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')

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 998–1,012 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: 49
- (very) bad: 21
- medium: 30

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1,000 participants
Evaluation of media coverage

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

- **appropriate**: 54
- **exaggerated**: 8
- **downplaying**: 38

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 977 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**: 66% daily, 20% several times/once a week, 14% less/never
- **radio**: 51% daily, 19% several times/once a week, 30% less/never
- **personal contacts**: 41% daily, 44% several times/once a week, 14% less/never
- **print media**: 33% daily, 17% several times/once a week, 51% less/never
- **internet (excl. social media)**: 29% daily, 28% several times/once a week, 42% less/never
- **social media**: 19% daily, 9% several times/once a week, 72% less/never

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.007–1.012 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’)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure</th>
<th>appropriate</th>
<th>not appropriate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>mandatory distance</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mandatory use of masks</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>regulation on working from home</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>quarantine measures</td>
<td>89</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cancellation of events</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>limiting the number of customers</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>contact restriction</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>closure of cultural institutions</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>national vaccination strategy</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>restriction in schools/day-care centres</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>closure of gastronomic establishments</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 959–1.012 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)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>use covers for mouth and nose</td>
<td>96%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>keep more distance to other people</td>
<td>95%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wash hands more thoroughly</td>
<td>93%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>meet friends and family less frequently</td>
<td>83%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ventilate closed rooms more frequently</td>
<td>82%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>leave home less frequently</td>
<td>78%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>use disinfectant more frequently</td>
<td>76%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get tested for the coronavirus</td>
<td>47%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>use Corona-Warn-App</td>
<td>38%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>build up larger stocks</td>
<td>24%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>have food delivered more frequently</td>
<td>13%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>other</td>
<td>9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I have taken no measures</td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1.011 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’)
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 20, (very) high 68
- **door handles**: (very) low 32, medium 24, (very) high 44
- **cash**: (very) low 48, medium 23, (very) high 29
- **toys**: (very) low 53, medium 23, (very) high 24
- **dishes and cutlery**: (very) low 64, medium 17, (very) high 19
- **food**: (very) low 69, medium 21, (very) high 10
- **pets**: (very) low 79, medium 13, (very) high 9
- **clothing**: (very) low 78, medium 16, (very) high 6

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 942–1,006 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 22 21 20 24 23 21 22 24 22 23 21 21 21 18
- **social relationships**: 16 17 15 24 21 24 25 24 26 35 31 34 36 35 30 32 31 32 39
- **physical health**: 13 4 4 20 19 21 19 16 19 19 27 22 23 24 26 22 23 23 21 21 24
- **mental health**: 10 10 10 14 17 17 18 14 18 12 25 18 23 21 17 17 21 21 25 22 24 22

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

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 499–510 participants
Basis from Jun: 993–1.032 participants
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
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**
- **radio**
- **personal contacts**
- **internet (excl. social media)**
- **print media**
- **social media**

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’

- mandatory use of masks
- closure of cultural institutions
- quarantine measures
- contact restriction
- cancellation of events

* 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
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'

- regulation on working from home
- limiting the number of customers
- national vaccination strategy
- restriction in schools/day-care centres
- closure of gastronomic establishments

* 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

24. 31. 7. 14. 21. 28. 5. 12. 19. 26. 9. 23. 7. 21. 4.** 18. 1. 15. 29. 13. 27. 10. 24. 8. 17. 5. 19. 2. 16. 2. 16. 30. 13. 27. 11.
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
- wash hands more thoroughly
- ventilate closed rooms more frequently
- meet friends or family less frequently
- leave home less frequently

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
a 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**
  - August: a, September: 43, October: 47
- **use Corona-Warn-App**
  - August: a
- **build up larger stocks**
- **have food delivered more frequently**
  - June: 7, July: 6, August: 8, September: 10, October: 11, November: 12, December: 13, January: 13
- **other**
- **I have taken no measures**
  - June: 1, July: 1, August: 0, September: 1, October: 0, November: 1, December: 0, January: 1, February: 0, March: 0, April: 1

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 (**) 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
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

* 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: 470–511 participants
Basis from Jun: 897–1.030 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)

- Social relationships
  - 14 to 39 years: 47%
  - 40 to 59 years: 36%
  - 60 years and over: 34%

- Physical health
  - 14 to 39 years: 19%
  - 40 to 59 years: 22%
  - 60 years and over: 33%

- Mental health
  - 14 to 39 years: 22%
  - 40 to 59 years: 21%
  - 60 years and over: 23%

- Economic situation
  - 14 to 39 years: 21%
  - 40 to 59 years: 15%
  - 60 years and over: 19%

