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>mental health</td>
<td>62</td>
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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,003–1,008 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’)

- 56% (very) good
- 28% medium
- 16% (very) bad

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.004 participants
Evaluation of media coverage

How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus?

(Response options: ‘downplaying’, ‘appropriate’, ‘exaggerated’)
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%
- **internet (excl. social media)**: 61%
- **personal contacts**: 59%
- **print media**: 56%
- **social media**: 25%
- **other**: 7%
- **I do not inform myself**: 1%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,008 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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<th>Measure</th>
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<td>Mandatory use of masks</td>
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<td>Mandatory distance</td>
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<td>Mandatory tests for returnees</td>
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*Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 983–1.008 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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<th>Measure</th>
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<td>use covers for mouth and nose</td>
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<td>keep more distance to other people</td>
<td>91%</td>
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<tr>
<td>comply with government regulations</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>wash hands more thoroughly</td>
<td>89%</td>
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<td>use disinfectant more frequently</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>leave home less frequently</td>
<td>65%</td>
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<td>meet friends and family less frequently</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>use Corona-Warn-App</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>wear gloves</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>build up larger stocks</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>have food delivered more frequently</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>other</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>I have taken no measures</td>
<td>1%</td>
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*Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.012 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’)

- (very) sure: 38%
- not sure (at all): 23%
- medium: 39%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1000 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')

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<th>Path</th>
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<td>Proximity to other people</td>
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<td>Door handles</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>46</td>
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<td>Cash</td>
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<td>Toys</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>Dishes and cutlery</td>
<td>63</td>
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<td>18</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>Clothing</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pets</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>7</td>
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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 945–1,006 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, 18, 20, 24
- **social relationships**: 16, 17, 15, 24, 21, 24, 25, 15, 24
- **physical health**: 13, 14, 14, 20, 19, 21, 19, 16, 19
- **mental health**: 10, 10, 10, 14, 17, 17, 18, 14, 18

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1.003–1.035 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')*

- **(very) good**
  - Mar 24: 72
  - Mar 31: 74
  - Apr 07: 72
  - Apr 14: 71
  - Apr 21: 67
  - Apr 28: 65
- **medium**
  - May 05: 21
  - May 12: 21
  - May 19: 17
  - May 26: 13
- **(very) bad**
  - Jun 09–10: 12
  - Jun 16–24: 13
  - Jul 07–08: 17
  - Jul 21–22: 16
  - Aug 04–06: 15
  - Aug 18–19: 16
  - Sep 01–02: 16
  - Sep 15–16: 16
  - Sep 29–30: 16
  - Oct 13–14: 16

* Figures given in percentages

Basis Mar–May: 499–510 participants
Basis from Jun: 1.004–1.032 participants

* Survey every two weeks since June 2020
Evaluation of media coverage

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

* Survey every two weeks since June 2020

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 480–502 participants
Basis from Jun: 971–1.019 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, 85, 84, 85, 83, 80, 82, 83, 85
- **radio**: 67, 65, 64, 66, 69, 70, 67, 69, 66
- **internet (excl. social media)**: 63, 56, 61, 55, 58, 56, 59, 59, 61
- **personal contacts**: 60, 57, 56, 55, 56, 59, 55, 59, 59
- **print media**: 59, 57, 56, 58, 58, 56, 55, 56, 56
- **social media**: 26, 26, 25, 24, 29, 26, 31, 28, 25
- **other**: 3, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8, 9, 7, 7
- **I do not inform myself**: 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1

Figures given in percentages

*Basis: 1,008–1,037 participants*

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020

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*Figures given in percentages

*Basis: 1,008–1,037 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 costumers
- Restriction in the cultural sector

* 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

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 493–512 participants
Basis from Jun: 980–1.034 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%–92%
- Wash hands more thoroughly: 90%–92%
- Meet friends or family less frequently: 79%–80%
- Leave home less frequently: 73%–67%

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
- use Corona-Warn-App
- wear gloves
- build up larger stocks
- have food delivered more frequently
- other
- I have taken no measures

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

Figures given in percentages

Basis Mar–May: 492–514 participants
Basis from Jun: 996–1.017 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’) – Shown: response category ‘(very) high’ (values 4 + 5)

- **proximity to other people**
  - 81
  - 79
  - 76
  - 74
  - 73
  - 72
  - 63
  - 63
  - 62
  - 61
  - 60
  - 63
  - 63
  - 63
  - 64
  - 61
  - 63

- **door handles**
  - 61
  - 63
  - 63
  - 64
  - 65
  - 66
  - 67
  - 68
  - 69
  - 69
  - 70
  - 71
  - 72
  - 73
  - 74

