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INTRODUCTION

- Social distancing (SD) is one of Ministry of Malaysia's (MOH) key recommended prevention measures for COVID-19.
- It's important to assess public's knowledge, attitude and perceived benefit of SD practices as health experts globally are advising public to practice SD diligently to minimize the spread of virus.

OBJECTIVE

This study aimed to assess public's understanding, practice and perceptions related to Social Distancing during COVID-19

METHODOLOGY



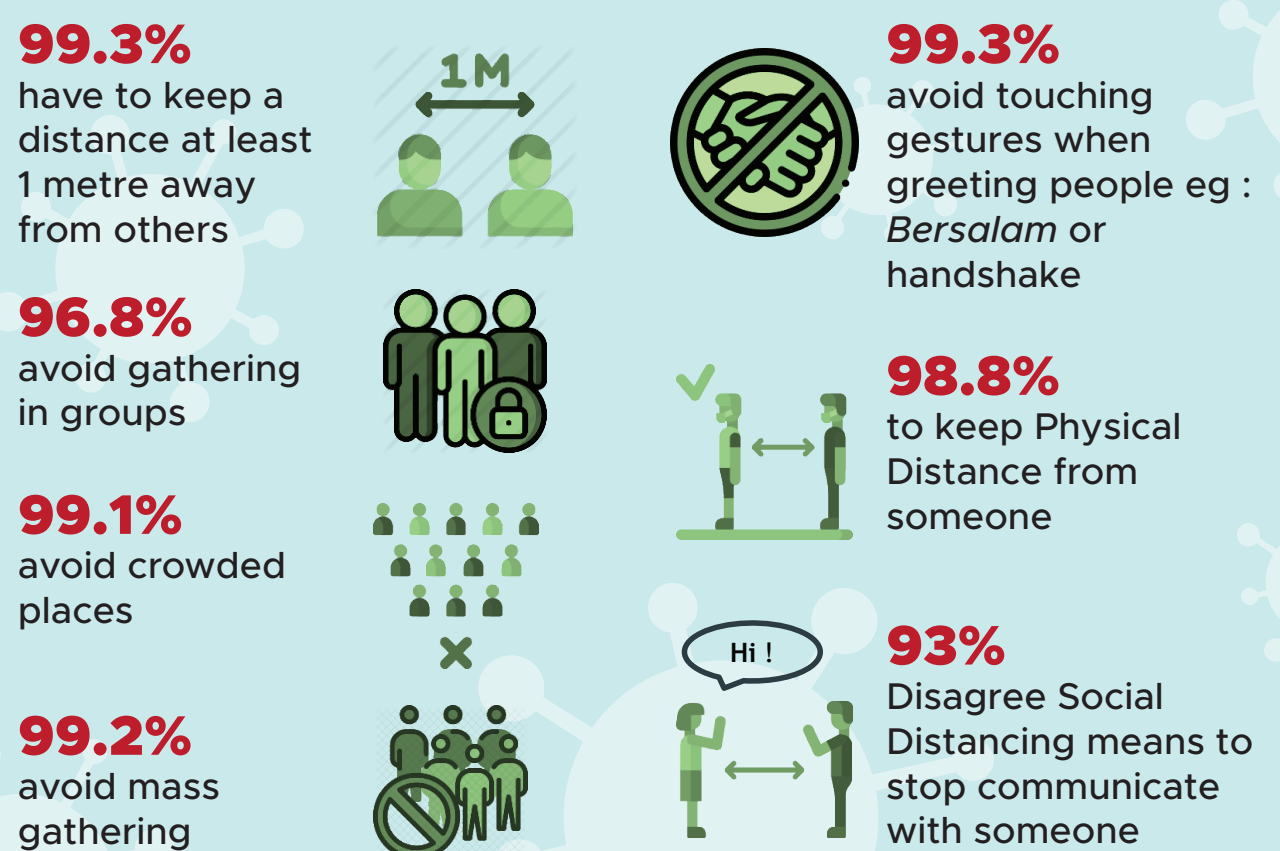
RESPONDENTS PROFILE

	(n)	(%)
Gender		
Male	1004	29.0
Female	2456	71.0
Race		
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
Level of Education		
Secondary education	323	10.0
Certificate/Diploma	936	27.1
Degree/Masters	2046	59.1
PhD/Professional Qualification	145	4.2
Monthly Income		
>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
Age		
≥56	242	7.0
46-55	708	20.0
36-45	1235	36.0
26-35	1070	31.0
18-25	205	6.0

