Current week
Concern about the impact of the novel coronavirus

To what extent are you personally concerned or not concerned about the impact of the novel coronavirus in the following areas of life?

(Response scale: 1 ‘not concerned at all’ to 5 ‘very concerned’)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.028–1.035 participants
Perceived informedness about what is happening

How well or badly do you feel informed about what is happening with the novel coronavirus? *(Response scale: 1 ‘very bad’ to 5 ‘very good’)*

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1.032 participants
Evaluation of media coverage
How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: ‘downplaying’, ‘appropriate’, ‘exaggerated’)

- Downplaying: 6
- Exaggerated: 29
- Appropriate: 64

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,019 participants
Used channels of information

What channels do you use to inform yourself about what is happening with the novel coronavirus? *(multiple selection)*

- television: 85%
- radio: 66%
- print media: 58%
- personal contacts: 56%
- internet (excl. social media): 55%
- social media: 24%
- other: 7%
- I do not inform myself: 0%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,037 participants
### Appropriateness of the measures for containment

How do you evaluate the following measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus? *(Response options: 'not appropriate', 'appropriate')*

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Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1.002–1.034 participants
Protective measures of the participants

Which of the following measures have you taken to protect yourself or your family from the novel coronavirus? (multiple selection)

- use covers for mouth and nose: 95%
- comply with government regulations: 92%
- keep more distance to other people: 91%
- wash hands more thoroughly: 91%
- meet friends or family less frequently: 70%
- use disinfectant more frequently: 69%
- leave home less frequently: 64%
- use Corona-Warn-App: 36%
- build up larger stocks: 17%
- wear gloves: 17%
- have food delivered more frequently: 7%
- other: 5%
- I have taken no measures: 0%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.036 participants
Perceived controllability of the risk of infection

How sure are you that you can protect yourself from an infection with the novel coronavirus?

(Response scale: 1 'not sure at all' to 5 'very sure')

Basis: 1.017 participants

Figures given in percentages
### Perceived probability of infection by transmission pathways

How high or low do you estimate the probability of being infected with the novel coronavirus via the following paths? *(Response scale: 1 ‘very low’ to 5 ‘very high’)*

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 991–1.030 participants
Over time
Concern about the impact of the novel coronavirus

To what extent are you personally concerned or not concerned about the impact of the novel coronavirus in the following areas of life? (Response scale: 1 ‘not concerned at all’ to 5 ‘very concerned’) – Shown: response category ‘(very) concerned’ (values 4 + 5)

- **economic situation**: 19, 15, 18, 20
- **social relationships**: 16, 17, 15, 24
- **physical health**: 13, 14, 14, 20
- **mental health**: 10, 10, 10, 14

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.004–1.035 participants
Perceived informedness about what is happening

How well or badly do you feel informed about what is happening with the novel coronavirus? (Response scale: 1 ‘very bad’ to 5 ‘very good’)

* Survey every two weeks since June 2020

Basis Mar–May: 499–510 participants
Basis from Jun: 1.006–1.032 participants

Figures given in percentages
Evaluation of media coverage

How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus? (Response options: 'downplaying', 'appropriate', 'exaggerated')

- **Exaggerated**
- **Appropriate**
- **Downplaying**

* Figures given in percentages
  Basis Mar–May: 480–502 participants
  Basis from Jun: 992–1,019 participants

* Survey every two weeks since June 2020
Used channels of information

What channels do you use to inform yourself about what is happening with the novel coronavirus? *(multiple selection)*

- **television**: 85, 85, 84, 85
- **radio**: 67, 65, 64, 66
- **internet (excl. social media)**: 63, 56, 61, 55
- **personal contacts**: 60, 57, 56, 56
- **print media**: 59, 57, 56, 58
- **social media**: 26, 26, 25, 24
- **other**: 6, 7, 7, 7
- **I do not inform myself**: 1, 0, 0, 0

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1.011–1.037 participants

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020
Appropriateness of the measures for containment

How do you evaluate the following measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus? (Response options: ‘not appropriate’, ‘appropriate’) – Shown: response category ‘appropriate’

- **Cancellation of events**: 97, 97, 96, 95, 94, 88, 89, 86, 87, 90, 85, 86, 83, 86
- **Contact restriction**: 92, 88, 85, 85, 80, 77, 89, 72, 70, 70, 74, 79, 75
- **Mandatory distance**: 86, 88, 92, 90, 90, 90, 90, 92
- **Mandatory use of masks**: 92, 88, 85, 85
- **Limitation of the number of costumers**: 90, 88, 92, 90, 88, 90, 90, 92
- **Restriction in the cultural sector**: 80, 77, 80, 80, 84, 80, 83

* Figures given in percentages
* Survey every two weeks since June 2020
a Wording was adapted to the current situation at the time
b Measure was added to the questionnaire at the time indicated

Basis Mar–May: 493–512 participants
Basis from Jun: 993–1.034 participants
Protective measures of the participants I

Which of the following measures have you taken to protect yourself or your family from the novel coronavirus? (multiple selection)

