

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

Initial Findings

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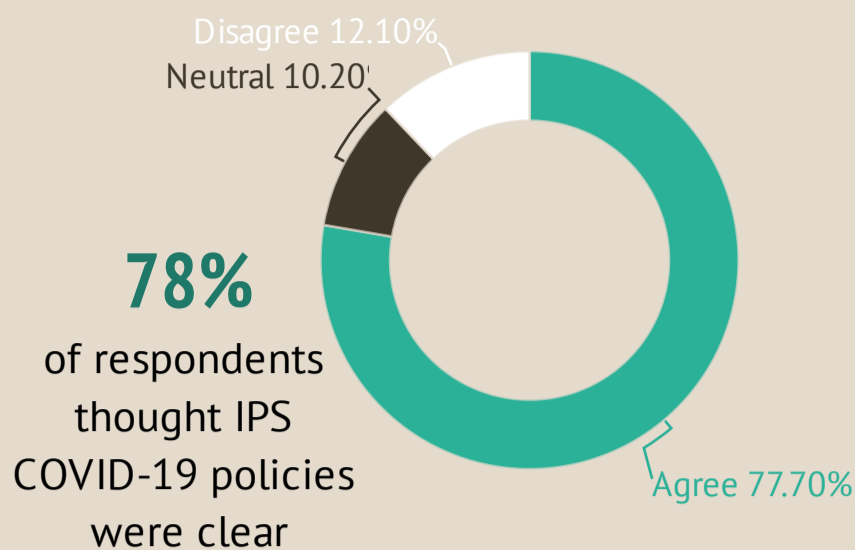
IPS Respondents

15% 562 valid responses
~3700 Prison Staff*

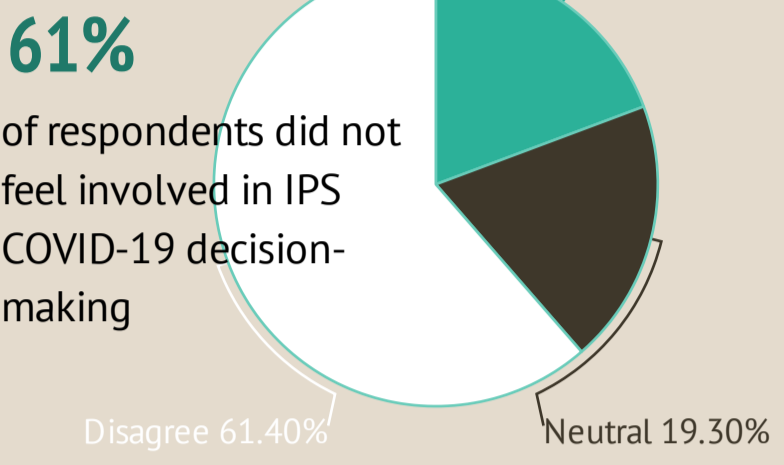


*staff includes teachers and all IPS staff

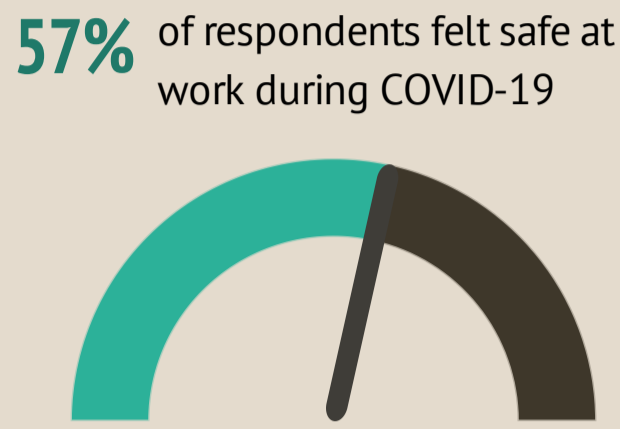
COVID-19 Policy Clarity



COVID-19 Decision-Making

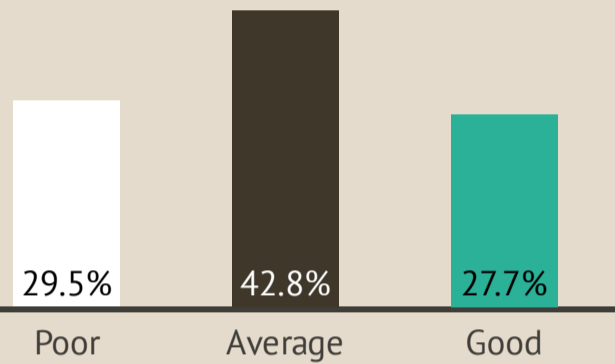


COVID-19 Safety



COVID-19 Work Life Quality

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



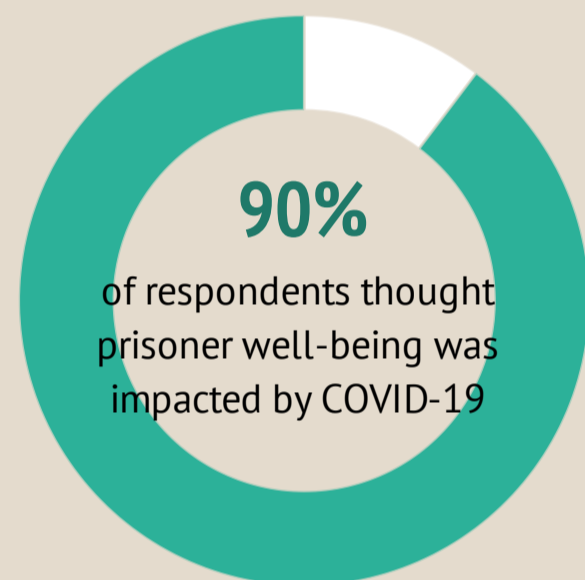
Top 5 Preventive Measures: Staff COVID-19

