

# Office of the Inspector of Prisons COVID-19 Prison Staff Survey

Initial Findings

April/May 2021

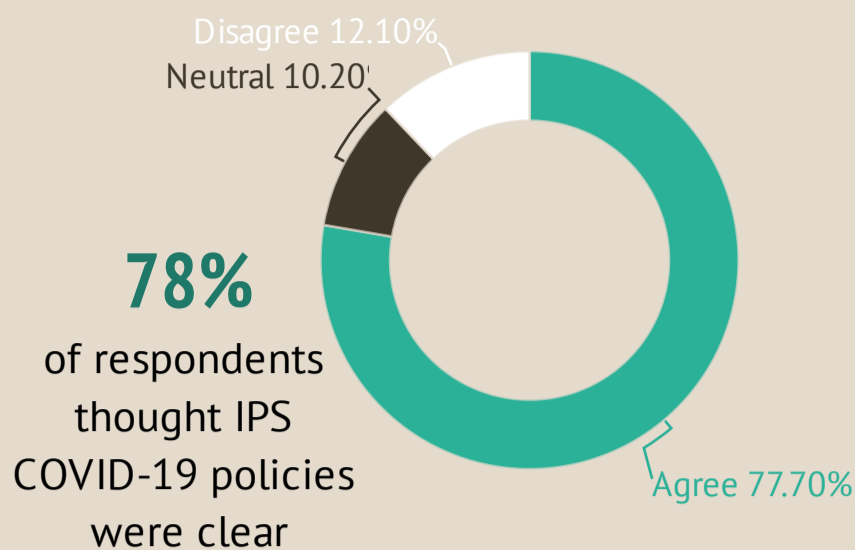
## IPS Respondents

**15%** 562 valid responses  
~3700 Prison Staff\*

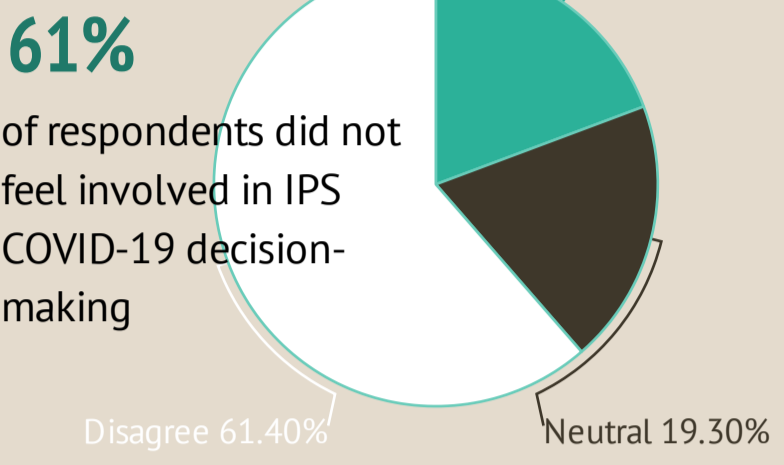


\*staff includes teachers and all IPS staff

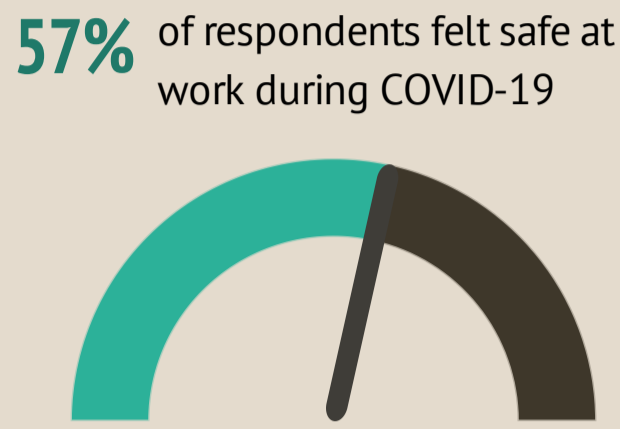
## COVID-19 Policy Clarity



## COVID-19 Decision-Making

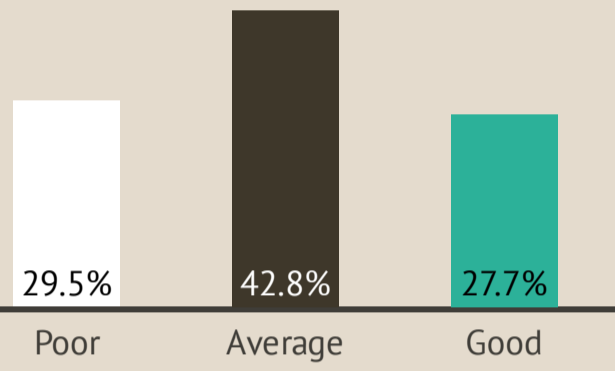


