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: 1,007–1,023 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: 1.016 participants
Evaluation of media coverage
How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: ‘downplaying’, ‘appropriate’, ‘exaggerated’)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 987 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: 1.018–1.024 participants
Appropriatenss 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: 91% appropriate, 9% not appropriate
- Mandatory use of masks: 89% appropriate, 11% not appropriate
- Regulation on working from home: 87% appropriate, 13% not appropriate
- Quarantine measures: 86% appropriate, 14% not appropriate
- Cancellation of events: 84% appropriate, 16% not appropriate
- Contact restriction: 59% appropriate, 41% not appropriate
- National vaccination strategy: 59% appropriate, 41% not appropriate
- Closure of cultural institutions: 57% appropriate, 43% not appropriate
- Restriction in schools/day-care centres: 55% appropriate, 45% not appropriate
- Closure of gastronomic establishments: 49% appropriate, 51% not appropriate
- Closure of shops: 41% appropriate, 59% not appropriate
- Curfew: 40% appropriate, 60% not appropriate

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 932–1,016 participants
Current protective measures of the participants

Which of the following measures have you taken within the past 2 weeks to protect yourself or others from the novel coronavirus? (multiple selection)

- used covers for mouth and nose: 96%
- kept more distance to other people: 82%
- met friends or family less frequently: 81%
- washed hands more thoroughly: 76%
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 71%
- left home less frequently: 66%
- used disinfectant more frequently: 62%
- got tested for the coronavirus: 59%
- used Corona-Warn-App: 30%
- built up larger stocks: 13%
- had food delivered more frequently: 9%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,016 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: 52
- not sure (at all): 16
- medium: 32
Perceived probability of an infection
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**: 10 (very) low, 25 medium, 66 (very) high
- **Door handles**: 34 (very) low, 27 medium, 39 (very) high
- **Cash**: 51 (very) low, 22 medium, 27 (very) high
- **Toys**: 55 (very) low, 26 medium, 18 (very) high
- **Dishes and cutlery**: 68 (very) low, 15 medium, 16 (very) high
- **Food**: 73 (very) low, 18 medium, 9 (very) high
- **Pets**: 80 (very) low, 11 medium, 9 (very) high
- **Clothing**: 79 (very) low, 15 medium, 6 (very) high

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 956–1,005 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**
- **social relationships**
- **physical health**
- **mental health**

Part of the questionnaire since 9 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
**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**

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 983–1,024 participants

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

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: 916–1.031 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'

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: 916–1,031 participants
Current protective measures of the participants I

Which of the following measures have you taken within the past 2 weeks to protect yourself or others from the novel coronavirus? (multiple selection)

- used covers for mouth and nose: 95% (Mar 30), 96% (Apr 13), 96% (Apr 27), 96% (May 11)
- kept more distance to other people: 87% (Mar 30), 82% (Apr 13), 82% (Apr 27), 82% (May 11)
- met friends or family less frequently: 80% (Mar 30), 79% (Apr 13), 81% (Apr 27), 81% (May 11)
- washed hands more thoroughly: 76% (Mar 30), 73% (Apr 13), 76% (Apr 27), 76% (May 11)
- left home less frequently: 69% (Mar 30), 70% (Apr 13), 66% (Apr 27), 66% (May 11)
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 68% (Mar 30), 70% (Apr 13), 71% (Apr 27), 71% (May 11)

Part of the questionnaire since 30 March 2021; survey on two consecutive days; the first day of each survey is indicated

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,000–1,016 participants
Current protective measures of the participants II
Which of the following measures have you taken within the past 2 weeks to protect yourself or others from the novel coronavirus? (multiple selection)

- used disinfectant more frequently
  - March 30: 61%
  - April 13: 64%
  - April 27: 62%

- got tested for the coronavirus
  - March 30: 40%
  - April 13: 49%
  - April 27: 59%

- used Corona-Warn-App
  - March 30: 32%
  - April 13: 31%
  - April 27: 30%

- built up larger stocks
  - March 30: 18%
  - April 13: 17%
  - April 27: 13%

- had food delivered more frequently
  - March 30: 9%
  - April 13: 11%
  - April 27: 9%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,000–1,016 participants

