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## District I

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

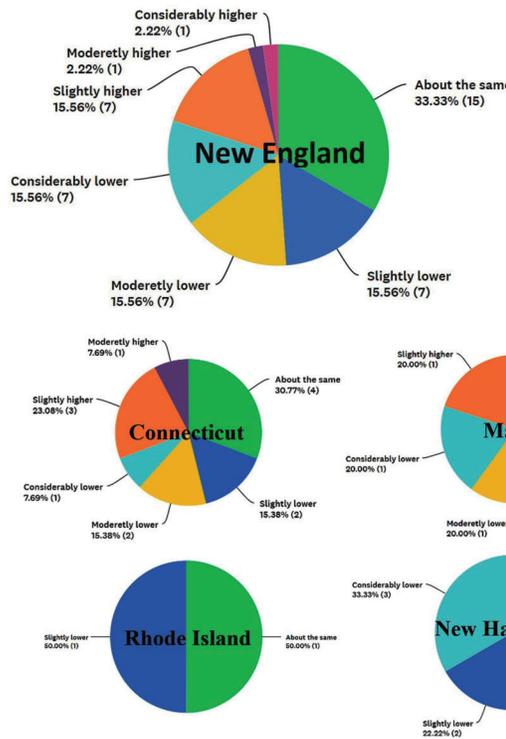
**In June**, the District I officers and I decided to create a survey to determine the relative impact of COVID-19 on AMA New England clubs. We sent email survey invitations to the 94 district clubs, and 45 participated in answering 100% of the 20 multiple-choice questions and comments. Considering that most computer software filters surveys to spam, this was a good response. It took slightly more than 7 minutes to take the survey.

The data collected provided a means to assess the impact of COVID-19 and risk mitigation regarding limitations and requirements on RC flying, flying sites, and conducting events. We identified who or what imposed restrictions on the club, either from the government, flying site property manager/owner, or the club for mitigating risks. Known data about the number of club members who might have tested positive for COVID-19 and deaths from the virus was also collected.

As shown in the graphs for one of the survey questions, the data is accumulated and displayed by district totals and individual states'

### IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON D1 CLUBS:

Question 18. What has been the trend in flying site membership attendance and flying so far this year compared with last year?



totals. All responses were anonymous and no club or members' names were mentioned in relation to their responses. Only numeric counts and percentages were tallied and reported.

As an incentive to respond to the survey, clubs that did were eligible to win a \$100 cash prize. Congratulations to the Souhegan Aero Modelers club located in Milford, New Hampshire, that was randomly selected as the winner.

In August, we again emailed survey invitation links to district clubs so they could make appropriate changes to their related survey question responses if/when conditions impacting their clubs changed. The invitations also allowed other clubs that didn't participate in the initial survey to do so. The updated response data for survey questions allowed us to periodically plot trends on the impact conditions surveyed to better understand areas and club locations as to whether restrictive mitigation was lessening or not.

Column space and when this was written only permits highlighting data here from the initial survey. We are pleased to report that only 5 members were known to have tested positive for COVID-19 and there have been no deaths. Roughly 93% of club sites are open for flying, 80% require social distancing, and 38% require masks. Only 11% of the clubs have suspended flight training and 86% are accepting new members. Club meetings are being conducted at 40% of clubs and 24% are virtual. Club membership is roughly the same at 66% of clubs while 34% are lower. More than 75% of club flying events had been canceled.

To learn more about the impact of the virus on AMA District I clubs, you can view the surveys and the club response data graphs by district and state with their comments for each of the 20 survey questions at [www.amadistrict-i.org/survey](http://www.amadistrict-i.org/survey).