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**:
  - Not concerned (at all): 50
  - Medium: 25
  - Very concerned: 25

- **Mental health**:
  - Not concerned (at all): 58
  - Medium: 20
  - Very concerned: 22

- **Physical health**:
  - Not concerned (at all): 59
  - Medium: 21
  - Very concerned: 20

- **Economic situation**:
  - Not concerned (at all): 64
  - Medium: 20
  - Very concerned: 16

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 991–999 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: 70% (very well), 20% (medium), 10% (not well at all)
- Current vaccination recommendations: 64% (very well), 19% (medium), 17% (not well at all)
- Procedure in case of a suspected infection: 63% (very well), 19% (medium), 17% (not well at all)
- Infection routes of the coronavirus: 60% (very well), 21% (medium), 19% (not well at all)
- Current coronavirus variants: 59% (very well), 19% (medium), 22% (not well at all)
- Current infection numbers: 52% (very well), 21% (medium), 26% (not well at all)
- Measures currently in effect: 49% (very well), 29% (medium), 22% (not well at all)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 978–997 participants
Evaluation of media coverage

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

- 62% appropriate
- 33% exaggerated
- 5% downplaying

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 978 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: 87% appropriate, 13% not appropriate
- Mandatory use of masks: 87% appropriate, 13% not appropriate
- Mandatory distance: 84% appropriate, 16% not appropriate
- 3G rule: 79% appropriate, 21% not appropriate
- Quarantine measures: 78% appropriate, 22% not appropriate
- Cancellation of events: 65% appropriate, 35% not appropriate
- Limiting the number of customers: 65% appropriate, 35% not appropriate
- Facility-based vaccine mandate: 63% appropriate, 37% not appropriate
- Contact restriction: 61% appropriate, 39% not appropriate
- 2G plus rule: 59% appropriate, 41% not appropriate
- 2G rule: 57% appropriate, 43% not appropriate

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 958–998 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: 990 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**: 41
- **not sure (at all)**: 26
- **medium**: 33

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 990 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’)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 999 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’)

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Figures given in percentages
Basis: 947–1,001 participants

Perceived probabilities of infection in various locations.
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 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: 68% (Feb) to 71% (Mar) to 70% (Apr)
- Procedure in case of a suspected infection: 64% (Feb) to 69% (Mar) to 63% (Apr)
- Current infection numbers: 62% (Feb) to 56% (Mar) to 52% (Apr)
- Current vaccination recommendations: 60% (Feb) to 69% (Mar) to 64% (Apr)
- Infection routes of the coronavirus: 59% (Feb) to 58% (Mar) to 60% (Apr)
- Current coronavirus variants: 57% (Feb) to 55% (Mar) to 59% (Apr)
- Measures currently in effect: 46% (Feb) to 50% (Mar) to 49% (Apr)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 973–1,004 participants
Evaluation of media coverage

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

Part of the questionnaire since April 2020

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**
  - Mar–Apr 2020: 97%
  - May–Jun 2020: 96%
  - Jul 2020: 83%
  - Aug 2020: 84%
  - Sep 2020: 89%
  - Oct 2020: 76%
  - Nov 2020: 78%
  - Dec 2020: 67%
  - Jan 2021: 78%
  - Feb 2021: 65%

- **quarantine measures**
  - Mar–Apr 2020: 97%
  - May–Jun 2020: 96%
  - Jul 2020: 92%
  - Aug 2020: 85%
  - Sep 2020: 71%
  - Oct 2020: 82%
  - Nov 2020: 76%
  - Dec 2020: 65%
  - Jan 2021: 74%
  - Feb 2021: 73%
  - Mar 2021: 61%

- **contact restriction**
  - Mar–Apr 2020: 90%
  - May–Jun 2020: 90%
  - Jul 2020: 93%
  - Aug 2020: 93%
  - Sep 2020: 96%
  - Oct 2020: 91%
  - Nov 2020: 91%
  - Dec 2020: 94%
  - Jan 2021: 92%
  - Feb 2021: 87%

- **mandatory distance**
  - Mar–Apr 2020: 90%
  - May–Jun 2020: 90%
  - Jul 2020: 93%
  - Aug 2020: 96%
  - Sep 2020: 86%
  - Oct 2020: 91%
  - Nov 2020: 83%
  - Dec 2020: 83%
  - Jan 2021: 93%
  - Feb 2021: 89%
  - Mar 2021: 83%
  - Apr 2021: 87%