- Use covers for mouth and nose
  - 94 95 95 95

- Keep more distance to other people
  - 92 91 89 91

- Comply with government regulations
  - 90 90 91 92

- Wash hands more thoroughly
  - 90 92 88 91

- Meet friends or family less frequently
  - 79 80 72 70

- Leave home less frequently
  - 73 67 64 64

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1.011–1.037 participants

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020
Protective measures of the participants II

Which of the following measures have you taken to protect yourself or your family from the novel coronavirus? *(multiple selection)*

- Use disinfectant more frequently: 64–69%
- Use Corona-Warn-App: 28–36%
- Wear gloves: 19–19%
- Build up larger stocks: 19–17%
- Have food delivered more frequently: 9–7%
- Other: 6–5%
- I have taken no measures: 1–0%

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020

*Measure was added to the questionnaire at the time indicated*

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1,011–1,037 participants
Perceived controllability of the risk of infection
How sure are you that you can protect yourself from an infection with the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 ‘not sure at all’ to 5 ‘very sure’)

* Survey every two weeks since June 2020
### Perceived probability of infection by transmission pathways

How high or low do you estimate the probability of being infected with the novel coronavirus via the following paths?

*(Response scale: 1 ‘very low’ to 5 ‘very high’)* – *Shown: response category ‘(very) high’ (values 4 + 5)*

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* Figures given in percentages
  Basis Mar–May: 470–511 participants
  Basis from Jun: 943–1.030 participants

* Survey every two weeks since June 2020
Age groups
Concern about the impact of the novel coronavirus

To what extent are you personally concerned or not concerned about the impact of the novel coronavirus in the following areas of life? (Response scale: 1 'not concerned at all' to 5 'very concerned') – Shown: response category ‘(very) concerned’ (values 4 + 5)

- Social relationships: 25% (22% very concerned)
- Economic situation: 16% (19% very concerned)
- Physical health: 8% (34% very concerned)
- Mental health: 15% (13% very concerned)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 318–359 participants in corresponding age group
Perceived informedness about what is happening
How well or badly do you feel informed about what is happening with the novel coronavirus? *(Response scale: 1 ‘very bad’ to 5 ‘very good’)*

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 318–358 participants in corresponding age group
Evaluation of media coverage

How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: ‘downplaying’, ‘appropriate’, ‘exaggerated’)

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 319–351 participants in corresponding age group
Used channels of information

What channels do you use to inform yourself about what is happening with the novel coronavirus? *(multiple selection)*

- **television**: 73%
- **radio**: 55%
- **print media**: 43%
- **personal contacts**: 55%
- **internet (excl. social media)**: 70%
- **social media**: 38%
- **other**: 8%
- **I do not inform myself**: 0%

*Figures given in percentages*

*Basis: 321–359 participants in corresponding age group*
### Appropriateness of the measures for containment

How do you evaluate the following measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus?  
(Response options: 'not appropriate', 'appropriate') – **Shown: response category ‘appropriate’**

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*Figures given in percentages*

*Basis: 305–358 participants in corresponding age group*
Protective measures of the participants
Which of the following measures have you taken to protect yourself or your family from the novel coronavirus? (multiple selection)

- use covers for mouth and nose: 95%
- comply with government regulations: 90%
- keep more distance to other people: 86%
- wash hands more thoroughly: 87%
- meet friends or family less frequently: 70%
- use disinfectant more frequently: 71%
- leave home less frequently: 65%
- use Corona-Warn-App: 34%
- build up larger stocks: 18%
- wear gloves: 8%
- have food delivered more frequently: 9%
- other: 7%
- I have taken no measures: 0%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 321–358 participants in corresponding age group
Perceived controllability of the risk of infection

How sure are you that you can protect yourself from an infection with the novel coronavirus? (Response scale: 1 ‘not sure at all’ to 5 ‘very sure’)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 318–352 participants in corresponding age group
Perceived probability of infection by transmission pathways

How high or low do you estimate the probability of being infected with the novel coronavirus via the following paths?

(Response scale: 1 ‘very low’ to 5 ‘very high’) – Shown: response category ‘(very) high’ (values 4 + 5)

- Proximity to other people: 73%
- Door handles: 40%
- Cash: 29%
- Toys: 22%
- Dishes and cutlery: 18%
- Food: 11%
- Clothing: 11%
- Pets: 10%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 290–358 participants in corresponding age group
## Dates and sample sizes of the survey

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### How were the data collected?

**Statistical population:** German-speaking population ages 14 years and over in private households in the Federal Republic of Germany

**Sampling:** Samples drawn at random from land line and mobile telephone numbers which can also include telephone numbers not listed in directories (in line with standards set by the Association of German Market Research Institutes – ADM)

**Data weighting:** Data was weighted according to gender, education, age, employment, size of city and German federal state to guarantee representativeness

**Method:** Telephone interview (CATI omnibus survey, Dual Frame)

**Presentation of results:** All figures given in percentages, rounding differences are possible, only valid responses were included (response option ‘don’t know’ was excluded from all analyses)

**Conducted by:** Kantar
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