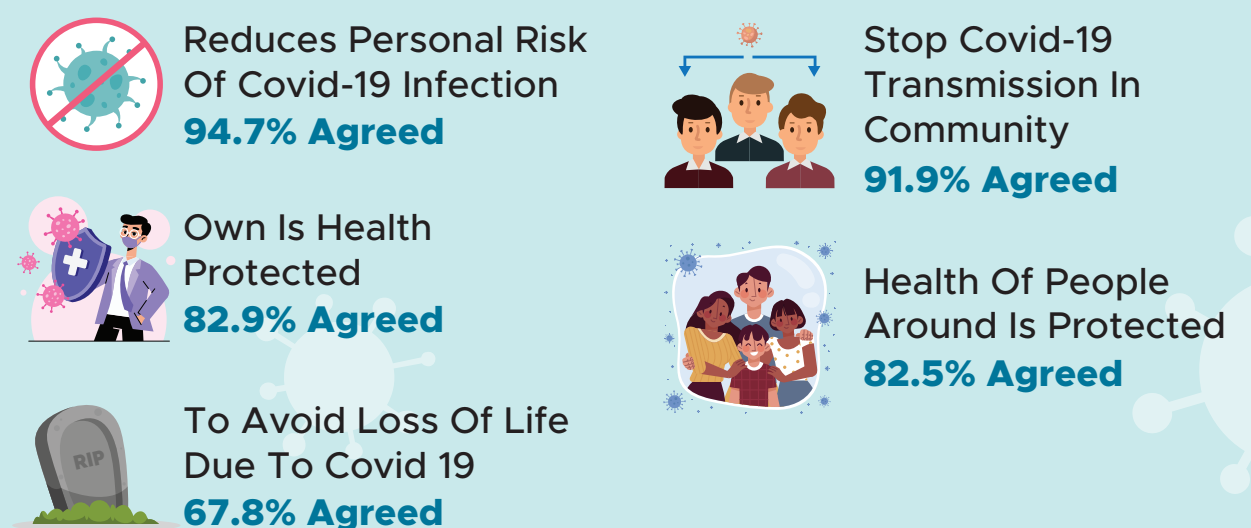
RESULTS

Knowledge on Social Distancing

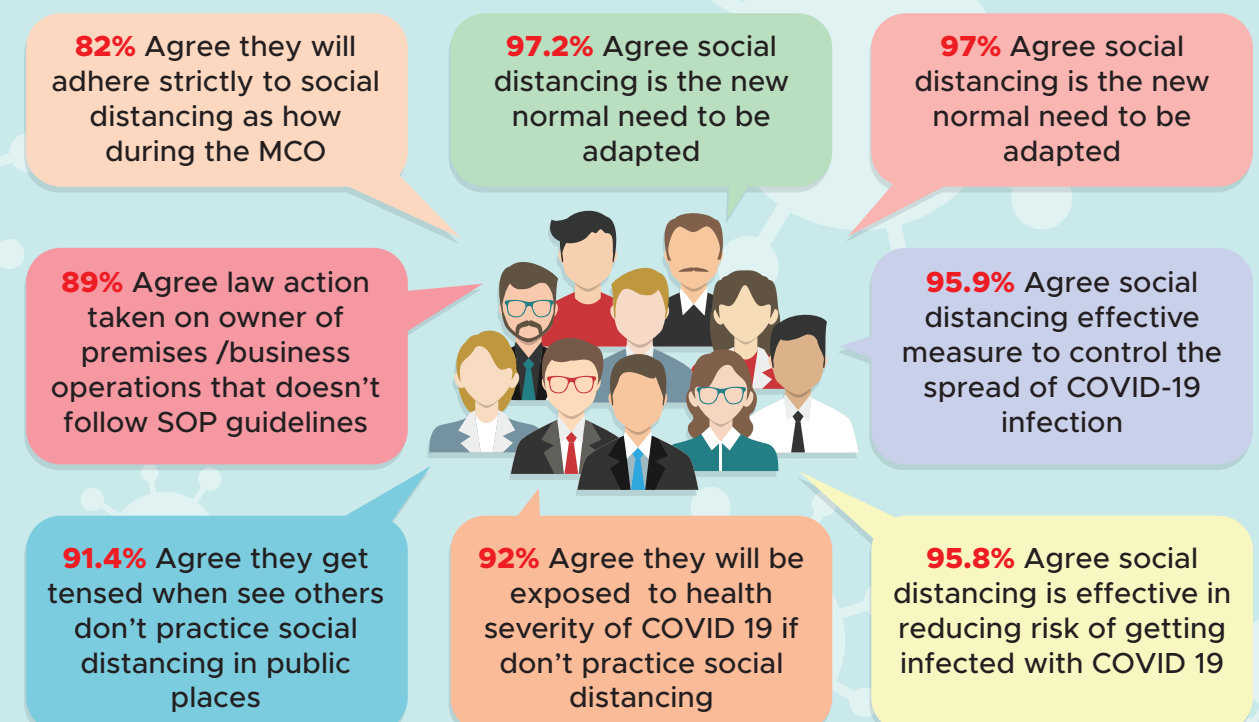
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Perception On Benefits Of Practicing Social Distancing



Attitudes Towards Social



CONCLUSION

Survey finding shows public have high awareness level and positive attitude towards Social Distancing (SD) practice, however further analysis need to be done to conclude whether high knowledge and positive attitude contributes to proper adherence of SD practices.

However only 82% agree they will adhere strictly to SD as how they used to do during MCO.

On perceived benefit of SD, more than 90% agree SD practices reduce personal risk of COVID 19 infection and stops the transmission at community level, however only 67.8% agree practice of SD reduce loss of life due to COVID 19.

This possibly can be attributed to risk aversion towards COVID 19 among Malaysians, as we have lower death rates due to this diseases compared to other countries that was severely affected like US, UK, Italy, Brazil etc. Therefore Malaysian public may associate severity of COVID 19 as very infectious disease but not life threatening

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