

# **ABSTRACT**

## **The Impact of Closure of Schools During COVID-19 on Parents**

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The COVID-19 pandemic transformed life across the globe. The aim of this study was to evaluate the impact of the closure of schools on parenting practices and finances of families. An online cross-sectional survey was administered to collect data from 170 parents of children in Central Trinidad. The data were analyzed using SPSS software. Descriptive statistics were conducted on the data. Results showed that 74.7% of parents experienced a decrease in family income. Most parents implemented greater mitigation of infection risk and lesser promotion of physical activities as compared to before the pandemic. Mothers helped with schoolwork more than fathers did.

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