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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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’)

- (very) good: 53
- (very) bad: 18
- medium: 29

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1,005 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: 999 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: 57% daily, 24% several times/once a week, 19% less/never
- Radio: 43% daily, 24% several times/once a week, 34% less/never
- Personal contacts: 35% daily, 47% several times/once a week, 18% less/never
- Internet (excl. social media): 29% daily, 34% several times/once a week, 37% less/never
- Print media: 27% daily, 19% several times/once a week, 54% less/never
- Social media: 22% daily, 12% several times/once a week, 65% less/never

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 1.001–1.005 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**: 91% appropriate, 9% not appropriate
- **Mandatory use of masks**: 89% appropriate, 11% not appropriate
- **Quarantine measures**: 85% appropriate, 15% not appropriate
- **Mandatory distance**: 83% appropriate, 17% not appropriate
- **3G rule**: 82% appropriate, 18% not appropriate
- **Limiting the number of customers**: 71% appropriate, 29% not appropriate
- **Cancellation of events**: 68% appropriate, 32% not appropriate
- **Restriction in the cultural sector**: 61% appropriate, 39% not appropriate

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 981–1,004 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)

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Figures given in percentages  
Basis: 993 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: 989 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**: 16% (very low), 23% medium, 62% (very high)
- **door handles**: 38% (very low), 22% medium, 40% (very high)
- **cash**: 56% (very low), 20% medium, 24% (very high)
- **toys**: 56% (very low), 20% medium, 24% (very high)
- **dishes and cutlery**: 65% (very low), 18% medium, 17% (very high)
- **food**: 69% (very low), 19% medium, 12% (very high)
- **pets**: 81% (very low), 14% medium, 6% (very high)
- **clothing**: 79% (very low), 14% medium, 6% (very high)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 952–1,002 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: 980–1,035 participants

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.
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
- Quarantine measures
- Mandatory tests for returnees
- Mandatory distance

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
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
- limiting the number of customers
- restriction in the cultural sector
- 3G rule

Since June 2020 survey every two weeks on two (or 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**
  - Mar: 95%
  - Apr: 98%
  - May: 96%
  - Jun: 98%
  - Jul: 98%
  - Aug: 96%
  - Sep: 95%
  - Oct: 95%
  - Nov: 96%

- **kept more distance to other people**
  - Mar: 87%
  - Apr: 92%
  - May: 92%
  - Jun: 87%
  - Jul: 84%
  - Aug: 77%
  - Sep: 74%
  - Oct: 75%
  - Nov: 76%

- **met friends or family less frequently**
  - Mar: 80%
  - Apr: 79%
  - May: 78%
  - Jun: 75%
  - Jul: 74%
  - Aug: 72%
  - Sep: 72%
  - Oct: 71%
  - Nov: 74%

- **washed hands more thoroughly**
  - Mar: 80%
  - Apr: 74%
  - May: 72%
  - Jun: 72%
  - Jul: 71%
  - Aug: 58%
  - Sep: 53%
  - Oct: 46%
  - Nov: 45%

- **left home less frequently**
  - Mar: 69%
  - Apr: 70%
  - May: 69%
  - Jun: 66%
  - Jul: 66%
  - Aug: 59%
  - Sep: 53%
  - Oct: 46%

- **ventilated closed rooms more frequently**
  - Mar: 68%
  - Apr: 70%
  - May: 71%
  - Jun: 69%
  - Jul: 66%
  - Aug: 68%
  - Sep: 65%
  - Oct: 67%

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 983–1,016 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
- Got tested for the coronavirus
- Used Corona-Warn-App
- Built up larger stocks
- Had food delivered more frequently

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 983–1,016 participants

Part of the questionnaire since 30 March 2021; survey on two (or three) 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')

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May: 492–514 participants
Basis from Jun: 973–1,017 participants

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 - 23%, 40 to 59 years - 22%, 60 years and over - 16%
- **Physical health**: 14 to 39 years - 15%, 40 to 59 years - 19%, 60 years and over - 22%
- **Mental health**: 14 to 39 years - 22%, 40 to 59 years - 17%, 60 years and over - 19%
- **Economic situation**: 14 to 39 years - 17%, 40 to 59 years - 15%, 60 years and over - 14%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 315–351 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’)

- **14 to 39 years**
  - (very) bad: 19
  - medium: 28
  - (very) good: 52

- **40 to 59 years**
  - (very) bad: 20
  - medium: 30
  - (very) good: 50

- **60 years and over**
  - (very) bad: 15
  - medium: 28
  - (very) good: 57

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 319–351 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: 315–349 participants in corresponding age group

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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**
  - 14 to 39 years: 31
  - 40 to 59 years: 64
  - 60 years and over: 78

- **radio**
  - 14 to 39 years: 23
  - 40 to 59 years: 48
  - 60 years and over: 57

- **personal contacts**
  - 14 to 39 years: 37
  - 40 to 59 years: 39
  - 60 years and over: 28

- **internet (excl. social media)**
  - 14 to 39 years: 25
  - 40 to 59 years: 33
  - 60 years and over: 30

- **print media**
  - 14 to 39 years: 8
  - 40 to 59 years: 23
  - 60 years and over: 52

- **social media**
  - 14 to 39 years: 38
  - 40 to 59 years: 18
  - 60 years and over: 11

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 316–351 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'*

- **mandatory tests for returnees**: 92%
- **mandatory use of masks**: 86%
- **quarantine measures**: 88%
- **mandatory distance**: 84%
- **3G rule**: 81%
- **limiting the number of customers**: 67%
- **cancellation of events**: 70%
- **restriction in the cultural sector**: 65%

*Figures given in percentages
Basis: 311–351 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: 98%
- washed hands more thoroughly: 80%
- kept more distance to other people: 73%
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 67%
- used disinfectant more frequently: 70%
- got tested for the coronavirus: 60%
- met friends or family less frequently: 42%
- used Corona-Warn-App: 43%
- left home less frequently: 33%
- built up larger stocks: 10%
- had food delivered more frequently: 7%

**Figures given in percentages**

Basis: 307–351 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: 312–348 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

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### 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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