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’)

- Social relationships: 39% not concerned, 27% medium, 34% concerned
- Economical situation: 58% not concerned, 18% medium, 24% concerned
- Physical health: 51% not concerned, 26% medium, 23% concerned
- Mental health: 54% not concerned, 23% medium, 23% concerned

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.005–1.013 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: 57
- (very) bad: 17
- medium: 26

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.009 participants
Evaluation of media coverage
How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: ‘downplaying’, ‘appropriate’, ‘exaggerated’)

- 63% appropriate
- 32% exaggerated
- 5% downplaying

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 997 participants
Used channels of information
How often do you use the following information channels to inform yourself about what is happening with the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: ‘daily’, ‘several times a week’, ‘once a week’, ‘less than once a week’, ‘never’)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.011–1.017 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>contact restriction</td>
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<td>closure of cultural institutions</td>
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<td>ban on accommodation</td>
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<td>49</td>
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<td>closure of gastronomic establishments</td>
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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 987–1,015 participants
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<td>Keep more distance to other people</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Comply with government regulations</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<td>Wash hands more thoroughly</td>
<td>92%</td>
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<td>Meet friends and family less frequently</td>
<td>78%</td>
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<td>Use desinfectant more frequently</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Leave home less frequently</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>Use Corona-Warn-App</td>
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<td>I have taken no measures</td>
<td>0%</td>
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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** (33%)
- **not sure (at all)** (26%)
- **medium** (42%)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 996 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: 69% (very high), 22% (medium), 9% (very low)
- Door handles: 43% (very high), 26% (medium), 31% (very low)
- Cash: 29% (very high), 21% (medium), 50% (very low)
- Toys: 25% (very high), 25% (medium), 50% (very low)
- Dishes and cutlery: 20% (very high), 18% (medium), 62% (very low)
- Clothing: 10% (very high), 18% (medium), 73% (very low)
- Food: 8% (very high), 19% (medium), 73% (very low)
- Pets: 6% (very high), 17% (medium), 77% (very low)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 932–1,005 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
  - 23
  - 21
  - 22
  - 24

- **social relationships**
  - 16
  - 17
  - 15
  - 24
  - 21
  - 24
  - 25
  - 15
  - 24
  - 26
  - 35
  - 31
  - 34

- **physical health**
  - 13
  - 14
  - 14
  - 20
  - 19
  - 21
  - 19
  - 16
  - 19
  - 27
  - 22
  - 23

- **mental health**
  - 10
  - 10
  - 10
  - 14
  - 17
  - 17
  - 18
  - 14
  - 18
  - 12
  - 25
  - 18
  - 23

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 992–1,035 participants

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020
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 Mar–May: 499–510 participants
Basis from Jun: 993–1.032 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

How often do you use the following information channels to inform yourself about what is happening with the novel coronavirus? (Response options: ‘daily’, ‘several times a week’, ‘once a week’, ‘less than once a week’, ‘never’) – Shown: response category ‘daily’

- **Television**: 61, 63, 63
- **Radio**: 55, 55, 57
- **Personal contacts**: 49, 49, 45
- **Internet (excl. social media)**: 36, 37, 34
- **Print media**: 31, 32, 31
- **Social media**: 23, 21, 22

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 994–1.017 participants
**Appropriateness of the measures for containment I**

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
  - 96
  - 94
  - 88
  - 89
  - 88
  - 89
  - 77
  - 70
  - 70
  - 78
  - 85
  - 88
  - 88
  - 83
  - 83
  - 87
  - 87
  - 83
  - 83
  - 84
  - 78
  - 81
  - 85

- **closure of cultural institutions**
  - 97
  - 96
  - 93
  - 92
  - 90
  - 85
  - 80
  - 77
  - 70
  - 70
  - 78

- **quarantine measures**
  - 97
  - 96
  - 96
  - 94
  - 94
  - 90
  - 85
  - 80
  - 77
  - 70
  - 70
  - 78

- **contact restriction**
  - 92
  - 88
  - 85
  - 85
  - 80
  - 77
  - 70
  - 70
  - 78

- **mandatory distance**
  - 90
  - 88
  - 82
  - 82
  - 80
  - 77
  - 70
  - 70
  - 78

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* 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 (again) at the time indicated

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**Figures given in percentages**

Basis Mar–May: 493–512 participants
Basis from Jun: 968–1.034 participants
Appropriateness of the measures for containment II

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

- **mandatory use of masks**
  - Figure given in percentages
  - Basis Mar–May: 493–512 participants
  - Basis from Jun: 968–1.034 participants
  - Survey every two weeks since June 2020
  - Wording was adapted to the current situation at the time
  - Measure was added to the questionnaire (again) at the time indicated

- **limiting the number of costumers**

- **ban on selling alcohol**

- **ban on accommodation**

- **closure of gastronomic establishments**

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* Figure given in percentages
* Survey every two weeks since June 2020
  ^ Wording was adapted to the current situation at the time
  ^ Measure was added to the questionnaire (again) at the time indicated

Figures given in percentages
- Basis Mar–May: 493–512 participants
- Basis from Jun: 968–1.034 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
- keep more distance to other people
- comply with government regulations
- wash hands more thoroughly
- meet friends or family less frequently
- leave home less frequently

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.001–1.037 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: 1.001–1.037 participants

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020

a 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’)

* Survey every two weeks since June 2020

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 492–514 participants
Basis from Jun: 986–1.017 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**
- **door handles**
- **cash**
- **toys**
- **dishes and cutlery**
- **clothing**
- **food**
- **pets**

* Survey every two weeks since June 2020

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 470–511 participants
Basis from Jun: 920–1,030 participants
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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Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 315–356 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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<td>40 to 59 years</td>
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<td>60 years and over</td>
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Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 321–352 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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Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 323–345 participants in corresponding age group
Used channels of information

How often do you use the following information channels to inform yourself about what is happening with the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: ‘daily’, ‘several times a week’, ‘once a week’, ‘less than once a week’, ‘never’) – Shown: response category ‘daily’

14 to 39 years
- television: 37
- radio: 42
- personal contacts: 50
- internet (excl. social media): 35
- print media: 9
- social media: 35

40 to 59 years
- television: 69
- radio: 65
- personal contacts: 46
- internet (excl. social media): 43
- print media: 29
- social media: 21

60 years and over
- television: 82
- radio: 65
- personal contacts: 39
- internet (excl. social media): 25
- print media: 55
- social media: 11

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 322–356 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’

- mandatory distance: 91%
- mandatory use of masks: 89%
- quarantine measures: 90%
- cancellation of events: 86%
- limiting the number of customers: 83%
- contact restriction: 76%
- ban on selling alcohol: 64%
- closure of cultural institutions: 48%
- ban on accommodation: 51%
- closure of gastronomic establishments: 34%

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 315–356 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: 96%
- keep more distance to other people: 92%
- comply with government regulations: 89%
- wash hands more thoroughly: 91%
- meet friends or family less frequently: 81%
- use disinfectant more frequently: 67%
- leave home less frequently: 72%
- use Corona-Warn-App: 39%
- wear gloves: 8%
- build up larger stocks: 14%
- have food delivered more frequently: 12%
- other: 4%
- I have taken no measures: 0%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 326–353 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: 318–354 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: 76%
- Door handles: 46%
- Cash: 22%
- Toys: 24%
- Dishes and cutlery: 24%
- Clothing: 10%
- Food: 7%
- Pets: 6%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 268–351 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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