7–8 December 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’)*

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Figures given in percentages

Basis: 985–990 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: 979 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: 971 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’)

- **TV**:
  - Daily: 56%
  - Several times/once a week: 24%
  - Less/never: 20%

- **Radio**: 54%
  - Daily: 15%
  - Several times/once a week: 42%
  - Less/never: 31%

- **Personal contacts**: 48%
  - Daily: 42%
  - Several times/once a week: 10%

- **Internet (excl. social media)**: 33%
  - Daily: 32%
  - Several times/once a week: 35%

- **Print media**: 30%
  - Daily: 23%
  - Several times/once a week: 47%

- **Social media**: 19%
  - Daily: 16%
  - Several times/once a week: 66%
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*Figures given in percentages
Basis: 964–989 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: 73%
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 66%
- met friends or family less frequently: 64%
- got tested for the coronavirus: 63%
- used disinfectant more frequently: 58%
- left home less frequently: 56%
- used Corona-Warn-App: 37%
- built up larger stocks: 12%
- had food delivered more frequently: 7%

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: 971 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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Figures given in percentages

Basis: 921–985 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: 977–1.035 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 2020: 499–510 participants
Basis from Jun 2020: 979–1,032 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.
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**

Part of the questionnaire since 27 October 2020; survey on two (± three) 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
- Quarantine measures
- Contact restriction
- Mandatory tests for returnees
- Mandatory distance
- Regulation on working from home

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 2020: 474–512 participants
Basis from Jun 2020: 916–1,031 participants
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b 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: 95, 96, 96, 96, 96, 96, 96, 96, 96, 95, 95, 95, 96, 97, 97, 96, 96
- kept more distance to other people: 87, 92, 92, 79, 87, 84, 84, 77, 74, 75, 70, 73, 71, 74, 71, 74, 70
- met friends or family less frequently: 86, 78, 81, 71, 74, 71, 64, 58, 54, 53, 46, 45, 46, 44, 38, 39, 45
- washed hands more thoroughly: 76, 74, 73, 76, 70, 73, 72, 71, 74, 73, 74, 70, 73, 75, 73, 71, 75, 73
- left home less frequently: 69, 70, 66, 66, 66, 59, 50, 49, 40, 12, 36, 38, 35, 30, 31, 31, 36, 50, 56
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 68, 70, 71, 69, 67, 73, 68, 64, 68, 55, 57, 61, 57, 92, 70, 64, 67, 68, 66

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 960–1,016 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**: 51, 54, 52, 59, 64, 65, 60, 61, 66, 66, 59, 61, 61, 61, 61, 61, 62, 68, 68, 58, 58, 56, 56, 58

- **got tested for the coronavirus**: 40, 49, 55, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56

- **used Corona-Warn-App**: 22, 31, 30, 30, 32, 30, 33, 36, 36, 36, 35, 39, 39, 37, 37, 36, 39, 39, 37

- **built up larger stocks**: 18, 17, 13, 14, 16, 13, 10, 10, 10, 11, 10, 8, 12, 10, 10, 11, 16, 12

- **had food delivered more frequently**: 9, 11, 9, 10, 10, 9, 10, 10, 9, 10, 10, 9, 10, 10, 9, 10, 10, 9, 10, 10

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 960–1,016 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

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May 2020: 492–514 participants
Basis from Jun 2020: 971–1,017 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?
(Responses: 1 'very low' to 5 'very high')  –  Shown: response category 'very high' (values 4 + 5)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May 2020: 470–511 participants
Basis from Jun 2020: 895–1,030 participants
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: 316–344 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: 314–340 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: 317–334 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’

14 to 39 years
- television: 20%
- radio: 37%
- personal contacts: 47%
- internet (excl. social media): 38%
- print media: 5%
- social media: 34%

40 to 59 years
- television: 64%
- radio: 57%
- personal contacts: 52%
- internet (excl. social media): 33%
- print media: 22%
- social media: 14%

60 years and over
- television: 86%
- radio: 69%
- personal contacts: 46%
- internet (excl. social media): 29%
- print media: 66%
- social media: 8%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 318–344 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: 307–343 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**: 99%
- **Kept more distance to other people**: 72%
- **Washed hands more thoroughly**: 74%
- **Ventilated closed rooms more frequently**: 64%
- **Met friends or family less frequently**: 60%
- **Got tested for the coronavirus**: 77%
- **Used disinfectant more frequently**: 60%
- **Left home less frequently**: 61%
- **Used Corona-Warn-App**: 44%
- **Built up larger stocks**: 10%
- **Had food delivered more frequently**: 9%

**14 to 39 years**
- **Used covers for mouth and nose**: 95%
- **Kept more distance to other people**: 76%
- **Washed hands more thoroughly**: 69%
- **Ventilated closed rooms more frequently**: 66%
- **Met friends or family less frequently**: 67%
- **Got tested for the coronavirus**: 65%
- **Used disinfectant more frequently**: 60%
- **Left home less frequently**: 49%
- **Used Corona-Warn-App**: 30%
- **Built up larger stocks**: 10%
- **Had food delivered more frequently**: 7%

**40 to 59 years**
- **Used covers for mouth and nose**: 93%
- **Kept more distance to other people**: 81%
- **Washed hands more thoroughly**: 75%
- **Ventilated closed rooms more frequently**: 67%
- **Met friends or family less frequently**: 65%
- **Got tested for the coronavirus**: 46%
- **Used disinfectant more frequently**: 52%
- **Left home less frequently**: 57%
- **Used Corona-Warn-App**: 37%
- **Built up larger stocks**: 15%
- **Had food delivered more frequently**: 6%

**60 years and over**
- **Used covers for mouth and nose**: 93%
- **Kept more distance to other people**: 81%
- **Washed hands more thoroughly**: 75%
- **Ventilated closed rooms more frequently**: 67%
- **Met friends or family less frequently**: 65%
- **Got tested for the coronavirus**: 46%
- **Used disinfectant more frequently**: 52%
- **Left home less frequently**: 57%
- **Used Corona-Warn-App**: 37%
- **Built up larger stocks**: 15%
- **Had food delivered more frequently**: 6%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 316–344 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): 27
  - Medium: 36
  - (Very) sure: 37

- **40 to 59 years**
  - Not sure (at all): 31
  - Medium: 30
  - (Very) sure: 40

- **60 years and over**
  - Not sure (at all): 23
  - Medium: 29
  - (Very) sure: 48

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 306–342 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: 83%
- Door handles: 38%
- Cash: 25%
- Toys: 32%
- Dishes and cutlery: 27%
- Food: 22%
- Pets: 7%
- Clothing: 12%

- 14 to 39 years: 68%
- 40 to 59 years: 54%
- 60 years and over: 44%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 278–344 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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