COVID AND THE CONSUMER

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

COVID-19 has changed the way consumers think about travel. And, for the foreseeable future, they are thinking about doing it less. Much less.

To keep a pulse on just what that looks like, our Market Intelligence team pulled together a snapshot of the most credible research available — from October and November (2020) — on COVID-19's effect on the hospitality and travel industry.







A CHANGE IN PLANS



of U.S. travelers indicate they will change their travel plans in the next six months due to COVID-19.

48% reduced travel plans
36% canceled a trip completely
29% changed to a driveable
destination vs. flying
19% changed a trip from international
to domestic¹

say that the recent increases in COVID-19 cases around the country have made them less likely to travel in the next three months.²

78% have avoided staying in a hotel, casino, or resort specifically due to COVID-19.3

HEIGHTENED EXPECTATIONS FOR HOTELIERS

• 46% are willing to pay more at a hotel that implements increased safety precautions.⁴

- Nearly 90% prefer that the hotel they visit has a mobile app offering the ability to completely manage their stay without having to interact with a person.⁵
- 90% say it is very or extremely important that the facility they stay at enforces COVID-19 safety policies.⁶
- 82% feel the COVID-19 pandemic will bring about changes to the onsite lodging experience that will last well into the future.⁷

GIVING THANKS FROM HOME

4%

were planning to travel to another state to see friends and family at Thanksgiving. **52%**

were planning to celebrate with just immediate family.

12%

report they were requiring mask usage except during the meal.8

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SUMMER VACATION PLANS HEAT UP

How soon from now would you be comfortable going on vacation/traveling?

• Now/under a month: 28%

In 2-5 months: 19%
In 6+ months: 53%°





Source

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