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DOJ OIG Releases Interactive Survey Results on the Effects of COVID-19 on ATF, DEA, FBI, USAO, and USMS Investigative Operations

Department of Justice (DOJ) Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz announced today the release of an interactive dashboard with survey results on the effects of COVID-19 on investigative operations at the DOJ. In conducting the anonymous online survey, the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received more than 6,000 responses from Special Agents, criminal investigators, U.S. Marshals; Deputy U.S. Marshals, and other investigative, enforcement, and compliance personnel within the DOJ between July 7 and August 3, 2020.

The survey results describe how law enforcement personnel perceived the effects of COVID-19 on law enforcement operations and the DOJ's response to the coronavirus pandemic. The OIG's interactive dashboard allows users to view aggregate survey responses by DOJ component and by specific response, as well as see representative comments provided by the survey respondents.

Results of the survey include:

- More than 64% of respondents noted that COVID-19 had affected their ability to work cases.
- 25% of respondents did not agree that their agency provided adequate personal protective equipment (PPE). Additionally, 25% of respondents indicated that their agencies' training on the use of PPE as well as how they should interact with the public and their co-workers was inadequate. Over 90% of respondents said that they had not been tested by their agency for COVID-19 as of the time of the survey.
- 62% of respondents reported always or often wearing a mask, but more than half noted federal/state partners never or only sometimes wear masks.
- A majority of respondents reported that they took appropriate precautions while interacting with the public during COVID-19 and
- The majority of respondents indicated that protocols were in place to notify them of a positive test for individuals they had either recently worked with or taken into custody.

The OIG's survey results are intended to assist the DOJ in identifying areas of opportunity for mitigating the impact of COVID-19 (or other outbreak) on current and future Department investigative operations. The data as presented is only representative of employees who responded to our survey and should not be interpreted as representing all DOJ employees. Responses represent perceptions of survey respondents and may differ from the official policies, practices, or procedures of DOJ components.

Report: To view the full report with interactive graphics, please visit:
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/891259547d994573a314acf7927ac6c4>.

Additional Information:

Today's survey does not include the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) employees. The DOJ OIG maintains a separate collection of interactive dashboards with data on COVID-19 case trends, testing trends, and deaths due to COVID-19 in BOP-managed correctional facilities. View those dashboards here: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ab22fb4c564e4f4b986e257c685190e8>.

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