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: 49% not concerned, 26% medium, 24% (very) concerned
- Physical health: 61% not concerned, 22% medium, 17% (very) concerned
- Mental health: 62% not concerned, 22% medium, 16% (very) concerned
- Economic situation: 65% not concerned, 20% medium, 16% (very) concerned

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 996–1,009 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: 1,003 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: 981 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**: 53% daily, 27% several times/once a week, 20% less/never
- **Radio**: 50% daily, 20% several times/once a week, 30% less/never
- **Personal contacts**: 39% daily, 43% several times/once a week, 18% less/never
- **Print media**: 32% daily, 18% several times/once a week, 51% less/never
- **Internet (excl. social media)**: 29% daily, 28% several times/once a week, 43% less/never
- **Social media**: 21% daily, 9% several times/once a week, 70% less/never

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 1.008–1.009 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')

- Regulation on working from home: 93 appropriate, 7 not appropriate
- Mandatory use of masks: 91 appropriate, 9 not appropriate
- Quarantine measures: 91 appropriate, 9 not appropriate
- Mandatory distance: 90 appropriate, 10 not appropriate
- Cancellation of events: 80 appropriate, 20 not appropriate
- Limiting the number of customers: 77 appropriate, 23 not appropriate
- Contact restriction: 67 appropriate, 33 not appropriate
- Closure of cultural institutions: 65 appropriate, 35 not appropriate

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 986–1,007 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: 98%
- kept more distance to other people: 84%
- washed hands more thoroughly: 82%
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 73%
- met friends or family less frequently: 71%
- used disinfectant more frequently: 65%
- got tested for the coronavirus: 62%
- left home less frequently: 59%
- used Corona-Warn-App: 30%
- built up larger stocks: 13%
- had food delivered more frequently: 6%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 999 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: 62%
- medium: 24%
- not sure (at all): 14%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 993 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**: 15% (very low), 23% medium, 62% (very high)
- **Door handles**: 34% (very low), 26% medium, 41% (very high)
- **Cash**: 50% (very low), 23% medium, 26% (very high)
- **Toys**: 49% (very low), 26% medium, 25% (very high)
- **Dishes and cutlery**: 62% (very low), 21% medium, 17% (very high)
- **Clothing**: 75% (very low), 14% medium, 11% (very high)
- **Food**: 71% (very low), 19% medium, 10% (very high)
- **Pets**: 74% (very low), 17% medium, 9% (very high)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 947–1,002 participants
**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?

(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.
### 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: 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’

- **cancellation of events**
  - Since June 2020 survey every two weeks on two (* three) consecutive days; the first day of each survey is indicated
  - Wording was adapted to the current situation at the time

- **closure of cultural institutions**
  - Measure was added to the questionnaire (again) at the time indicated

- **quarantine measures**

- **contact restriction**

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

Wording was adapted to the current situation at the time

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

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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’

- Mandatory distance
- Mandatory use of masks
- Regulation on working from home
- Limiting the number of customers

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

b 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 – 88 – 86 – 98
- **kept more distance to other people**: 87 – 82 – 82 – 87 – 94
- **met friends or family less frequently**: 80 – 79 – 71 – 70 – 71
- **washed hands more thoroughly**: 76 – 73 – 70 – 77 – 79 – 82
- **left home less frequently**: 69 – 70 – 66 – 66 – 69 – 59
- **ventilated closed rooms more frequently**: 68 – 70 – 71 – 69 – 68 – 73

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 999–1.016 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
  - 30 March 2021: 9%
  - 13 April 2021: 11%
  - 27 April 2021: 10%
  - 11 May 2021: 9%
  - 25 May 2021: 10%
  - 8 June 2021: 11%
  - 22 June 2021: 8%
  - 6 July 2021: 8%
  - 20 July 2021: 9%

- got tested for the coronavirus
  - 30 March 2021: 40%
  - 13 April 2021: 48%
  - 27 April 2021: 59%
  - 11 May 2021: 70%
  - 25 May 2021: 82%
  - 8 June 2021: 92%

- used Corona-Warn-App
  - 30 March 2021: 32%
  - 13 April 2021: 31%
  - 27 April 2021: 30%
  - 11 May 2021: 30%
  - 25 May 2021: 32%
  - 8 June 2021: 30%

- built up larger stocks
  - 30 March 2021: 18%
  - 13 April 2021: 17%
  - 27 April 2021: 19%
  - 11 May 2021: 16%
  - 25 May 2021: 13%

- had food delivered more frequently
  - 30 March 2021: 9%
  - 13 April 2021: 11%
  - 27 April 2021: 9%
  - 11 May 2021: 10%
  - 25 May 2021: 10%
  - 8 June 2021: 8%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 999–1,016 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)

- Proximity to other people
- Door handles
- Cash
- Toys
- Dishes and cutlery
- Clothing
- Food
- Pets

Since June 2020 survey every two weeks on two (or 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: 25
  - 40 to 59 years: 25
  - 60 years and over: 22

- **Physical health**
  - 14 to 39 years: 13
  - 40 to 59 years: 17
  - 60 years and over: 21

- **Mental health**
  - 14 to 39 years: 18
  - 40 to 59 years: 17
  - 60 years and over: 14

- **Economic situation**
  - 14 to 39 years: 16
  - 40 to 59 years: 19
  - 60 years and over: 12

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 307–352 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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**14 to 39 years**

- Very bad: 19
- Medium: 21
- Very good: 61

**40 to 59 years**

- Very bad: 23
- Medium: 24
- Very good: 53

**60 years and over**

- Very bad: 18
- Medium: 28
- Very good: 54

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Figures given in percentages

Basis: 311–352 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: 307–341 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’

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 310–352 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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Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 291–352 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: 100% (100 out of 100 participants in each age group)
- Kept more distance to other people: 88% (88 out of 100 participants in each age group)
- Washed hands more thoroughly: 86% (86 out of 100 participants in each age group)
- Ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 73% (73 out of 100 participants in each age group)
- Met friends or family less frequently: 70% (70 out of 100 participants in each age group)
- Used disinfectant more frequently: 76% (76 out of 100 participants in each age group)
- Got tested for the coronavirus: 76% (76 out of 100 participants in each age group)
- Left home less frequently: 62% (62 out of 100 participants in each age group)
- Used Corona-Warn-App: 36% (36 out of 100 participants in each age group)
- Built up larger stocks: 10% (10 out of 100 participants in each age group)
- Had food delivered more frequently: 5% (5 out of 100 participants in each age group)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 308–347 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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### 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)*

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Basis: 267–352 participants in corresponding age group
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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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