Cleaning & disinfecting staff common areas	14.1%
Suspending family visits	13.2%
Testing & quarantining new committals	11.7%
Screening at entry to prison facilities	11.1%
Full PPE when interacting with committals	9.6%

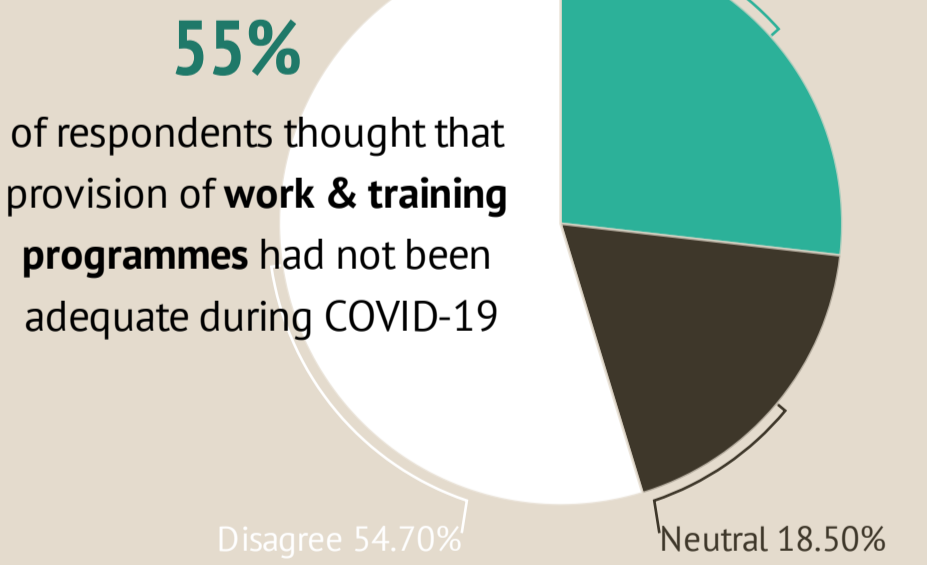
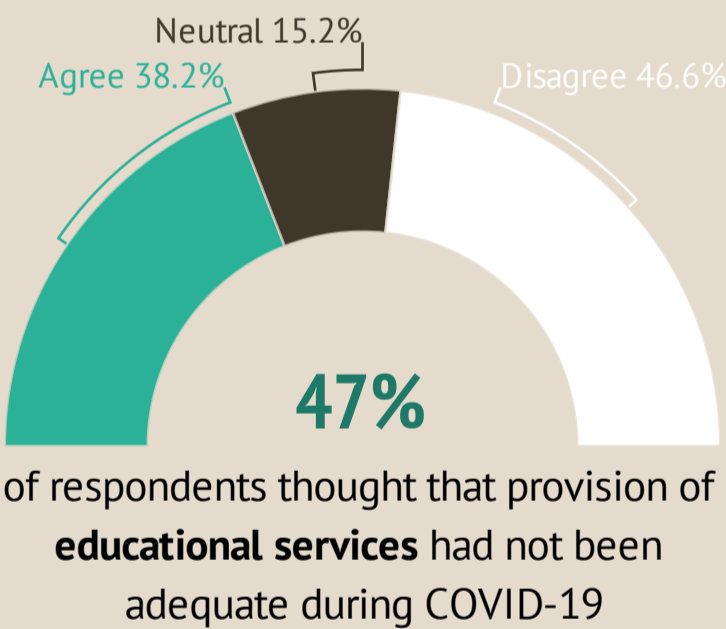
Top 5 Preventive Measures: Prisoner COVID-19

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

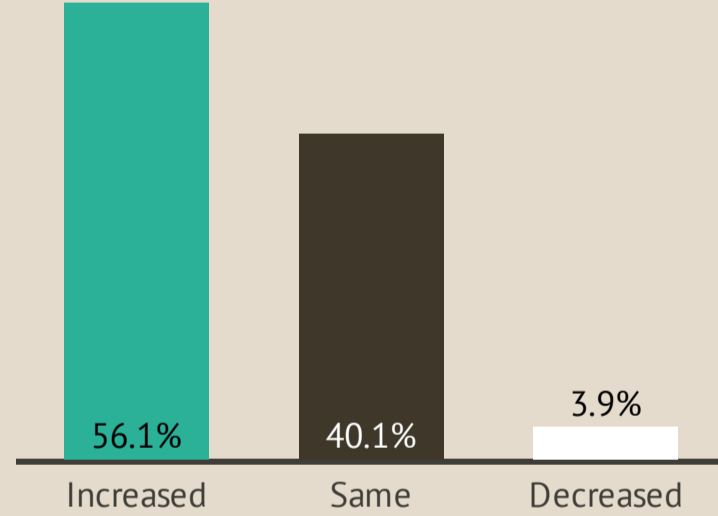


Engagement with Services & Activities



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



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Note: These are preliminary results reporting on 13 survey questions out of a total of 47. A comprehensive report will issue shortly. Thank you to all respondents who shared their views with the OIP.