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Survey of Massachusetts Registered Voters

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N=1,000

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### ***Baker popular, Trump unpopular in Massachusetts in wake of COVID-19 pandemic***

In the wake of the current public pandemic, a newly released poll of Massachusetts registered voters from the UMass Lowell Center for Public Opinion finds that state government, led by Governor Charlie Baker, gets high marks, while the federal government, led by President Donald Trump, gets low marks.





Despite concerns about the death count and not being able to get a test if needed, half of Massachusetts registered voters (50%) believe that the state's social distancing measures, which close non-essential businesses, limit gatherings to 10 or more people and recommend people stay at home as much as possible will be lifted on or before July 4, 2020. About a third



For exam



- The participatory spirit in Massachusetts is strong. A large majority say they will still vote in person (72%) if the election were held tomorrow and no vote by mail option were available. Furthermore, a majority (51%) would risk certain contraction of COVID 19 to cast the tiebreaking vote in the upcoming Presidential election.
- Our survey asked about a possible initiative headed towards the ballot in November that would ask voters to approve or reject ranked choice voting. At this point, we find the yes and no sides evenly split: 37% yes and 38% no, with 25% unsure. There is still much to be decided on this issue and with 1 in 4 voters uncertain.
- We asked for favorability ratings of many political figures, both local and national: Charlie Baker has a net favorability rating of +57 (72% fav, 15% unfav), Dr. Anthony Fauci is +57 (67% fav, 10% unfav), former President Barack Obama is 72