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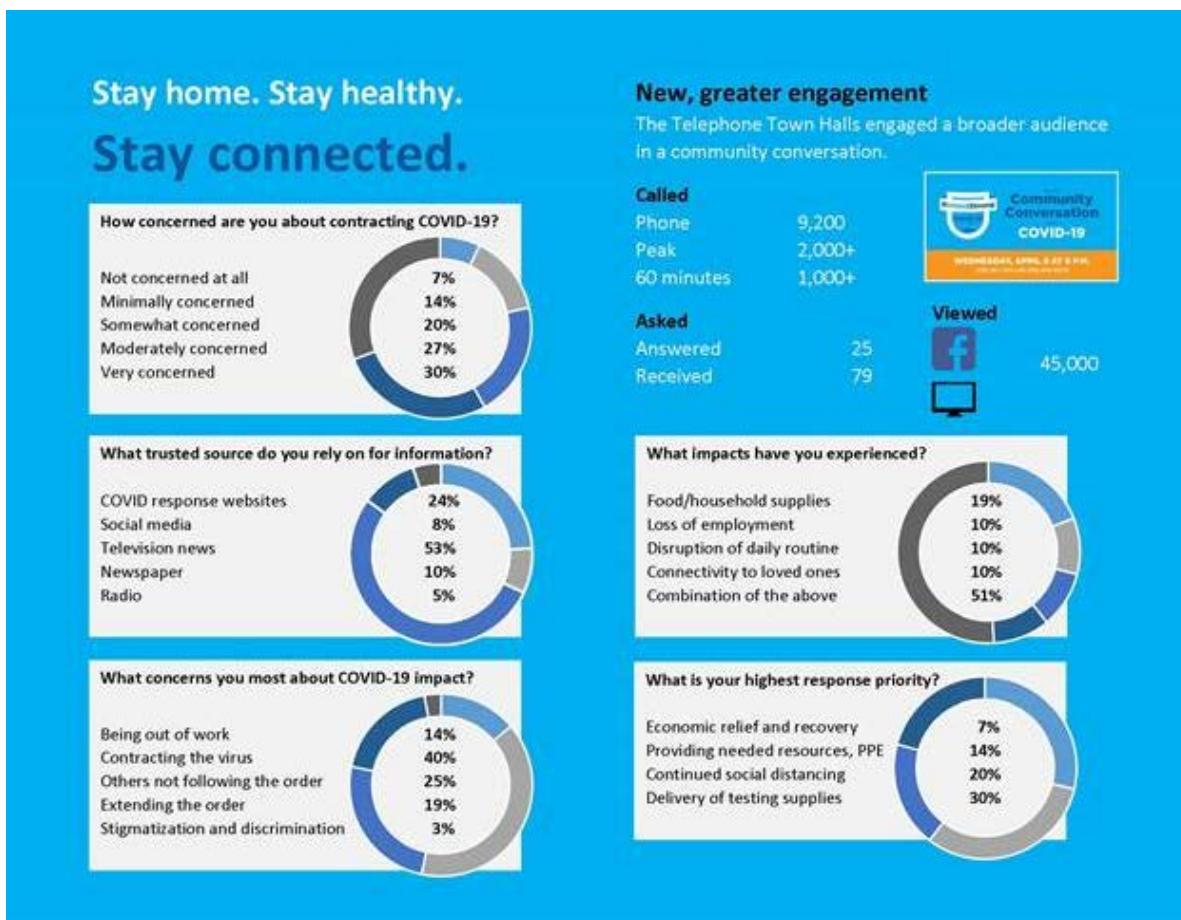
COVID-19 News Update for April 13

Information about Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19) is evolving rapidly. We want to make sure our City employees have up-to-date information. We will provide this update, as needed, to communicate what you need to know, while we work to reduce the spread of this disease in our community and continue to provide critical public services.

A Look Back at the Community Conversation

Last week in a Telephone Town Hall Meeting, Mayor Nadine Woodward and Council President Breean Beggs were joined by Spokane Valley Mayor Ben Wick, Spokane County Commissioner Al French, State Sen. Andy Billig and Spokane Regional Health District Health Officer Dr. Bob Lutz. About 9,200 people joined in the community conversation with nearly 50,000 more joining on a variety of Facebook pages and on CityCable 5.

People are concerned about COVID-19 and its health and economic impacts. See the answers that our citizens responded.



A Note about Recovery

Today, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, along with Gov. Kate Brown of Oregon and Gov. Gavin Newsom of California, announced that they will work together on a shared approach for reopening the three states' economies.

They are basing their approach on three principles:

- Residents' health comes first.
- Health outcomes and science—not politics—will guide decisions.
- The three states will only be effective by working together.

Here is the [full announcement](#).

Survey on Extended School Closure

Thanks to all of our employees who filled out the Human Resources survey on the impact of the extension of school closures through the end of the school year in June. Watch for information from HR this week once the results of the survey are evaluated.

Here's our Next Video

Alliant, the City's insurance broker for medical benefits, has put together a little series of videos for the organizations they work with. The goal of their program was to create very simple-to-understand videos to help promote taking smart and simple actions to get through this time. We'll be sharing those videos with you over the next couple of days. Today's video is designed to simplify who should get tested and how for COVID-19: [When and How to get Tested for COVID-19](#)

Employee Information Portal (<https://covid19.spokanecity.org/>)

Remember, this Employee Information Portal is a great resource for employees to stay current on what's happening with the COVID-19 response. The [Employee Information Portal](#) can be accessed from work or home, using a computer or mobile device. All of the emailed information we have sent to employees is

archived here.