban | 29% |
| Urban    | 39% |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**Is your program typically located in a public school?**

|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| Yes | 77% |
| No  | 23% |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**Which of the following describes your organization? Please select all that apply.**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Afterschool program run by a public school  | 38% |
| Afterschool program run by a community based organization                             | 26% |
| Boys & Girls Club   | 7%  |
| Afterschool program run by a private organization                                     | 6%  |
| YMCA  | 6%  |
| Afterschool program run by a city or town (including Parks and Recreation Department) | 5%  |
| Afterschool program run by a child care center  | 4%  |
| Afterschool program run by a faith-based organization                                 | 3%  |
| Afterschool program run by a college or university                                    | 2%  |
| Afterschool program run by a library  | 1%  |
| Afterschool program run by a museum or science center                                 | 1%  |
| Afterschool program run by a private school   | 1%  |
| CampFire program  | 1%  |
| Girls Inc.  | 1%  |



|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| 4-H                    | 0%  |
| After-School All-Stars | 0%  |
| YWCA                   | 0%  |
| Other                  | 11% |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**Please enter your best estimate for the number of students served by your program for each scenario.**

*Total number of children served during the school year before COVID-19:*

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| 0       | 0%           |
| 1-25    | 4%           |
| 26-50   | 9%           |
| 51-100  | 21%          |
| 101-150 | 13%          |
| 151-200 | 8%           |
| 201+    | 45%          |
| Mean:   | 933 students |

*Number of respondents: 914*

*Total number of children served since COVID-19 impacted your program:*

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 0                   | 29%          |
| 1-25                | 14%          |
| 26-50               | 14%          |
| 51-100              | 14%          |
| 101-150             | 6%           |
| 151-200             | 4%           |
| 201+                | 18%          |
| Mean (excluding 0): | 368 students |

*Number of respondents: 914*

*Current number of students served **in-person** since COVID-19 impacted your program:*

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| 0     | 74% |
| 1-25  | 10% |
| 26-50 | 6%  |

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 51-100              | 4%           |
| 101-150             | 2%           |
| 151-200             | 1%           |
| 201+                | 3%           |
| Mean (excluding 0): | 147 students |

*Number of respondents: 914*

*Current number of students served **virtually** since COVID-19 impacted your program:*

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 0                   | 36%          |
| 1-25                | 14%          |
| 26-50               | 13%          |
| 51-100              | 13%          |
| 101-150             | 6%           |
| 151-200             | 2%           |
| 201+                | 15%          |
| Mean (excluding 0): | 302 students |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**What grade level are the students you typically serve? Select all that apply.**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Pre-K students             | 25% |
| Elementary school students | 86% |
| Middle school students     | 57% |
| High school students       | 29% |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**What is your best estimate for your program's overall student population and the racial/ethnic backgrounds of the students you typically serve?**

|                           | Mean |
|---------------------------|------|
| Asian                     | 3%   |
| Black or African American | 26%  |
| Hispanic or Latinx        | 26%  |
| Native American           | 3%   |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander | 1%  |
| White                                     | 39% |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**What percentage of the students served qualify for the free or reduced price lunch program?**

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| 25% or less   | 7%  |
| 26-49%        | 10% |
| 50-75%        | 19% |
| More than 75% | 56% |
| Not Sure      | 8%  |

*Number of respondents: 914*

**What are your program's primary funding sources? Please check all that apply.**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant (21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC) | 49% |
| Parent fees   | 30% |
| Private donations/fundraisers   | 24% |
| State government funds (not 21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC)                                | 20% |
| Foundation/philanthropic grant  | 19% |
| Local government funds  | 17% |
| Corporations/businesses   | 10% |
| Other federal government programmatic funds (not 21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC or CCDF)   | 9%  |
| Loans (including the Payroll Protection Program)                                  | 9%  |
| Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)  | 4%  |
| Savings   | 3%  |
| Other   | 8%  |
| Not sure  | 4%  |

*Number of respondents: 914*