IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON MARRIAGE AND PARENTHOOD SENTIMENTS

From June to July 2020, more than 4,100 Singaporeans* took part in a survey commissioned by the National Population and Talent Division, and the Ministry of Social and Family Development.

FINDINGS FROM SURVEY OF MARRIED INDIVIDUALS

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% delay because they were uncertain about the global COVID-19 health situation.
- 56% delay because they were uncertain about economic/employment prospects.
- 43% delay because they were concerned about the safety of healthcare facilities.

FINDINGS FROM SURVEY OF SINGLES WHO ARE SERIOUSLY DATING OR ENGAGED

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% delay due to uncertain global COVID-19 health situation.
- 76% delay as they were unable to carry out wedding/marriage plans.
- 75% delay as they were uncertain about economic/employment prospects.

*Sample was based on 2,008 singles and 2,074 married individuals, each weighted by age, gender, ethnicity and educational level to ensure representativeness.

All information is accurate as of 9 October 2020.