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**:
  - Not concerned (at all): 42%
  - Medium: 26%
  - Very concerned: 32%

- **Physical health**:
  - Not concerned (at all): 52%
  - Medium: 24%
  - Very concerned: 23%

- **Mental health**:
  - Not concerned (at all): 56%
  - Medium: 22%
  - Very concerned: 21%

- **Economical situation**:
  - Not concerned (at all): 58%
  - Medium: 22%
  - Very concerned: 20%

Figures given in percentages
 Basis: 1.004–1.014 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’)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,014 participants
Evaluation of media coverage

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

- **appropriate**: 61
- **exaggerated**: 33
- **downplaying**: 6

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 984 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: 1.011–1.018 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’)*

- **mandatory distance**: 93% appropriate, 7% not appropriate
- **mandatory use of masks**: 92% appropriate, 8% not appropriate
- **quarantine measures**: 91% appropriate, 9% not appropriate
- **cancellation of events**: 90% appropriate, 10% not appropriate
- **national vaccination strategy**: 74% appropriate, 26% not appropriate
- **contact restriction**: 74% appropriate, 26% not appropriate
- **closure of cultural institutions**: 72% appropriate, 28% not appropriate
- **closure of gastronomic establishments**: 60% appropriate, 40% not appropriate
- **closure of day-care centres and schools**: 59% appropriate, 41% not appropriate
- **closure of shops**: 56% appropriate, 44% not appropriate
- **curfew**: 48% appropriate, 52% not appropriate

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 934–1,012 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: 97%
- Comply with government regulations: 94%
- Keep more distance to other people: 92%
- Wash hands more thoroughly: 90%
- Meet friends and family less frequently: 86%
- Leave home less frequently: 82%
- Ventilate closed rooms more frequently: 76%
- Use desinfectant more frequently: 71%
- Use Corona-Warn-App: 39%
- Build up larger stocks: 23%
- Have food delivered more frequently: 11%
- Other: 8%
- I have taken no measures: 0%
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: 990 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:**
  - (very) low: 10
  - medium: 19
  - (very) high: 71

- **door handles:**
  - (very) low: 26
  - medium: 27
  - (very) high: 46

- **cash:**
  - (very) low: 46
  - medium: 21
  - (very) high: 33

- **toys:**
  - (very) low: 56
  - medium: 22
  - (very) high: 22

- **dishes and cutlery:**
  - (very) low: 62
  - medium: 21
  - (very) high: 18

- **food:**
  - (very) low: 65
  - medium: 22
  - (very) high: 13

- **pets:**
  - (very) low: 76
  - medium: 15
  - (very) high: 9

- **clothing:**
  - (very) low: 76
  - medium: 15
  - (very) high: 8

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 932–1,015 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**
- **social relationships**
- **physical health**
- **mental health**

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 992–1.035 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*

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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 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
  - 62
  - 59
  - 59
  - 59
  - 64

- **radio**
  - 55
  - 55
  - 57
  - 52
  - 51
  - 54
  - 51

- **personal contacts**
  - 49
  - 49
  - 45
  - 42
  - 46
  - 42

- **internet (excl. social media)**
  - 36
  - 37
  - 34
  - 34
  - 32
  - 32

- **print media**
  - 31
  - 32
  - 31
  - 34
  - 33
  - 29

- **social media**
  - 23
  - 21
  - 22
  - 20
  - 23
  - 19

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 994–1.018 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**
- **Closure of cultural institutions**
- **Quarantine measures**
- **Closure of day-care centres and schools**
- **Contact restriction**
- **Mandatory distance**

* Figures given in percentages

**Since June 2020 survey every two weeks on two (** three) consecutive days; the first day of each survey is indicated**

a Wording was adapted to the current situation at the time

b Measure was added to the questionnaire (again) at the time indicated

Basis Mar–May: 478–512 participants
Basis from Jun: 930–1,031 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
- closure of shops
- national vaccination strategy
- curfew
- closure of gastronomic establishments

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b Measure was added to the questionnaire (again) at the time indicated
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**
  - June 2020: 94%
  - July 2020: 95%
  - August 2020: 95%
  - September 2020: 95%
  - October 2020: 94%
  - November 2020: 97%
  - December 2020: 96%
  - January 2021: 97%

- **keep more distance to other people**
  - June 2020: 92%
  - July 2020: 91%
  - August 2020: 91%
  - September 2020: 90%
  - October 2020: 88%
  - November 2020: 89%
  - December 2020: 92%
  - January 2021: 95%

- **comply with government regulations**
  - June 2020: 90%
  - July 2020: 90%
  - August 2020: 91%
  - September 2020: 91%
  - October 2020: 93%
  - November 2020: 94%
  - December 2020: 94%
  - January 2021: 93%

- **wash hands more thoroughly**
  - June 2020: 90%
  - July 2020: 88%
  - August 2020: 91%
  - September 2020: 90%
  - October 2020: 93%
  - November 2020: 94%
  - December 2020: 90%
  - January 2021: 90%

- **ventilate closed rooms more frequently**
  - June 2020: 79%
  - July 2020: 80%
  - August 2020: 72%
  - September 2020: 70%
  - October 2020: 70%
  - November 2020: 60%
  - December 2020: 64%
  - January 2021: 65%

- **meet friends or family less frequently**
  - June 2020: 82%
  - July 2020: 76%
  - August 2020: 82%
  - September 2020: 83%
  - October 2020: 86%
  - November 2020: 87%
  - December 2020: 86%

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020; survey on two (**three) consecutive days; the first day of each survey is indicated

* Measure was added to the questionnaire at the time indicated

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 997–1.037 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)

- Leave home less frequently
- Use disinfectant more frequently
- Use Corona-Warn-App
- Build up larger stocks
- Have food delivered more frequently
- Other
- I have taken no measures

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 997–1.037 participants

Part of the questionnaire since June 2020; survey on two (** three) consecutive days; the first day of each survey is indicated

* Measure was added to the questionnaire at the time indicated
Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 492–514 participants
Basis from Jun: 981–1.017 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**

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Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 470–511 participants
Basis from Jun: 915–1.030 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: 307–351 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: 314–351 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: 307–339 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’**

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Figures given in percentages

Basis: 313–351 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: 289–351 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**: 92%
- **wash hands more thoroughly**: 89%
- **meet friends or family less frequently**: 88%
- **leave home less frequently**: 86%
- **ventilate closed rooms more frequently**: 65%
- **use disinfectant more frequently**: 70%
- **use Corona-Warn-App**: 42%
- **build up larger stocks**: 20%
- **have food delivered more frequently**: 16%
- **other**: 7%
- I have taken no measures: 0%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 311–351 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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Basis: 310–341 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)

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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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