## COVID-19 Safety



## COVID-19 Work Life Quality

**43%** of respondents had an average quality of work life since the onset of the pandemic



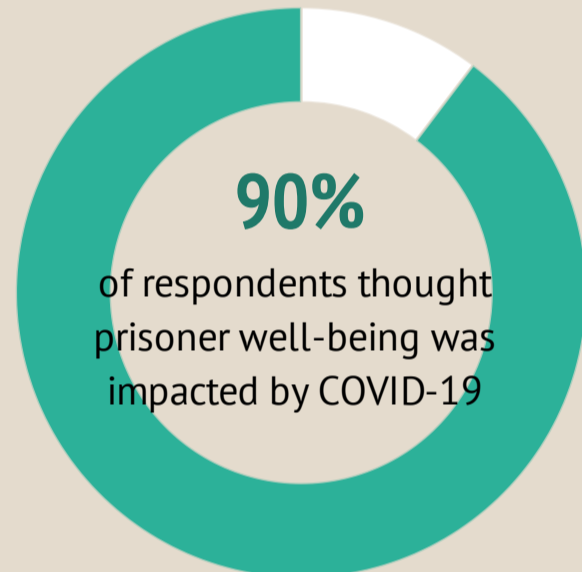
## Top 5 Preventive Measures: Staff COVID-19

Cleaning & disinfecting staff common areas	14.1%
Suspending family visits	13.7%
Testing & quarantining new committals	11.6%
Screening at entry to prison facilities	11.1%
Full PPE when interacting with committals	9.6%

