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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<td>economic situation</td>
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<td>mental health</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>18</td>
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Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1.013–1.026 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’)*

- **(very) good**: 52
- **(very) bad**: 16
- **medium**: 31

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.013 participants
Evaluation of media coverage
How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: ‘downplaying’, ‘appropriate’, ‘exaggerated’)

- 65 appropriate
- 29 exaggerated
- 6 downplaying

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 995 participants
Used channels of information
What channels do you use to inform yourself about what is happening with the novel coronavirus? (multiple selection)

- television: 80%
- radio: 70%
- personal contacts: 59%
- print media: 56%
- internet (excl. social media): 56%
- social media: 26%
- other: 8%
- I do not inform myself: 1%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,025 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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<td>mandatory tests for returnees</td>
<td>91%</td>
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<td>mandatory distance</td>
<td>89%</td>
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<tr>
<td>mandatory use of masks</td>
<td>87%</td>
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<td>cancellation of events</td>
<td>87%</td>
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<td>limitation of the number of customers</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<td>restriction in the cultural sector</td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td>contact restriction</td>
<td>78%</td>
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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.000–1.030 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)*

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<td>Use covers for mouth and nose</td>
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<td>Wash hands more thoroughly</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Comply with government regulations</td>
<td>91%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Keep more distance to other people</td>
<td>90%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meet friends and family less frequently</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>Use disinfectant more frequently</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leave home less frequently</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Use Corona-Warn-App</td>
<td>35%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Build up larger stocks</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>Wear gloves</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Have food delivered more frequently</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>I have taken no measures</td>
<td>0%</td>
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*Figures given in percentages*

*Basis: 1.026 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’)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.001 participants
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’)

- Proximity to other people: 13% (very) low, 23% medium, 63% (very) high
- Door handles: 35% (very) low, 22% medium, 43% (very) high
- Cash: 48% (very) low, 21% medium, 31% (very) high
- Toys: 52% (very) low, 24% medium, 23% (very) high
- Dishes and cutlery: 59% (very) low, 20% medium, 21% (very) high
- Food: 68% (very) low, 18% medium, 15% (very) high
- Clothing: 74% (very) low, 14% medium, 11% (very) high
- Pets: 74% (very) low, 16% medium, 10% (very) high

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 929–1.020 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
  - 22
  - 18

- **social relationships**
  - 16
  - 17
  - 15
  - 24
  - 21
  - 24

- **physical health**
  - 13
  - 14
  - 14
  - 20
  - 19
  - 21

- **mental health**
  - 10
  - 10
  - 10
  - 14
  - 17
  - 17

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

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 499–510 participants
Basis from Jun: 1.006–1.032 participants
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: 991–1,019 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, 83, 80
- **radio**: 67, 65, 64, 66, 69, 70
- **internet (excl. social media)**: 63, 56, 61, 55, 58, 56
- **personal contacts**: 60, 57, 56, 56, 56, 59
- **print media**: 59, 57, 56, 58, 58, 56
- **social media**: 26, 26, 25, 24, 29, 26
- **other**: 3, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8
- **I do not inform myself**: 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.011–1.037 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’) – Shown: response category ‘appropriate’

- Cancellation of events
- Contact restriction
- Mandatory tests for returnees
- Mandatory distance
- Mandatory use of masks
- Limitation of the number of customers
- Restriction in the cultural sector

* Survey every two weeks since June 2020
  * Wording was adapted to the current situation at the time
  * Measure was added to the questionnaire at the time indicated

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 493–512 participants
Basis from Jun: 983–1.034 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%
- keep more distance to other people: 92–91%
- comply with government regulations: 90–91%
- wash hands more thoroughly: 90–93%
- meet friends or family less frequently: 79–80%
- leave home less frequently: 73–64%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.011–1.037 participants
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
- use Corona-Warn-App
- wear gloves
- build up larger stocks
- have food delivered more frequently
- other
- I have taken no measures

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1.011–1.037 participants

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020

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

Figures given in percentages

Basis Mar–May: 492–514 participants
Basis from Jun: 1.000–1.017 participants

* 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)

- **proximity to other people**: 81, 79, 76, 74, 73, 72, 63, 63, 61, 60, 65, 65, 63, 63
- **door handles**: 81, 69, 63, 63, 63, 63, 58, 60, 60, 65, 65, 63, 63
- **cash**: 45, 44, 43, 43, 44, 44, 41, 43, 40, 40, 41, 41, 47, 43
- **toys**: 35, 38, 29, 30, 28, 28, 20, 25, 21, 24, 25, 26, 26, 31
- **dishes and cutlery**: 26, 25, 17, 19, 19, 14, 16, 19, 20, 16, 19, 15, 15, 18, 22, 21
- **clothing**: 13, 11, 9, 9, 6, 9, 6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 6, 5, 10, 7, 11
- **food**: 12, 18, 14, 14, 10, 8, 15, 8, 13, 11, 13, 8, 9, 9, 10, 15
- **pets**: 11, 9, 13, 7, 9, 6, 8, 8, 9, 8, 7, 9, 8, 10

* Figures given in percentages

Basis Mar–May: 470–511 participants
Basis from Jun: 929–1,030 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**: 22%
- **Physical health**: 9%
- **Economic situation**: 17%
- **Mental health**: 11%

**Breakdown by Age Group**

- **14 to 39 years**
  - Social relationships: 22%
  - Physical health: 9%
  - Economic situation: 17%
  - Mental health: 11%

- **40 to 59 years**
  - Social relationships: 27%
  - Physical health: 27%
  - Economic situation: 25%
  - Mental health: 19%

- **60 years and over**
  - Social relationships: 22%
  - Physical health: 26%
  - Economic situation: 13%
  - Mental health: 23%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 310–356 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: 309–352 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’)

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<td>60 years and over</td>
<td>6</td>
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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 307–348 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)*

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<td>personal contacts</td>
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<td>print media</td>
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<td>internet (excl. social media)</td>
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<td>1</td>
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Figures given in percentages

Basis: 319–356 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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<td>contact restriction</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>76</td>
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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 309–356 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%
- Wash hands more thoroughly: 94%
- Comply with government regulations: 93%
- Keep more distance to other people: 94%
- Meet friends or family less frequently: 78%
- Use disinfectant more frequently: 70%
- Leave home less frequently: 73%
- Use Corona-Warn-App: 39%
- Build up larger stocks: 27%
- Wear gloves: 12%
- Have food delivered more frequently: 12%
- Other: 6%
- I have taken no measures: 0%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 320–356 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: 309–352 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: 54%
- Door handles: 44%
- Cash: 33%
- Toys: 22%
- Dishes and cutlery: 17%
- Food: 15%
- Clothing: 12%
- Pets: 14%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 258–355 participants in corresponding age group

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# Dates and sample sizes of the survey

| Survey phase 1 | 24 March 2020 | 510 participants |
|               | 31 March 2020 | 500 participants |
|               | 07 April 2020 | 510 participants |
|               | 14 April 2020 | 515 participants |
|               | 21 April 2020 | 505 participants |
|               | 28 April 2020 | 503 participants |
|               | 05 May 2020   | 504 participants |
|               | 12 May 2020   | 510 participants |
|               | 19 May 2020   | 509 participants |
|               | 26 May 2020   | 510 participants |

| Survey phase 2 | 09–10 June 2020 | 1,015 participants |
|               | 23–24 June 2020 | 1,037 participants |
|               | 07–08 July 2020 | 1,011 participants |
|               | 21–22 July 2020 | 1,037 participants |
|               | 04–06 August 2020 | 1,024 participants |
|               | 18–19 August 2020 | 1,033 participants |
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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