



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MAJORITY OF SINGAPOREANS COMPLIED WITH SAFE DISTANCING MEASURES IMPLEMENTED DURING CIRCUIT BREAKER PERIOD**

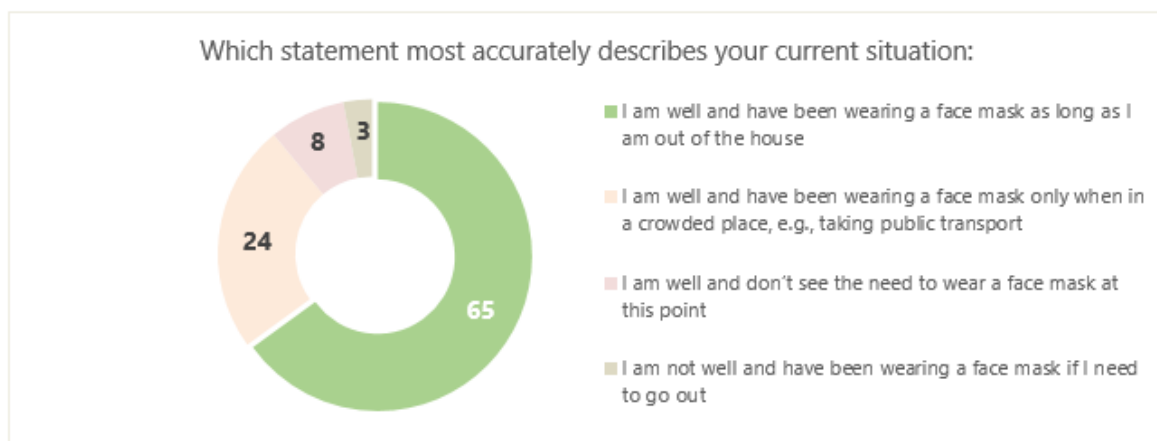
From 7 April 2020, the Government implemented a series of circuit breaker measures aimed at minimising the spread of COVID-19 in the community. To gauge sentiments towards these circuit breaker measures, REACH commissioned an online poll with 1,015 Singapore residents, aged 15 years and above, from 9 to 13 April 2020. Poll results have been weighted to ensure representativeness of the general population. The margin of error is 3.1% at the 95% confidence level.

#### **Key findings**

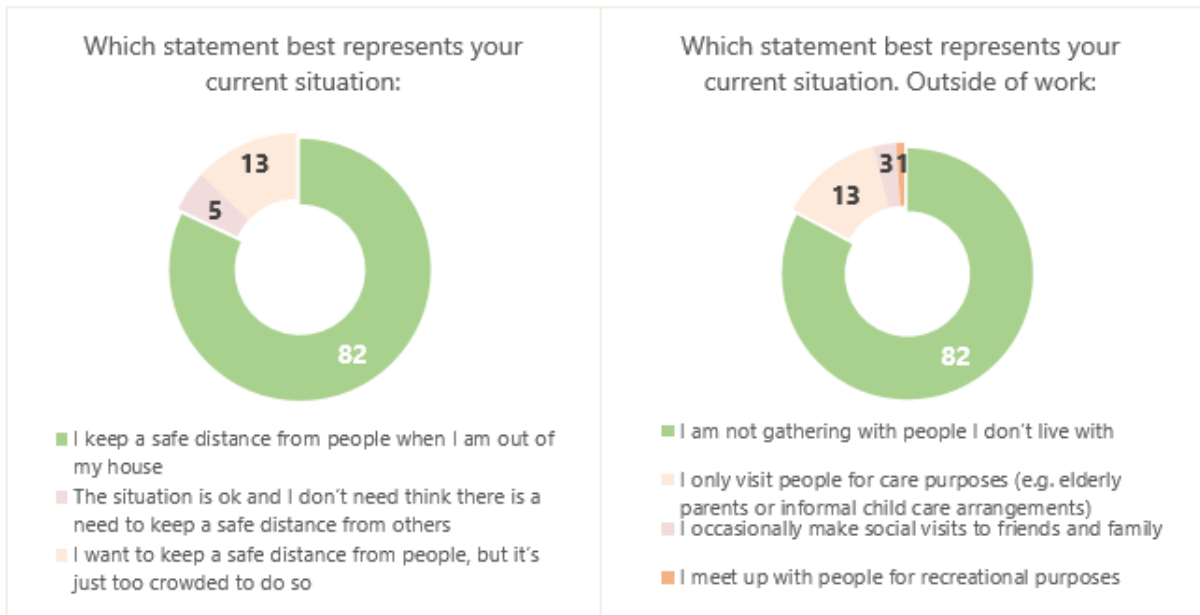
##### *Attitude towards the Circuit Breaker Measures*