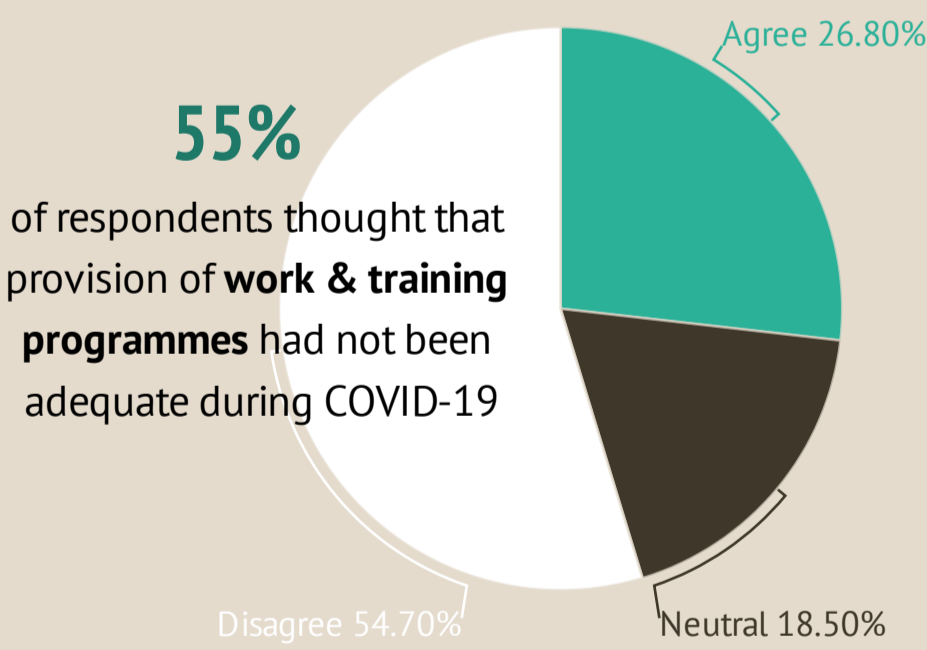
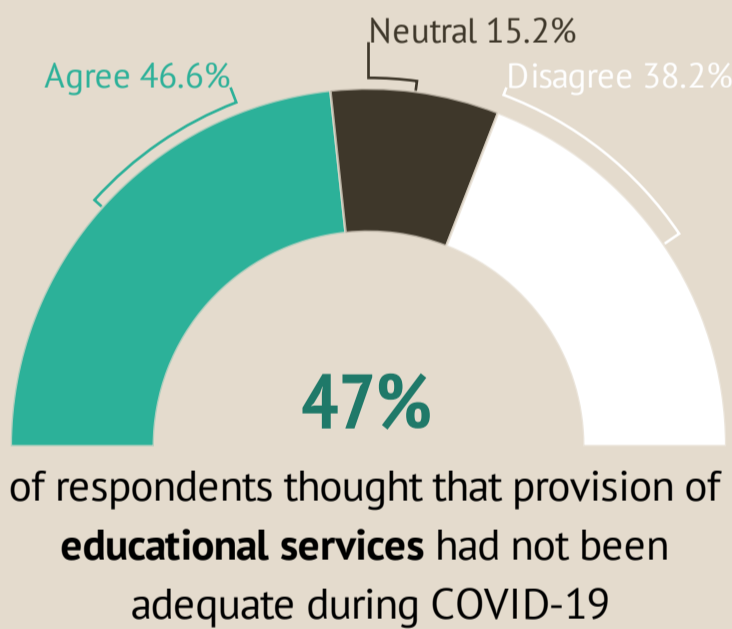
## Top 5 Preventive Measures: Prisoner COVID-19

Testing & quarantining new committals	20.2%
Suspending family visits	17.4%
Cleaning shower rooms & common areas	15.3%
Wearing face masks during out-of-cell time	12.9%
Communicating infection control policies	8.4%

## COVID-19 Impact on Prisoners

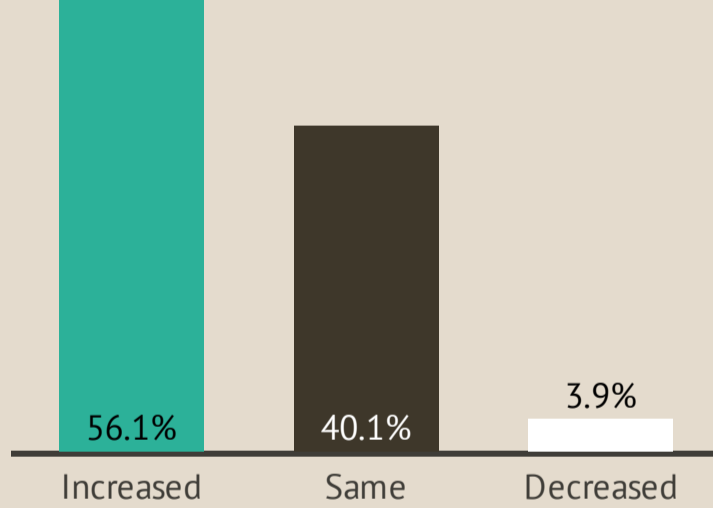


## Engagement with Services & Activities



## 56%

of respondents thought that the number of prisoners requiring **Chaplaincy services** had increased during COVID-19



## Family Contact

**84%** of respondents thought in-cell phones and video calls for prisoners should continue after COVID-19

## Mental Health

**52%** of respondents thought the number of prisoners requiring mental healthcare services had increased during COVID-19

## Prisoner Support



**20%** of respondents thought that COVID-19 restrictive measures created more time for individual prisoner support

**48%** of respondents thought that individual prisoner support during COVID-19 remained the same

**32%** of respondents thought that COVID-19 restrictive measures created less time for individual prisoner support