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 323–350 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’)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
<th>(very) bad</th>
<th>medium</th>
<th>(very) good</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14 to 39 years</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>40 to 59 years</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60 years and over</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>42</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 318–346 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’)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Downplaying</th>
<th>Appropriate</th>
<th>Exaggerated</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14 to 39 years</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>40 to 59 years</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60 years and over</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 316–344 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’

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Channel</th>
<th>14 to 39 years</th>
<th>40 to 59 years</th>
<th>60 years and over</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>television</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>91</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>radio</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>personal contacts</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>print media</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>internet (excl. social media)</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>social media</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 322–350 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**: 94%
- **mandatory use of masks**: 88%
- **regulation on working from home**: 97%
- **quarantine measures**: 89%
- **cancellation of events**: 81%
- **limiting the number of customers**: 83%
- **contact restriction**: 68%
- **closure of cultural institutions**: 68%
- **national vaccination strategy**: 66%
- **restriction in schools/day-care centres**: 59%
- **closure of gastronomic establishments**: 55%

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
<th>14 to 39 years</th>
<th>40 to 59 years</th>
<th>60 years and over</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>mandatory distance</td>
<td>98%</td>
<td>93%</td>
<td>98%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mandatory use of masks</td>
<td>96%</td>
<td>91%</td>
<td>96%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>regulation on working from home</td>
<td>88%</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>88%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>quarantine measures</td>
<td>92%</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>92%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cancellation of events</td>
<td>82%</td>
<td>80%</td>
<td>82%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>limiting the number of customers</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>77%</td>
<td>83%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>contact restriction</td>
<td>76%</td>
<td>59%</td>
<td>76%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>closure of cultural institutions</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>59%</td>
<td>66%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>national vaccination strategy</td>
<td>56%</td>
<td>53%</td>
<td>56%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>restriction in schools/day-care centres</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>53%</td>
<td>57%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>closure of gastronomic establishments</td>
<td>53%</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>53%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 301–350 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: 93%
- wash hands more thoroughly: 90%
- meet friends or family less frequently: 87%
- ventilate closed rooms more frequently: 76%
- leave home less frequently: 82%
- use disinfectant more frequently: 78%
- get tested for the coronavirus: 52%
- use Corona-Warn-App: 47%
- build up larger stocks: 25%
- have food delivered more frequently: 16%
- other: 12%
- I have taken no measures: 0%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 325–350 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')

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Not sure (at all)</th>
<th>Medium</th>
<th>(very) sure</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14 to 39 years</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>40 to 59 years</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60 years and over</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>47</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 320–346 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: 75%
- Door handles: 47%
- Cash: 32%
- Toys: 25%
- Dishes and cutlery: 22%
- Food: 9%
- Pets: 6%
- Clothing: 5%

14 to 39 years: 68%
40 to 59 years: 59%
60 years and over: 42%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 279–350 participants in corresponding age group
## Dates and sample sizes of the survey

### Survey phase 1 (March – May 2020)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Participants</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>24 Mar</td>
<td>510</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31 Mar</td>
<td>500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>07 Apr</td>
<td>510</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 Apr</td>
<td>515</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21 Apr</td>
<td>505</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28 Apr</td>
<td>503</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>05 May</td>
<td>504</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 May</td>
<td>510</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 May</td>
<td>509</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 May</td>
<td>510</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Survey phase 2 (June – October 2020)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Participants</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>09–10 Jun</td>
<td>1.015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23–24 Jun</td>
<td>1.037</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>07–08 Jul</td>
<td>1.011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21–22 Jul</td>
<td>1.037</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>04–06 Aug</td>
<td>1.024</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09–10 Jun</td>
<td>1.015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23–24 Jun</td>
<td>1.037</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>07–08 Jul</td>
<td>1.011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21–22 Jul</td>
<td>1.037</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>04–06 Aug</td>
<td>1.024</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Survey phase 3 (October 2020 – March 2021)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Participants</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>27–28 Oct</td>
<td>1.006</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10–11 Nov</td>
<td>1.009</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24–25 Nov</td>
<td>1.018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>08–09 Dec</td>
<td>1.004</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17–18 Dec</td>
<td>1.010</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>05–06 Jan</td>
<td>1.017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19–20 Jan</td>
<td>1.018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02–03 Feb</td>
<td>1.004</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16–17 Feb</td>
<td>997</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02–03 Mar</td>
<td>1.014</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02–03 Mar</td>
<td>1.014</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Survey phase 4 (from March 2021)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Participants</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16–17 Mar</td>
<td>1.012</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**How were the data collected?**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Statistical population:</strong></td>
<td>German-speaking population ages 14 years and over in private households in the Federal Republic of Germany</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Method:</strong></td>
<td>Telephone interview (CATI omnibus survey, Dual Frame)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Conducted by:</strong></td>
<td>Kantar GmbH</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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).

More information at: www.bfr.bund.de/en

COVID-19/coronavirus:
> A-Z Index > C > COVID-19/corona