2. Close to 9 in 10 respondents indicated that they wear a face mask when they go out, though they are well. More than 8 in 10 say they consciously keep a safe distance from others when they are out of the house. More than 8 in 10 also indicated that they are not gathering with people they don't live with, outside of work.

3. On the flip side, it was noted that a small minority have not been taking the circuit breaker measures seriously. 8% of respondents indicated that they do not see a need to wear a face mask at this point<sup>1</sup>; 5% do not see a need to keep a safe distance from others; while 4% have made social visits to family or friends or met people for recreational purposes.



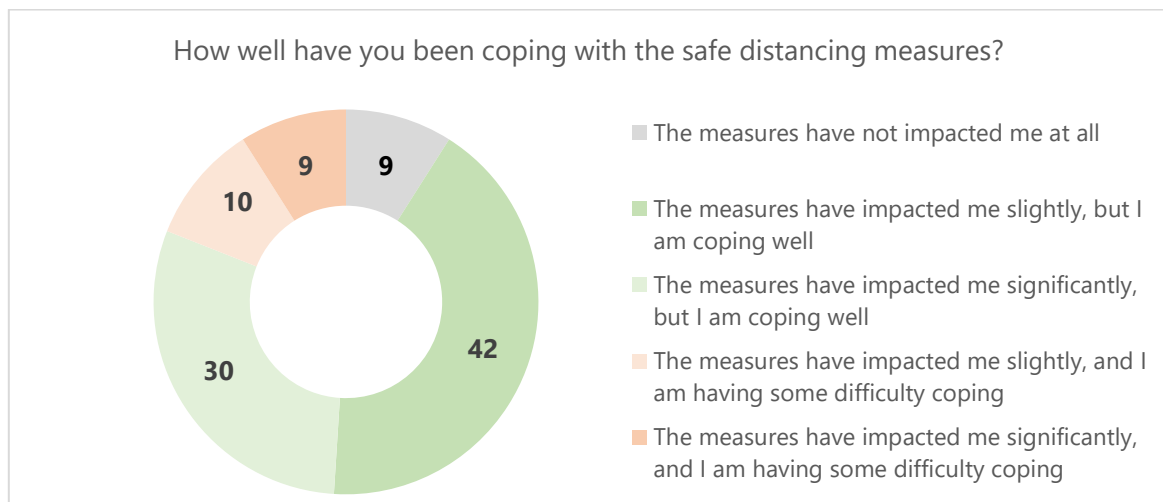
<sup>1</sup> Poll was done prior to Government's announcement on 14 April 2020, on the mandatory usage of masks when going out.



\*figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding

### Coping with Circuit Breaker Measures

4. More than 7 in 10 indicated they are coping well with the measures; but 19% felt impacted by the measures and had some difficulty coping – concerns centred around not being able to go out, financial constraints due to loss of income, or work disruptions (for instance, having to balance childcare needs and work).



### Comments from REACH Chairman

5. Reviewing the survey findings, REACH Chairman, Mr Sam Tan said, “These are challenging times and Singaporeans have had to make significant changes to the way we live our lives. I am heartened that the vast majority of Singaporeans are complying seriously with the circuit breaker measures to protect yourselves and Singapore. I urge those who have yet to come on board the measures to do so, for the safety of our community. This period has not been easy for many, so do remember to reach out to your family and friends virtually. Those who need help to cope can call the National Care Hotline Let’s get through this together.”

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