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: 992–1.002 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')
Evaluation of media coverage

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

- Appropriate: 58%
- Exaggerated: 35%
- Downplaying: 7%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 964 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?
(Respons options: ‘daily’, ‘several times a week’, ‘once a week’, ‘less than once a week’, ‘never’)

- **television**: 55% daily, 24% several times/once a week, 21% less/never
- **radio**: 48% daily, 18% several times/once a week, 34% less/never
- **personal contacts**: 35% daily, 48% several times/once a week, 17% less/never
- **internet (excl. social media)**: 30% daily, 30% several times/once a week, 40% less/never
- **print media**: 27% daily, 16% several times/once a week, 58% less/never
- **social media**: 18% daily, 13% several times/once a week, 69% less/never

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 986–1,005 participants
### Appropriateness of the measures for containment

How do you evaluate the following measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus?

(Respons options: 'not appropriate', 'appropriate')

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Figures given in percentages

Basis: 969–996 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: 77%
- Washed hands more thoroughly: 74%
- Ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 68%
- Met friends or family less frequently: 64%
- Got tested for the coronavirus: 64%
- Used disinfectant more frequently: 60%
- Left home less frequently: 50%
- Used Corona-Warn-App: 33%
- Built up larger stocks: 10%
- Had food delivered more frequently: 6%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 997 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’)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 974 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’)*

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<td>Dishes and cutlery</td>
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Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 952–994 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**

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

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 499–510 participants
Basis from Jun: 988–1.032 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 Mar–May: 480–502 participants
Basis from Jun: 954–1,019 participants

Since June 2020 survey every two weeks on two (and sometimes 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’

Print media:

- Social media:

- Personal contacts:

- Internet (excl. social media):

- Radio:

- Television:
Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 474–512 participants
Basis from Jun: 916–1.031 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**
  - Figures: 97–96–95–94

- **Quarantine measures**
  - Figures: 97–96–95

- **Contact restriction**

- **Mandatory distance**
  - Figures: 67–72–70–70

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
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 use of masks
- Regulation on working from home
- Limiting the number of customers
- Restriction in the cultural sector

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

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**
- **kept more distance to other people**
- **met friends or family less frequently**
- **washed hands more thoroughly**
- **left home less frequently**
- **ventilated closed rooms more frequently**

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 997–1,016 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**
  - 30 Mar: 61%
  - 13 Apr: 64%
  - 27 Apr: 62%
  - 11 May: 59%
  - 25 May: 64%
  - 8 Jun: 65%
  - 22 Jun: 60%

- **got tested for the coronavirus**
  - 30 Mar: 40%
  - 13 Apr: 48%
  - 27 Apr: 59%
  - 11 May: 56%
  - 25 May: 70%
  - 8 Jun: 82%
  - 22 Jun: 64%

- **used Corona-Warn-App**
  - 30 Mar: 32%
  - 13 Apr: 31%
  - 27 Apr: 30%
  - 11 May: 30%
  - 25 May: 32%
  - 8 Jun: 30%
  - 22 Jun: 33%

- **built up larger stocks**
  - 30 Mar: 18%
  - 13 Apr: 17%
  - 27 Apr: 19%
  - 11 May: 16%
  - 25 May: 13%
  - 8 Jun: 10%
  - 22 Jun: 10%

- **had food delivered more frequently**
  - 30 Mar: 9%
  - 13 Apr: 11%
  - 27 Apr: 9%
  - 11 May: 10%
  - 25 May: 10%
  - 8 Jun: 9%
  - 22 Jun: 6%

Figures given in percentages

basis: 997–1,016 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)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 314–351 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’)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 313–345 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’)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 310–334 participants in corresponding age group

- **14 to 39 years**
  - Downplaying: 6
  - Appropriate: 56
  - Exaggerated: 38

- **40 to 59 years**
  - Downplaying: 8
  - Appropriate: 58
  - Exaggerated: 34

- **60 years and over**
  - Downplaying: 6
  - Appropriate: 61
  - Exaggerated: 33
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: 29
- Personal contacts: 34
- Internet (excl. social media): 34
- Print media: 4
- Social media: 32

14 to 39 years:
- Television: 57
- Radio: 60
- Personal contacts: 42
- Internet (excl. social media): 34
- Print media: 27
- Social media: 16

40 to 59 years:
- Television: 84
- Radio: 55
- Personal contacts: 27
- Internet (excl. social media): 21
- Print media: 51
- Social media: 6

60 years and over:
- Television: 84
- Radio: 55
- Personal contacts: 27
- Internet (excl. social media): 21
- Print media: 51
- Social media: 6

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 312–351 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’

- Regulation on working from home: 90%
- Mandatory distance: 86%
- Mandatory use of masks: 88%
- Quarantine measures: 88%
- Cancellation of events: 83%
- Limiting the number of customers: 82%
- Contact restriction: 61%
- Restriction in the cultural sector: 60%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 300–351 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: 76%
- Washed hands more thoroughly: 74%
- Ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 64%
- Met friends or family less frequently: 60%
- Got tested for the coronavirus: 71%
- Used disinfectant more frequently: 65%
- Left home less frequently: 53%
- Used Corona-Warn-App: 35%
- Built up larger stocks: 11%
- Had food delivered more frequently: 12%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 317–349 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’)

**14 to 39 years**
- not sure (at all): 12
- medium: 27
- (very) sure: 61

**40 to 59 years**
- not sure (at all): 15
- medium: 27
- (very) sure: 57

**60 years and over**
- not sure (at all): 17
- medium: 30
- (very) sure: 53

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 311–341 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: 67%
- Door handles: 36%
- Cash: 29%
- Toys: 25%
- Dishes and cutlery: 26%
- Food: 15%
- Pets: 13%
- Clothing: 6%

14 to 39 years
- Proximity to other people: 65%
- Door handles: 45%
- Cash: 29%
- Toys: 25%
- Dishes and cutlery: 13%
- Food: 9%
- Pets: 8%
- Clothing: 9%

40 to 59 years
- Proximity to other people: 48%
- Door handles: 37%
- Cash: 26%
- Toys: 17%
- Dishes and cutlery: 16%
- Food: 10%
- Pets: 8%
- Clothing: 11%

60 years and over

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 283–350 participants in corresponding age group
### Dates and sample sizes of the survey

#### Survey phase 1 (March – May 2020)

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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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