- **cash**
  - 45
  - 44
  - 43
  - 43
  - 43
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  - 47
  - 47
  - 48
  - 48
  - 50
  - 51
  - 51
  - 52

- **toys**
  - 35
  - 36
  - 37
  - 38
  - 39
  - 40
  - 40
  - 41
  - 41
  - 42
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- **dishes and cutlery**
  - 26
  - 25
  - 24
  - 23
  - 22
  - 21
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- **clothing**
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- **food**
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  - 11
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- **pets**
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* 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)

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<td>physical health</td>
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<td>mental health</td>
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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 316–354 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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<th>(very) bad</th>
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<td>40 to 59 years</td>
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<td>58</td>
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<td>60 years and over</td>
<td>14</td>
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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 317–349 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>40 to 59 years</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>73</td>
<td>20</td>
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Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 314–352 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**
  - 14 to 39 years: 63%
  - 40 to 59 years: 93%
  - 60 years and over: 98%

- **radio**
  - 14 to 39 years: 56%
  - 40 to 59 years: 73%
  - 60 years and over: 69%

- **internet (excl. social media)**
  - 14 to 39 years: 69%
  - 40 to 59 years: 73%
  - 60 years and over: 38%

- **personal contacts**
  - 14 to 39 years: 68%
  - 40 to 59 years: 62%
  - 60 years and over: 46%

- **print media**
  - 14 to 39 years: 42%
  - 40 to 59 years: 55%
  - 60 years and over: 71%

- **social media**
  - 14 to 39 years: 39%
  - 40 to 59 years: 21%
  - 60 years and over: 16%

- **other**
  - 14 to 39 years: 8%
  - 40 to 59 years: 7%
  - 60 years and over: 5%

- **I do not inform myself**
  - 14 to 39 years: 1%
  - 40 to 59 years: 1%
  - 60 years and over: 1%

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 320–354 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?  
(Discount options: ‘not appropriate’, ‘appropriate’) – **Shown: response category ‘appropriate’**

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Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 305–352 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: 96%
- keep more distance to other people: 90%
- comply with government regulations: 88%
- wash hands more thoroughly: 84%
- use disinfectant more frequently: 74%
- leave home less frequently: 64%
- meet friends or family less frequently: 64%
- use Corona-Warn-App: 43%
- wear gloves: 12%
- build up larger stocks: 22%
- have food delivered more frequently: 9%
- other: 10%
- I have taken no measures: 1%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 320–354 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: 313–349 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**: 74%
- **door handles**: 45%
- **cash**: 25%
- **toys**: 29%
- **dishes and cutlery**: 20%
- **food**: 10%
- **clothing**: 5%
- **pets**: 0%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 275–349 participants in corresponding age group
## Dates and sample sizes of the survey

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<th>Survey phase 1</th>
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<td>24 March 2020</td>
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<td>31 March 2020</td>
<td>500 participants</td>
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<td>07 April 2020</td>
<td>510 participants</td>
<td>23–24 June 2020</td>
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<td>14 April 2020</td>
<td>515 participants</td>
<td>1.037 participants</td>
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<td>21 April 2020</td>
<td>505 participants</td>
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<td>28 April 2020</td>
<td>503 participants</td>
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<td>504 participants</td>
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**How were the data collected?**

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<th><strong>Statistical population:</strong></th>
<th>German-speaking population ages 14 years and over in private households in the Federal Republic of Germany</th>
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<td><strong>Sampling:</strong></td>
<td>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)</td>
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<td><strong>Data weighting:</strong></td>
<td>Data was weighted according to gender, education, age, employment, size of city and German federal state to guarantee representativeness</td>
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<td><strong>Method:</strong></td>
<td>Telephone interview (CATI omnibus survey, Dual Frame)</td>
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<td><strong>Presentation of results:</strong></td>
<td>All figures given in percentages, rounding differences are possible, only valid responses were included (response option 'don't know' was excluded from all analyses)</td>
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<td><strong>Conducted by:</strong></td>
<td>Kantar</td>
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About the BfR

Do nanoparticles promote the occurrence of allergies? Does apple juice contain too much aluminium? The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, or BfR for short, is responsible for answering questions on all aspects of the health assessment of foods and feeds, consumer products and chemicals. Through its work, it makes a decisive contribution towards ensuring that food, products and the use of chemicals have become safer in Germany.

The Institute’s main tasks comprise the assessment of existing health risks and identification of new ones, the development of recommendations to limit risks and the transparent communication of this process. This work results in the scientific advice given to political decision makers. To help with the strategic alignment of its risk communication, the BfR conducts its own research in the field of risk perception. The Institute is independent in its scientific assessments, research and communication. The BfR belongs to the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

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