

# HOW MIGHT COVID-19 AFFECT MARRIAGE AND PARENTHOOD

## 4,100 SINGAPOREANS SURVEYED\*



married individuals;  
aged 21-45 years old



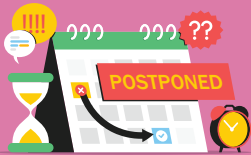
singles in a serious relationship;  
aged 22-32 years old

About **3 in 10** respondents would change their plans to get married or have (more) children. Most would delay.

\*Survey commissioned by National Population and Talent Division and Ministry of Social and Family Development. Sample included 2,008 singles and 2,074 married individuals. Each sample was weighted by age, gender, ethnicity and educational level to ensure representativeness



### MARRIED INDIVIDUALS SAID



Among those who planned to delay having children,

**76%**

would delay for up to 2 years. The rest would delay for longer than 2 years or were not sure how long they would delay.

#### Top reasons for delaying childbearing plans:



**60%**

uncertain about the global COVID-19 health situation



**56%**

uncertain about economic/employment prospects

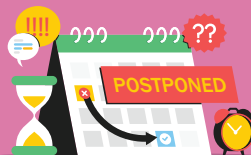


**43%**

concerned about the safety of healthcare facilities



### SINGLES WHO ARE SERIOUSLY DATING OR ENGAGED SAID



Among those who would delay,

**71%**

would delay for up to 2 years. The rest would delay for longer than 2 years or were not sure how long they would delay.

#### Top reasons for delaying wedding plans:



**80%**

uncertain about the global COVID-19 health situation



**76%**

unable to carry out wedding plans



**70%**

uncertain about economic/employment prospects