Part of the questionnaire since 30 March 2021; survey on two consecutive days; the first day of each survey is 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’)

Since June 2020 survey every two weeks on two (* three) consecutive days; the first day of each survey is indicated.
Perceived probability of an infection
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
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 - 46, 40 to 59 years - 38, 60 years and over - 35
- **economic situation**: 14 to 39 years - 31, 40 to 59 years - 22, 60 years and over - 17
- **mental health**: 14 to 39 years - 26, 40 to 59 years - 23, 60 years and over - 16
- **physical health**: 14 to 39 years - 18, 40 to 59 years - 19, 60 years and over - 26

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 304–357 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: 317–353 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’)

- **14 to 39 years**
  - Downplaying: 5
  - Appropriate: 44
  - Exaggerated: 51

- **40 to 59 years**
  - Downplaying: 8
  - Appropriate: 45
  - Exaggerated: 47

- **60 years and over**
  - Downplaying: 8
  - Appropriate: 58
  - Exaggerated: 34

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 316–347 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: 316–357 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: 89%
- Mandatory use of masks: 86%
- Regulation on working from home: 84%
- Quarantine measures: 86%
- Cancellation of events: 86%
- Contact restriction: 57%
- National vaccination strategy: 62%
- Closure of cultural institutions: 55%
- Restriction in schools/day-care centres: 58%
- Closure of gastronomic establishments: 51%
- Closure of shops: 49%
- Curfew: 22%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 277–357 participants in corresponding age group

14 to 39 years
- Mandatory distance: 88%
- Mandatory use of masks: 85%
- Regulation on working from home: 86%
- Quarantine measures: 82%
- Cancellation of events: 85%
- Contact restriction: 55%
- National vaccination strategy: 51%
- Closure of cultural institutions: 53%
- Restriction in schools/day-care centres: 51%
- Closure of gastronomic establishments: 39%
- Closure of shops: 30%
- Curfew: 42%

40 to 59 years
- Mandatory distance: 97%
- Mandatory use of masks: 96%
- Regulation on working from home: 91%
- Quarantine measures: 91%
- Cancellation of events: 82%
- Contact restriction: 67%
- National vaccination strategy: 65%
- Closure of cultural institutions: 64%
- Restriction in schools/day-care centres: 58%
- Closure of gastronomic establishments: 59%
- Closure of shops: 45%
- Curfew: 57%

60 years and over
- Mandatory distance: 97%
- Mandatory use of masks: 96%
- Regulation on working from home: 91%
- Quarantine measures: 91%
- Cancellation of events: 82%
- Contact restriction: 67%
- National vaccination strategy: 65%
- Closure of cultural institutions: 64%
- Restriction in schools/day-care centres: 58%
- Closure of gastronomic establishments: 59%
- Closure of shops: 45%
- Curfew: 57%
Current protective measures of the participants
Which of the following measures have you taken within the past 2 weeks to protect yourself or others from the novel coronavirus? (multiple selection)

- used covers for mouth and nose: 98%
- kept more distance to other people: 87%
- met friends or family less frequently: 82%
- washed hands more thoroughly: 74%
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 66%
- left home less frequently: 71%
- used disinfectant more frequently: 63%
- got tested for the coronavirus: 68%
- used Corona-Warn-App: 32%
- built up larger stocks: 14%
- had food delivered more frequently: 15%

Basis: 318–357 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: 307–342 participants in corresponding age group
Perceived probability of an infection

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: 71% (14 to 39 years), 66% (40 to 59 years), 58% (60 years and over)
- Door handles: 39% (14 to 39 years), 36% (40 to 59 years), 45% (60 years and over)
- Cash: 22% (14 to 39 years), 28% (40 to 59 years), 31% (60 years and over)
- Toys: 14% (14 to 39 years), 19% (40 to 59 years), 23% (60 years and over)
- Dishes and cutlery: 18% (14 to 39 years), 18% (40 to 59 years), 12% (60 years and over)
- Food: 9% (14 to 39 years), 7% (40 to 59 years), 10% (60 years and over)
- Pets: 8% (14 to 39 years), 7% (40 to 59 years), 12% (60 years and over)
- Clothing: 5% (14 to 39 years), 7% (40 to 59 years), 5% (60 years and over)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 274–355 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 GmbH
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