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: 989–1.002 participants
Perceived level of information
How well do you feel informed about the following aspects of the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 ‘not well informed at all’ to 5 ‘very well informed’)

- Symptoms of a coronavirus disease: 12% not well (at all), 17% medium, 71% (very) well
- Procedure in case of a suspected infection: 15% not well (at all), 17% medium, 69% (very) well
- Current vaccination recommendations: 14% not well (at all), 17% medium, 69% (very) well
- Infection routes of the coronavirus: 18% not well (at all), 25% medium, 58% (very) well
- Current infection numbers: 24% not well (at all), 19% medium, 56% (very) well
- Current coronavirus variants: 17% not well (at all), 28% medium, 55% (very) well
- Measures currently in effect: 21% not well (at all), 30% medium, 50% (very) well

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 973–993 participants
Evaluation of media coverage
How do you evaluate the overall media coverage of the novel coronavirus?
(Response options: ‘downplaying’, ‘appropriate’, ‘exaggerated’)

- Downplaying: 4
- Exaggerated: 40
- Appropriate: 56

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 951 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: 88% appropriate, 12% not appropriate
- Mandatory use of masks: 86% appropriate, 14% not appropriate
- Mandatory distance: 85% appropriate, 15% not appropriate
- Quarantine measures: 78% appropriate, 22% not appropriate
- 3G rule: 73% appropriate, 27% not appropriate
- Cancellation of events: 70% appropriate, 30% not appropriate
- Limiting the number of customers: 62% appropriate, 38% not appropriate
- Facility-based vaccine mandate: 58% appropriate, 42% not appropriate
- Contact restriction: 58% appropriate, 42% not appropriate
- 2G plus rule: 58% appropriate, 42% not appropriate
- 2G rule: 50% appropriate, 50% not appropriate

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 964–997 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: 996 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: 998 participants
Behaviour of others

When dealing with other people, how important is it to you that they take measures to prevent a transmission of the novel coronavirus?

(Response scale: 1 ‘not important at all’ to 5 ‘very important’)

- (very) important: 72
- medium: 17
- not important (at all): 11

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 996 participants
Perceived probability of an infection
How high or low do you estimate the probability of currently being infected with the novel coronavirus at the following locations? (Response scale: 1 'very low' to 5 'very high')

- **schools & day-care centres**: (very) low 12 | medium 19 | (very) high 69
- **public transport**: (very) low 17 | medium 26 | (very) high 57
- **workplace**: (very) low 36 | medium 33 | (very) high 30
- **catering establishments**: (very) low 34 | medium 36 | (very) high 29
- **shops for daily needs**: (very) low 45 | medium 32 | (very) high 23
- **at home**: (very) low 83 | medium 8 | (very) high 9
- **outdoors**: (very) low 90 | medium 6 | (very) high 4
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

Part of the questionnaire since 9 June 2020; survey on two (* three) consecutive days; the first day of each survey is indicated
**Perceived level of information**

How well do you feel informed about the following aspects of the novel coronavirus?

*(Response scale: 1 ‘not well informed at all’ to 5 ‘very well informed’)*

- Symptoms of a coronavirus disease: 71%
- Procedure in case of a suspected infection: 69%
- Current infection numbers: 56%
- Current vaccination recommendations: 69%
- Infection routes of the coronavirus: 58%
- Current coronavirus variants: 55%
- Measures currently in effect: 50%

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 973–1,004 participants

Part of the questionnaire since February 2022
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.

Figures given in percentages
Basis Mar–May 2020: 480–502 participants
Basis from Jun 2020: 951–1.019 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
- contact restriction
- mandatory distance
- regulation on working from home
- mandatory use of masks

Since June 2020 survey every two weeks on two (* 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
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

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b 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
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: 960–1,016 participants

Part of the questionnaire since 30 March 2021; survey on two (* three) 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**
- **got tested for the coronavirus**
- **used Corona-Warn-App**
- **built up larger stocks**
- **had food delivered more frequently**

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 960–1.016 participants

Part of the questionnaire since 30 March 2021; survey on two (* 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’)

Since June 2020 survey every two weeks on two (* three) consecutive days; the first day of each survey is indicated.
Behaviour of others
When dealing with other people, how important is it to you that they take measures to prevent a transmission of the novel coronavirus? (Response scale: 1 ‘not important at all’ to 5 ‘very important’)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 996–1.003 participants
Perceived probability of an infection

How high or low do you estimate the probability of currently being infected with the novel coronavirus at the following locations?

