



**Qualitative research illustrates how central travel is to people’s lives. High degrees of uncertainty mean some can’t project a time when holidays may be possible – travel intention becomes more of an aspiration.**

- The majority of participants had to cancel trips and holidays with the financial and emotional impact clearly felt.
- Feelings of disappointment which was difficult to come to terms with.
- Tough, challenging times with no let up on the horizon, trips abroad are no longer on the agenda.



PRSS PLAY

**Uncertainty permeates all aspects of life – feelings of being scared and nervous of what the new normal will look like given the acceptance that Covid-19 has changed everything and life won't be the same.**

- Personal impact is keenly felt and to the fore; the inherent difficulty in having a plan “crazy world at the moment”
- Life is paused, work and the economy are a major concern “fear for the recovery” “scary times ahead”
- It is out of our hands “we just have to follow the rules and hope it will make a difference”
- Assume it will be September, if not Christmas before things return to “something near normality”



PRESS PLAY



**Unsurprisingly, the public are experiencing a broad spectrum of emotions – frustration, anxiety, helplessness, but also a sense of optimism.**

**Negative emotions are yet to manifest into anger signalling a level of understanding and acceptance of the situation, even after the announcement of the extension of restrictions Easter weekend.**

Q. How would you say you are feeling about your own personal situation currently in the current climate as a direct result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)?



**Community commitment to restrictions is evident in social media channels - a tweet by Des Cahill (132k followers) @7:30pm on April 8th triggered hundreds of supportive comments that evening.**

Des Cahill @sportsdes

7.30pm. Traffic is bumper to bumper on the N11 South, heading towards Wicklow & Wexford. Imagine the cost and time of Gardai used, in having to set up road checks, because some people cannot seem to bear respecting our #COVID19 travel restrictions. Shameful.

*“I hope that every single person travelling to the “holiday home” gets caught, arrested and fined.”*

*“What does it take for people to get this situation?”*

*“I wish for every single one of them, individual passengers too, who are on needless journeys to get that €2500 fine. Utterly selfish. Sure I'm bored stiff and sick of being stuck at home too, but you won't catch me spinning down the country without just need.”*



**Social media chatter mentioning travel specifically has been overshadowed by health and financial impacts. Interestingly, an increase of chat on cancellation was recorded after the announcement of the restrictions being extended, suggesting some were continuing to hold out for a more timely end to the crisis.**