- **regulation on working from home**
  - Mar–Apr 2020: 86%
  - May–Jun 2020: 84%
  - Jul 2020: 90%
  - Aug 2020: 93%
  - Sep 2020: 93%
  - Oct 2020: 91%
  - Nov 2020: 91%
  - Dec 2020: 91%
  - Jan 2021: 91%
  - Feb 2021: 87%

- **mandatory use of masks**
  - Mar–Apr 2020: 90%
  - May–Jun 2020: 84%
  - Jul 2020: 90%
  - Aug 2020: 93%
  - Sep 2020: 93%
  - Oct 2020: 93%
  - Nov 2020: 91%
  - Dec 2020: 91%
  - Jan 2021: 91%
  - Feb 2021: 87%
  - Mar 2021: 87%

* Figures given in percentages
* Basis Mar–May 2020: 474–512 participants
* Basis from Jun 2020: 916–1,031 participants

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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
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'

- **limiting the number of customers**
  - March 2020: 84%
  - June 2020: 70%
  - September 2020: 78%
  - March 2021: 65%

- **facility-based vaccine mandate**
  - March 2020: 75%
  - June 2020: 80%
  - September 2020: 83%
  - March 2021: 79%

- **3G rule**
  - March 2020: 75%
  - June 2020: 80%
  - September 2020: 83%
  - March 2021: 79%

- **2G plus rule**
  - March 2020: 60%
  - June 2020: 61%
  - September 2020: 59%
  - March 2021: 57%

- **2G rule**
  - March 2020: 56%
  - June 2020: 57%
  - September 2020: 66%
  - March 2021: 57%

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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 March 2021
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
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')
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: 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**
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: 313–348 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: 75%
- Current vaccination recommendations: 53%
- Procedure in case of a suspected infection: 64%
- Infection routes of the coronavirus: 59%
- Current coronavirus variants: 54%
- Current infection numbers: 46%
- Measures currently in effect: 46%

14 to 39 years: 68% (very well informed)
40 to 59 years: 50% (very well informed)
60 years and over: 44% (very well informed)

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 308–346 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: 312–337 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**
- 14 to 39 years: 91%
- 40 to 59 years: 79%
- 60 years and over: 92%

**Mandatory use of masks**
- 14 to 39 years: 91%
- 40 to 59 years: 77%
- 60 years and over: 94%

**Mandatory distance**
- 14 to 39 years: 86%
- 40 to 59 years: 80%
- 60 years and over: 85%

**3G rule**
- 14 to 39 years: 84%
- 40 to 59 years: 70%
- 60 years and over: 83%

**Quarantine measures**
- 14 to 39 years: 82%
- 40 to 59 years: 71%
- 60 years and over: 81%

**Cancellation of events**
- 14 to 39 years: 71%
- 40 to 59 years: 53%
- 60 years and over: 70%

**Limiting the number of customers**
- 14 to 39 years: 75%
- 40 to 59 years: 58%
- 60 years and over: 61%

**Facility-based vaccine mandate**
- 14 to 39 years: 63%
- 40 to 59 years: 48%
- 60 years and over: 80%

**Contact restriction**
- 14 to 39 years: 60%
- 40 to 59 years: 49%
- 60 years and over: 75%

**2G plus rule**
- 14 to 39 years: 61%
- 40 to 59 years: 47%
- 60 years and over: 69%

**2G rule**
- 14 to 39 years: 54%
- 40 to 59 years: 49%
- 60 years and over: 68%

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 299–347 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%
- washed hands more thoroughly: 76%
- kept more distance to other people: 74%
- got tested for the coronavirus: 85%
- ventilated closed rooms more frequently: 65%
- used disinfectant more frequently: 64%
- met friends or family less frequently: 57%
- left home less frequently: 53%
- used Corona-Warn-App: 45%
- built up larger stocks: 14%
- had food delivered more frequently: 6%

Figures given in percentages
Basis: 319–337 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): 28
  - medium: 31
  - (very) sure: 41

- **40 to 59 years**
  - not sure (at all): 31
  - medium: 30
  - (very) sure: 39

- **60 years and over**
  - not sure (at all): 18
  - medium: 38
  - (very) sure: 44

Figures given in percentages

Basis: 318–342 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: 317–347 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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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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