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: 995–1,002 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: 1.002 participants
Evaluation of media coverage

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

- Downplaying: 5
- Exaggerated: 36
- Appropriate: 59

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 954 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: 925–1.000 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: 87%
- met friends or family less frequently: 79%
- washed hands more thoroughly: 76%
- got tested for the coronavirus: 70%
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 67%
- left home less frequently: 66%
- used disinfectant more frequently: 64%
- used Corona-Warn-App: 32%
- built up larger stocks: 16%
- had food delivered more frequently: 10%
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: 980 participants
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**: 13 (very) low, 22 medium, 66 (very) high
- **Door handles**: 35 (very) low, 24 medium, 41 (very) high
- **Toys**: 52 (very) low, 21 medium, 28 (very) high
- **Cash**: 46 (very) low, 27 medium, 27 (very) high
- **Dishes and cutlery**: 64 (very) low, 16 medium, 20 (very) high
- **Food**: 66 (very) low, 22 medium, 12 (very) high
- **Pets**: 78 (very) low, 13 medium, 8 (very) high
- **Clothing**: 79 (very) low, 14 medium, 8 (very) high

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 912–995 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

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 986–1,035 participants
Perceived informedness about what is happening

How well or badly do you feel informed about what is happening with the novel coronavirus?
(\textit{Response scale: 1 ‘very bad’ to 5 ‘very good’})

\begin{figure}
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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{chart.png}
\caption{Perceived informedness about what is happening from March to July 2021.}
\end{figure}

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

Figures given in percentages

\textit{Basis Mar–May: 499–510 participants}

\textit{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: 954–1.019 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**: 51–66
- **radio**: 55–56
- **personal contacts**: 49–55
- **internet (excl. social media)**: 36–43
- **print media**: 31–36
- **social media**: 23–24

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 983–1,024 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
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: 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%–96%–96%–95%–96%
- **Kept more distance to other people**: 87%–82%–82%–79%–87%
- **Met friends or family less frequently**: 80%–79%–79%–79%–79%
- **Washed hands more thoroughly**: 76%–73%–70%–70%–70%
- **Left home less frequently**: 69%–70%–66%–66%–66%
- **Ventilated closed rooms more frequently**: 68%–70%–71%–66%–67%

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
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
  - Figure given in percentages
  - Basis: 1,000–1,016 participants

- got tested for the coronavirus
  - Figure given in percentages
  - Basis: 1,000–1,016 participants

- used Corona-Warn-App
  - Figure given in percentages
  - Basis: 1,000–1,016 participants

- built up larger stocks
  - Figure given in percentages
  - Basis: 1,000–1,016 participants

- had food delivered more frequently
  - Figure given in percentages
  - Basis: 1,000–1,016 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’)

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)

- **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.
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: 31 (14 to 39 years), 27 (40 to 59 years), 18 (60 years and over)
- Physical health: 20 (14 to 39 years), 23 (40 to 59 years), 14 (60 years and over)
- Mental health: 22 (14 to 39 years), 18 (40 to 59 years), 17 (60 years and over)
- Economic situation: 15 (14 to 39 years), 23 (40 to 59 years), 14 (60 years and over)

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 303–352 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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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: 290–339 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: 305–352 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?
(Reply options: 'not appropriate', 'appropriate') – Shown: response category 'appropriate'

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 263–352 participants in corresponding age group
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: 97%
- kept more distance to other people: 91%
- met friends or family less frequently: 77%
- washed hands more thoroughly: 80%
- got tested for the coronavirus: 80%
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 66%
- left home less frequently: 67%
- used disinfectant more frequently: 66%
- used Corona-Warn-App: 31%
- built up larger stocks: 14%
- had food delivered more frequently: 14%

14 to 39 years
- 94%
- 82%
- 82%
- 69%
- 75%
- 62%
- 62%
- 37%
- 18%
- 7%

40 to 59 years
- 94%
- 82%
- 82%
- 69%
- 75%
- 62%
- 62%
- 37%
- 18%
- 7%

60 years and over
- 95%
- 87%
- 77%
- 80%
- 52%
- 73%
- 65%
- 27%
- 16%
- 7%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 305–352 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')

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 297–352 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: 68%
Door handles: 38%
Toys: 29%
Cash: 28%
Dishes and cutlery: 25%
Food: 12%
Pets: 4%
Clothing: 7%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 254–352 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)

Conducted by: Kantar GmbH
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