

# COVID-19 Crowdsourcing Project

## FAQs

**1. What is the purpose of the COVID-19 Crowdsourcing Project?**

The goal is simple: help school districts in every community be better prepared by having the best information available regarding successes and failures in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2. Why now?**

A “hotwash” is the immediate after-action evaluation of an agency's (or multiple agencies') performance following a major event, such as COVID-19. Seeing this virus could linger for 18 months, it is important to do this hotwash now while the information is still fresh.

**3. Who can participate?**

Any school district, private or charter school, in the world can participate. Regional and state agencies can also participate. Only people with work emails associated with education or government will be allowed to register.

**4. What will be required of the participants?**

Participants will receive a daily check in by email asking them to respond to the poll question. Based on their answer, participants will be asked to complete a more detailed report on the subject. This additional report will provide a deeper understanding of what the district did, and it will provide quality data for determination of best practices.

**5. What will the participants receive for their effort?**

Many districts across the country do not have access to the same level of resources. Your submissions will provide those schools with the ideas and processes you have used to be successful. Participants will also receive the data from the crowdsourcing project to enhance their own pandemic plan. Every school in your community can impact the safety of your students if they do not have a strong pandemic response, so helping others, helps everyone.

**6. Why a question each day?**

It is important for the data collection team to get additional questions each day from the participants on what challenges they have, so the questions can be tailored to meet the needs of the participants. If all questions were answered day one, the ability to adjust the crowdsourcing project would be limited.

**7. How long will it take to complete the form?**

Some daily reports might take 30 minutes to complete, and others will only take 5-10 minutes. The goal is to have sufficient feedback to determine what worked and what created challenges for your organization.

**8. How long will the COVID-19 Crowdsourcing project run?**

The project kickoff date is April 15<sup>th</sup> and will run until May 15<sup>th</sup>. A final report will be issued shortly after that with access to the data for districts to adjust their pandemic plans.

**9. What if I did not sign up in time and want to join now?**

If you sign up after April 14<sup>th</sup>, you will have missed some of the questions. Please email us at [crisisgo19@crisisgo.com](mailto:crisisgo19@crisisgo.com). We will get you started on the next available date and provide you all the questions to catch you up. The goal will still be to have all the data collected by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**10. Can I decide to discontinue my participation in the project?**

Yes. At any time you decide to stop participating, email us at [crisisgo19@crisisgo.com](mailto:crisisgo19@crisisgo.com), and we will remove you from the project.