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## INTRODUCTION

Social distancing (SD) was proposed by World Health Organization (WHO) as a measure to control spread of COVID-19 virus.

SD implementation is a huge subject of debate as enforcement and acceptance differs in many countries.

## OBJECTIVE

This study aimed to present if Malaysians practice the recommended SD as per recommended by WHO.

## METHODOLOGY

### STUDY DESIGN & DATA COLLECTION METHOD

A Cross-sectional Online Survey. Survey posted via MOH webmaster on social media platforms (Facebook, Whatsapp).

### SAMPLING TECHNIQUE

Non Probability Sampling; Unrestricted, Self-selected Survey and Snowballing Method.

### TARGET POPULATION

Malaysian internet user aged 18 years and above

### STUDY INSTRUMENT

A presented & Validated questionnaire on Social Distancing

### DATA COLLECTION PERIOD

19 June - 19 July 2020  
(During RMCO Phase)

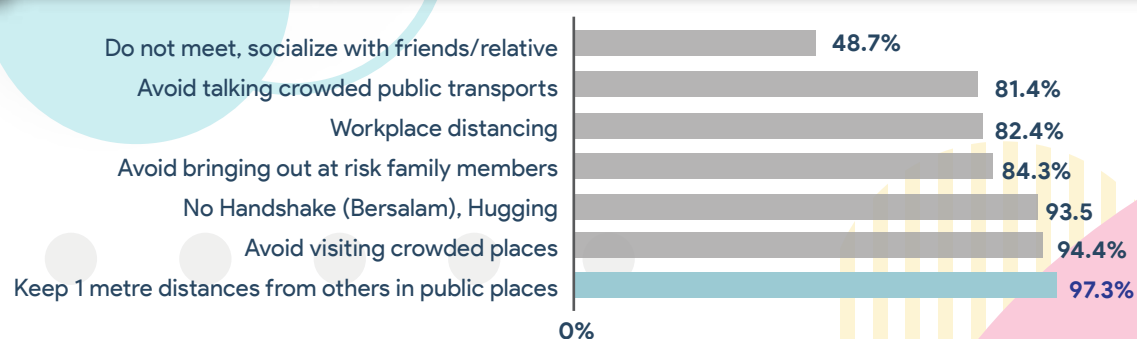
### TOTAL RESPONSE

3489 respondents responded  
99.2% (3460 agreed to participate)

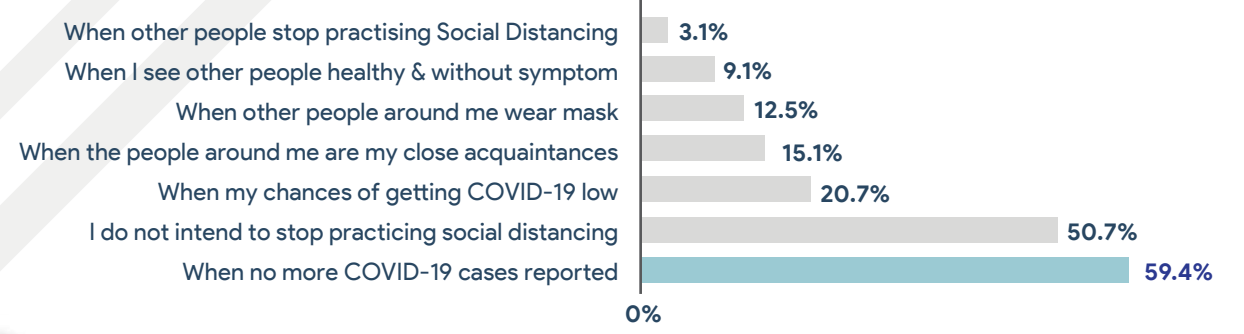
## RESPONDENTS PROFILE

|                                | n    | %    |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| <b>Gender</b>                  |      |      |
| Male                           | 1004 | 29.0 |
| Female                         | 2456 | 71.0 |
| <b>Race</b>                    |      |      |
| Malay                          | 2674 | 77.3 |
| Chinese                        | 302  | 8.7  |
| Indian                         | 158  | 4.5  |
| Bumiputera Sabah               | 159  | 4.6  |
| Bumiputera Sarawak             | 134  | 3.9  |
| Others                         | 33   | 1.0  |
| <b>Level of Education</b>      |      |      |
| Secondary education            | 323  | 10.0 |
| Certificate/Diploma            | 936  | 27.1 |
| Degree/Masters                 | 2046 | 59.1 |
| PhD/Professional Qualification | 145  | 4.2  |
| <b>Monthly Income</b>          |      |      |
| >RM10000                       | 780  | 22.5 |
| RM8000-RM9999                  | 425  | 12.3 |
| RM6000-RM7999                  | 550  | 15.9 |
| RM4000-RM6999                  | 770  | 22.3 |
| RM2000-RM3999                  | 638  | 18.4 |
| RM1000-RM1999                  | 177  | 5.1  |
| <RM999                         | 120  | 3.5  |
| <b>Occupation Status</b>       |      |      |
| Retiree                        | 81   | 2.3  |
| Not Working                    | 129  | 3.7  |
| Self-Employed                  | 128  | 3.7  |
| Student                        | 157  | 4.5  |
| Private                        | 397  | 11.5 |
| Government                     | 2568 | 74.2 |
| <b>Age</b>                     |      |      |
| ≥56                            | 242  | 7    |
| 46-55                          | 708  | 20   |
| 36-45                          | 1235 | 36   |
| 26-35                          | 1070 | 31   |
| 18-25                          | 205  | 6    |

