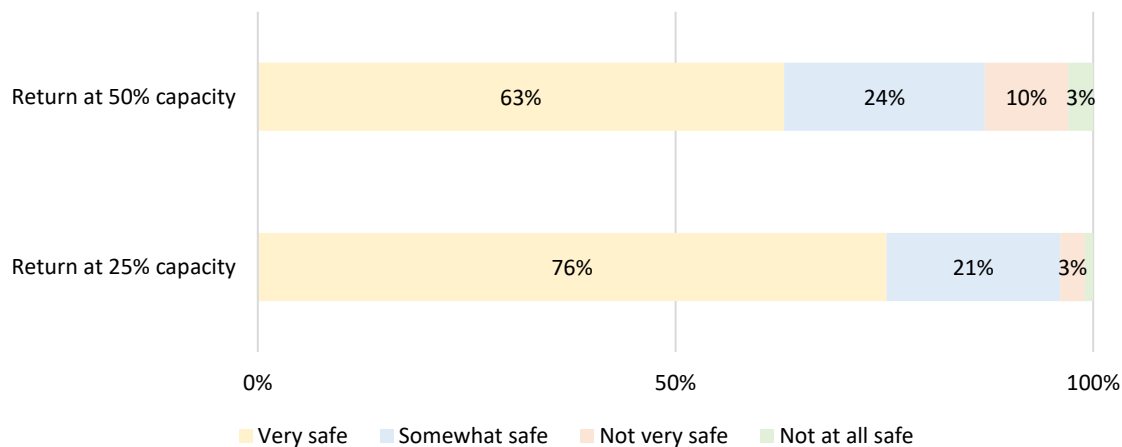


# Member Survey Results

A recent poll of 1,366 parents and guardians with children who participate in gymnastics<sup>1</sup> in the province found that three-quarters were unsupportive of the provincial government’s decision to limit gymnastics facilities to individual (one-on-one) instruction only, which came into effect on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Similarly, parents were asked, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is extremely dissatisfied and 10 is extremely satisfied, how they would rate the provincial government’s decision to limit gymnastics facilities to only be allowed to offer one-on-one training sessions of which over four out of five (81%) rated the decision a score of 5 or lower (i.e., a failing grade). The average satisfaction ‘grade’ was 3.4 out of 10.

Parents/guardians were also asked questions in regard to future possible restrictions (Figure 1). Over three-quarters (76%) indicated that they would feel ‘very safe’ sending their child(ren) back to gymnastics for group training at 25% capacity following the MGA’s Return to Play Protocols, which were attached to the survey for participants to read. Less than 1% indicated that they would feel ‘not at all safe’ sending their child(ren) back to gymnastics at a 25% capacity. Almost two-thirds (63%) reported that they would feel ‘very safe’ sending their child(ren) back to gymnastics at a 50% training capacity, followed by 24% who indicated they would feel ‘somewhat safe.’

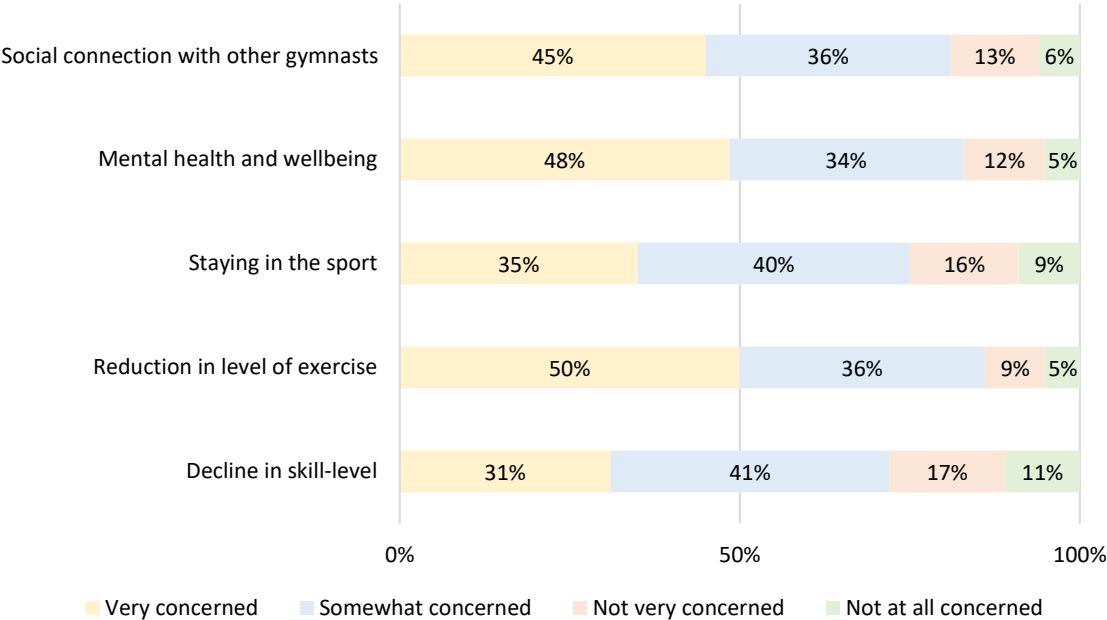
Figure 1: Perceptions of safety in regard to future easing of restrictions



<sup>1</sup> The survey was administered between February 16<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. MGA asked its member clubs to email parents and guardians an invitation to participate in the survey. Of the 1,366 parents and guardians who responded to the survey, 75% had one child under the age of 18 who had participated in gymnastics before the November 2020 lockdown that resulted in all gymnastics facilities being shuttered, while 22% had two children, and 3% had 3 or more children in gymnastics. This works out to a total of 1,757 children who participated in gymnastics prior to the first pandemic lockdown.

Parents are also very concerned about the impact of the gymnastics closures will have on their children, especially in regard to the continued reduction in the level of exercise (50% very concerned), their mental health and wellbeing (48% very concerned) and the social connection with other gymnasts (45% very concerned) (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Level of concern with continued gymnastics facility closures



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