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: 998–1,008 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’)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,007 participants

- (very) good: 46
- medium: 31
- (very) bad: 23
Evaluation of media coverage

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

- **appropriate**: 57
- **exaggerated**: 37
- **downplaying**: 6

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 973 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’)

- **Television**: 59% daily, 25% several times/once a week, 16% less/never
- **Radio**: 52% daily, 18% several times/once a week, 30% less/never
- **Personal contacts**: 46% daily, 40% several times/once a week, 14% less/never
- **Internet (excl. social media)**: 32% daily, 28% several times/once a week, 39% less/never
- **Print media**: 29% daily, 18% several times/once a week, 54% less/never
- **Social media**: 24% daily, 15% several times/once a week, 61% less/never

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1.006–1.014 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: 946–1,010 participants
Use covers for mouth and nose: 95%
Keep more distance to other people: 91%
Wash hands more thoroughly: 90%
Meet friends and family less frequently: 83%
Ventilate closed rooms more frequently: 81%
Use disinfectant more frequently: 74%
Leave home less frequently: 73%
Get tested for the coronavirus: 43%
Use Corona-Warn-App: 36%
Build up larger stocks: 22%
Have food delivered more frequently: 13%
Other: 7%
I have taken no measures: 1%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,008 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: 41
not sure (at all): 24
medium: 35

Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 999 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) 12, medium 21, (very high) 67
- **door handles**: (very low) 35, medium 22, (very high) 43
- **cash**: (very low) 50, medium 22, (very high) 27
- **toys**: (very low) 51, medium 27, (very high) 23
- **dishes and cutlery**: (very low) 65, medium 18, (very high) 17
- **food**: (very low) 69, medium 20, (very high) 11
- **pets**: (very low) 73, medium 17, (very high) 10
- **clothing**: (very low) 81, medium 10, (very high) 9

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 946–1,003 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

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

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

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

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

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 480–502 participants
Basis from Jun: 965–1,019 participants

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### Used channels of information

How often do you use the following information channels to inform yourself about what is happening with the novel coronavirus?


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Part of the questionnaire since 27–28 October 2020; survey on two consecutive days; the first day of each survey is indicated

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 983–1.018 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
- Contact restriction
- Mandatory distance
- Mandatory use of masks

* 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

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 474–512 participants
Basis from Jun: 930–1,031 participants
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**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'

- **closure of shops**
- **regulation on working from home**
- **national vaccination strategy**
- **restriction in schools /day-care centres**
- **closure of gastronomic establishments**

* Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 474–512 participants
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**Question:** 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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- **regulation on working from home**
- **national vaccination strategy**
- **restriction in schools /day-care centres**
- **closure of gastronomic establishments**

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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
  - Jun 2020: 94%
  - Jul 2020: 95%
  - Aug 2020: 95%
  - Sep 2020: 95%
  - Oct 2020: 94%
- keep more distance to other people
  - Jun 2020: 92%
  - Jul 2020: 91%
  - Aug 2020: 91%
- wash hands more thoroughly
  - Aug 2020: 90%
  - Sep 2020: 93%
- ventilate closed rooms more frequently
  - Oct 2020: 60%
- meet friends or family less frequently
  - Nov 2020: 79%
  - Dec 2020: 72%
  - Jan 2021: 84%
- leave home less frequently
  - Feb 2021: 76%
  - Mar 2021: 73%

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
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
- get tested for the coronavirus
- use Corona-Warn-App
- build up larger stocks
- have food delivered more frequently
- other
- I have taken no measures

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
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')

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

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 492–514 participants
Basis from Jun: 973–1,017 participants
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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)

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

- **proximity to other people**
- **door handles**
- **cash**
- **toys**
- **dishes and cutlery**
- **clothing**
- **food**
- **pets**
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**: 35% concerned, 22% very concerned
- **Mental health**: 23% concerned, 19% very concerned
- **Physical health**: 17% concerned, 21% very concerned
- **Economic situation**: 22% concerned, 13% very concerned

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 299–351 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’)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 310–348 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: 299–341 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’

- television: 25%
- radio: 30%
- personal contacts: 43%
- internet (excl. social media): 24%
- print media: 9%
- social media: 40%

14 to 39 years
- television: 66%
- radio: 67%
- personal contacts: 55%
- internet (excl. social media): 47%
- print media: 23%
- social media: 22%

40 to 59 years
- television: 88%
- radio: 60%
- personal contacts: 39%
- internet (excl. social media): 25%
- print media: 57%
- social media: 8%

60 years and over

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 306–352 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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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%
- Wash hands more thoroughly: 89%
- Meet friends or family less frequently: 87%
- Ventilate closed rooms more frequently: 76%
- Use disinfectant more frequently: 81%
- Leave home less frequently: 83%
- Get tested for the coronavirus: 45%
- Use Corona-Warn-App: 51%
- Build up larger stocks: 19%
- Have food delivered more frequently: 12%
- Other: 6%
- I have taken no measures: 2%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 313–349 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: 308–350 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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Figures given in percentages

Basis: 267–352 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)

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