3–4 August 2021
BfR Corona MONITOR
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, 27% medium, 25% very concerned
- Economic situation: 63% not concerned, 19% medium, 18% very concerned
- Mental health: 63% not concerned, 21% medium, 17% very concerned
- Physical health: 64% not concerned, 19% medium, 17% very concerned

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 991–1,001 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’)

Basis: 1.002 participants

Figures given in percentages

(very) bad: 17
(very) good: 53
medium: 30
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: 984 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**: 56% daily, 25% several times/once a week, 19% less/never
- **Radio**: 47% daily, 24% several times/once a week, 30% less/never
- **Personal contacts**: 31% daily, 48% several times/once a week, 20% less/never
- **Print media**: 30% daily, 20% several times/once a week, 51% less/never
- **Internet (excl. social media)**: 28% daily, 30% several times/once a week, 42% less/never
- **Social media**: 20% daily, 12% several times/once a week, 68% less/never

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.002–1.006 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')

- Mandatory tests for returnees: 89% appropriate, 11% not appropriate
- Quarantine measures: 88% appropriate, 12% not appropriate
- Mandatory distance: 88% appropriate, 12% not appropriate
- Mandatory use of masks: 87% appropriate, 13% not appropriate
- Cancellation of events: 77% appropriate, 23% not appropriate
- Limiting the number of customers: 75% appropriate, 25% not appropriate
- Contact restriction: 71% appropriate, 29% not appropriate
- Restriction in the cultural sector: 68% appropriate, 32% not appropriate

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 965–1,000 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: 76%
- washed hands more thoroughly: 72%
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 65%
- used disinfectant more frequently: 58%
- met friends or family less frequently: 53%
- got tested for the coronavirus: 48%
- left home less frequently: 42%
- used Corona-Warn-App: 36%
- built up larger stocks: 11%
- had food delivered more frequently: 6%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 991 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**: 60
- **not sure (at all)**: 16
- **medium**: 24

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 992 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**: (very) low 13, medium 24, (very) high 63
- **door handles**: very low 39, medium 25, (very) high 36
- **cash**: very low 51, medium 23, (very) high 27
- **toys**: very low 53, medium 24, (very) high 23
- **dishes and cutlery**: very low 66, medium 18, (very) high 16
- **food**: very low 71, medium 16, (very) high 13
- **pets**: very low 80, medium 12, (very) high 9
- **clothing**: very low 78, medium 15, (very) high 8

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 925–996 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)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 980–1.035 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’)

Part of the questionnaire since 9 June 2020; survey 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’

- **television**
- **radio**
- **personal contacts**
- **internet (excl. social media)**
- **print media**
- **social media**

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**
  - 97–96–95–94 a
  - 88–86–84–83
  - 79–76–73–70
  - 67–72–70–68

- **Quarantine measures**
  - 97–96–95–94

- **Contact restriction**
  - 92–88–85–83
  - 79–71–68–65

- **Mandatory tests for returnees**
  - 91–90–88–87

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**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
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

- Wording was adapted to the current situation at the time
- Measure was added to the questionnaire (again) at the time indicated
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: 983–1,016 participants

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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**
  
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- **built up larger stocks**
  
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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 983–1,016 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)

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**: 29%
- **Economic situation**: 16%
- **Mental health**: 17%
- **Physical health**: 18%

**14 to 39 years**
- Social relationships: 29%
- Economic situation: 16%
- Mental health: 17%
- Physical health: 18%

**40 to 59 years**
- Social relationships: 25%
- Economic situation: 26%
- Mental health: 16%
- Physical health: 16%

**60 years and over**
- Social relationships: 20%
- Economic situation: 11%
- Mental health: 16%
- Physical health: 16%

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 301–352 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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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 308–352 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: 302–345 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?  
(Respond 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: 307–352 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’

- **Mandatory tests for returnees**: 90% for 14 to 39 years, 91% for 40 to 59 years, 86% for 60 years and over
- **Quarantine measures**: 91% for 14 to 39 years, 83% for 40 to 59 years, 91% for 60 years and over
- **Mandatory distance**: 85% for 14 to 39 years, 92% for 40 to 59 years, 89% for 60 years and over
- **Mandatory use of masks**: 86% for 14 to 39 years, 85% for 40 to 59 years, 92% for 60 years and over
- **Cancellation of events**: 77% for 14 to 39 years, 75% for 40 to 59 years, 79% for 60 years and over
- **Limiting the number of customers**: 82% for 14 to 39 years, 71% for 40 to 59 years, 72% for 60 years and over
- **Contact restriction**: 70% for 14 to 39 years, 71% for 40 to 59 years, 72% for 60 years and over
- **Restriction in the cultural sector**: 64% for 14 to 39 years, 68% for 40 to 59 years, 72% for 60 years and over

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 290–352 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:
  - 14 to 39 years: 98%
  - 40 to 59 years: 95%
  - 60 years and over: 94%

- kept more distance to other people:
  - 14 to 39 years: 79%
  - 40 to 59 years: 74%
  - 60 years and over: 75%

- washed hands more thoroughly:
  - 14 to 39 years: 68%
  - 40 to 59 years: 72%
  - 60 years and over: 76%

- ventilated closed rooms more frequently:
  - 14 to 39 years: 66%
  - 40 to 59 years: 66%
  - 60 years and over: 63%

- used disinfectant more frequently:
  - 14 to 39 years: 58%
  - 40 to 59 years: 56%
  - 60 years and over: 59%

- met friends or family less frequently:
  - 14 to 39 years: 48%
  - 40 to 59 years: 58%
  - 60 years and over: 53%

- got tested for the coronavirus:
  - 14 to 39 years: 61%
  - 40 to 59 years: 45%
  - 60 years and over: 36%

- left home less frequently:
  - 14 to 39 years: 48%
  - 40 to 59 years: 39%
  - 60 years and over: 38%

- used Corona-Warn-App:
  - 14 to 39 years: 45%
  - 40 to 59 years: 36%
  - 60 years and over: 26%

- built up larger stocks:
  - 14 to 39 years: 12%
  - 40 to 59 years: 10%
  - 60 years and over: 12%

- had food delivered more frequently:
  - 14 to 39 years: 5%
  - 40 to 59 years: 8%
  - 60 years and over: 4%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 305–347 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')

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 304–349 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)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 275–352 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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