## 1 What are respondents Current Social Distancing Practices?



## 2 When Respondents Will Stop Practicing Social Distancing?



## 3 Where it is difficult to practice Social Distancing?

### Locations Difficult To Practice Social Distancing (Self doing)



52.2% says difficult to do Social Distancing at Wholesale/Wet Market



44.1% says difficult to do Social Distancing at Shopping Malls/Complex



42.8% says difficult to do Social Distancing at Sundry/Grocery Shops, Convenient Store



40.2% says difficult to do Social Distancing at Supermarket/Hypermarkets

### Locations Difficult To Practice Social Distancing (Other people)



55.6% seen others not practising Social Distancing at Wholesale/Wet Market



50.8% seen others not practising Social Distancing at Shopping Malls/ Complex



47.1% seen others not practising Social Distancing at Sundry/Grocery Shops, Convenient Store

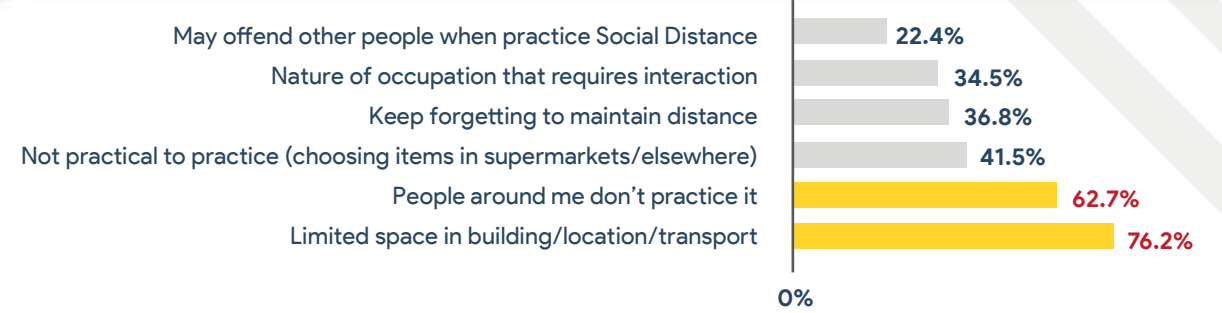


42.9% seen others not practising Social Distancing at Supermarket/Hypermarkets



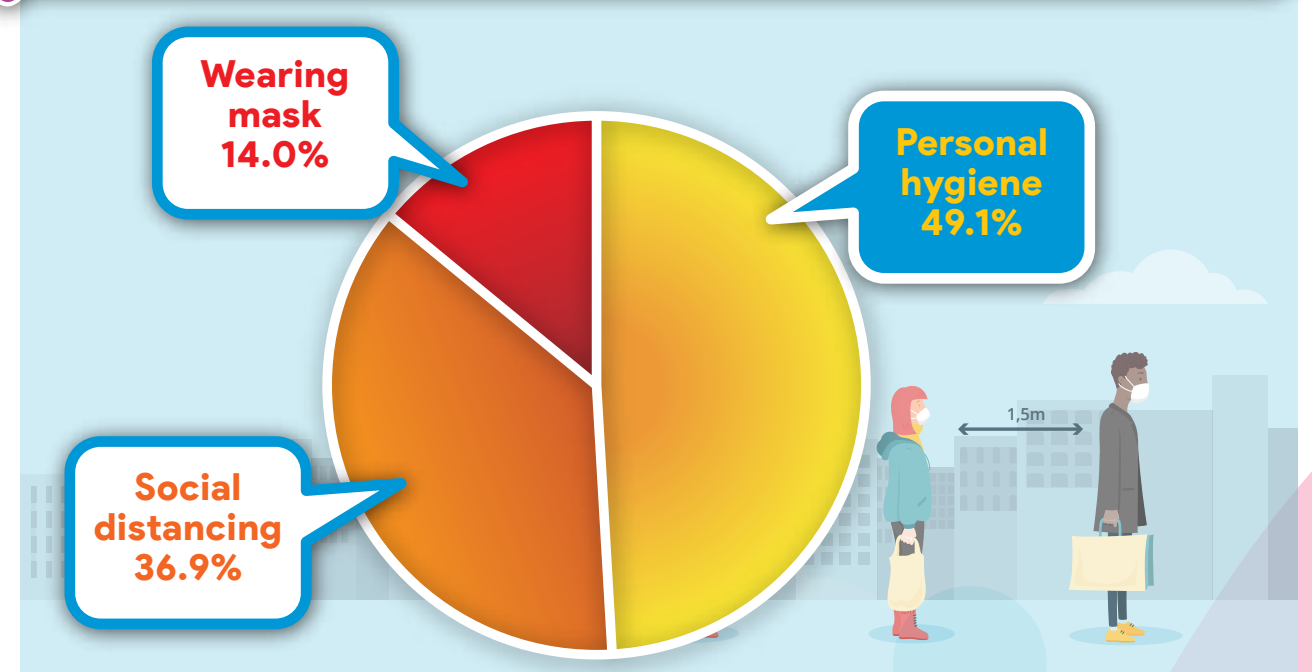
42.9% seen others not practising Social Distancing at Restaurants

## 4 Why it is Difficult To Practise Social Distancing?



Wet markets were observed as most difficult (52.2%) and least practicing SD (55.6%).  
Difficulty was caused by limited space (76.2%) and crowds coming there (77.2%).

## 5 Respondents Ranking on MOST IMPORTANT COVID-19 PREVENTION PRACTICE



## CONCLUSION

- Malaysians are seen to be compliant to practice SD and most are attempting to comply for as long as it's still directed by the authorities.
- They may however be tempted to stop using the face mask as it is perceived as the least favourable to practice.
- Practice of SD is generally most difficult in crowded places where there is lack of physical space and is most crowded such as markets.

## RECOMMENDATION

Localities with difficulties in implementing SD and should be looked into to avoid possible infections and enforce the use of mask in public.

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