

Special-Focus Items: COVID-19 Impact



What are *CCSSE* special-focus items?

In order to keep the survey fresh and relevant for the community college field, the Center each year selects a special-focus topic and develops five new items to administer with *CCSSE*. This enables colleges to more deeply explore certain issues that are key to improved student engagement and success.

All colleges receive the five special-focus items as part of their *CCSSE* administration. Students are asked to mark their responses under “Additional Items” at the end of the [survey](#). The results from these items are provided as frequency distributions with colleges’ standard *CCSSE* reports.

2021’s COVID-19 Impact items

Colleges that participate in *CCSSE* 2021 will receive five special-focus items about COVID-19 (shown below). These items are designed to help your institution gauge the impact of COVID-19 on students.

Mark only one response for each item

1. How would you describe your current personal financial situation?
 - a. It is better than it was before the COVID-19 pandemic
 - b. It is worse than it was before the COVID-19 pandemic
 - c. It is about the same as it was before the COVID-19 pandemic
 - d. I am not sure

2. Are you struggling to pay for college?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes, I am struggling to pay for college as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
 - c. Yes, I am struggling to pay for college, but it is not a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

3. Does this college have support services to help students cope with stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I do not know

4. Since the beginning of this academic term at this college, I have tried to avoid situations on campus in which I am unable to stay six feet away from another person.
- a. Strongly agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. Disagree
 - d. Strongly disagree
 - e. *Not applicable because I have not been on campus at this college this academic term**
5. Are you able to access the Internet at your home when you need it for your coursework at this college?
- a. Yes, and it is reliable
 - b. Yes, but it is not always reliable
 - c. No, I cannot access the Internet at my home
 - d. My coursework at this college does not require me to work online

** Response will only appear on online survey*