(Response scale: 1 ‘very low’ to 5 ‘very high’) – Shown: response category ‘(very) high’ (values 4 + 5)

Part of the questionnaire since February 2022

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 917–1,014 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)

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 314–347 participants in corresponding age group
Perceived level of information

How well do you feel informed about the following aspects of the novel coronavirus?
(Response scale: 1 ‘not well informed at all’ to 5 ‘very well informed’) – Shown: response category ‘(very) well’ (values 4 + 5)

- Symptoms of a coronavirus disease: 71, 74, 69
- Procedure in case of a suspected infection: 68, 66, 71
- Current vaccination recommendations: 65, 68, 73
- Infection routes of the coronavirus: 52, 69, 51
- Current infection numbers: 48, 63, 58
- Current coronavirus variants: 45, 63, 56
- Measures currently in effect: 39, 54, 57

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 306–343 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’)
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: 82%
- Mandatory use of masks: 83%
- Mandatory distance: 81%
- Quarantine measures: 76%
- 3G rule: 71%
- Cancellation of events: 60%
- Limiting the number of customers: 59%
- Facility-based vaccine mandate: 52%
- Contact restriction: 49%
- 2G plus rule: 49%
- 2G rule: 39%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 299–343 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**: 14 to 39 years - 96%, 40 to 59 years - 98%, 60 years and over - 98%
- **kept more distance to other people**: 14 to 39 years - 73%, 40 to 59 years - 76%, 60 years and over - 74%
- **got tested for the coronavirus**: 14 to 39 years - 84%, 40 to 59 years - 73%, 60 years and over - 50%
- **washed hands more thoroughly**: 14 to 39 years - 67%, 40 to 59 years - 61%, 60 years and over - 75%
- **ventilated closed rooms more frequently**: 14 to 39 years - 58%, 40 to 59 years - 63%, 60 years and over - 64%
- **met friends or family less frequently**: 14 to 39 years - 63%, 40 to 59 years - 61%, 60 years and over - 60%
- **used disinfectant more frequently**: 14 to 39 years - 51%, 40 to 59 years - 54%, 60 years and over - 55%
- **left home less frequently**: 14 to 39 years - 50%, 40 to 59 years - 49%, 60 years and over - 51%
- **used Corona-Warn-App**: 14 to 39 years - 48%, 40 to 59 years - 31%, 60 years and over - 37%
- **built up larger stocks**: 14 to 39 years - 7%, 40 to 59 years - 16%, 60 years and over - 9%
- **had food delivered more frequently**: 14 to 39 years - 11%, 40 to 59 years - 4%, 60 years and over - 3%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 313–342 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): 32%
  - medium: 25%
  - (very) sure: 43%

- **40 to 59 years**
  - not sure (at all): 32%
  - medium: 32%
  - (very) sure: 36%

- **60 years and over**
  - not sure (at all): 24%
  - medium: 35%
  - (very) sure: 41%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 313–343 participants in corresponding age group
Behaviour of others

When dealing with other people, how important is it to you that they take measures to prevent a transmission of the novel coronavirus? (Response scale: 1 ‘not important at all’ to 5 ‘very important’)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 313–342 participants in corresponding age group
Perceived probability of an infection
How high or low do you estimate the probability of currently being infected with the novel coronavirus at the following locations? (Response scale: 1 ‘very low’ to 5 ‘very high’) – Shown: response category ‘(very) high’ (values 4 + 5)

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Basis: 252–346 participants in corresponding age group
### 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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