

# Coronavirus survey 2

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## Introduction

On March 27th, you participated in a survey about COVID-19 knowledge. In this follow-up survey, you will be asked similar questions about your personal interpretation of COVID-19-related statements, the sources you consult for new information, and some questions about the measures against coronavirus.

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Q1 What is your current view on the following statements about the coronavirus? (Try to answer promptly based on your first instinct)

	I am sure this is not true	I think this is not true	I don't know	I think this is true	I am sure this is true
The first known case of the coronavirus was in Wuhan, China.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The coronavirus is primarily spread through coughing and sneezing.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The coronavirus is especially deadly for older adults.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fever is a potential symptom of the coronavirus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The coronavirus can be spread by people who don't show the symptoms.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The coronavirus comes from animals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is no treatment yet for the coronavirus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It might take 14 days after exposure to the coronavirus before you show symptoms.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social distancing helps slow down the spread of the coronavirus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is possible to become immune for the coronavirus after recovery.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Most people infected with the coronavirus will experience mild symptoms.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The coronavirus can be transmitted through elevator buttons and door handles.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pets can become affected by the coronavirus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Symptoms of the coronavirus can last for months.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hydroxychloroquine is ineffective in protecting you from the coronavirus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
COVID-19 is more prevalent in men than in woman.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The coronavirus is less deadly than the common flu.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The coronavirus can be spread via food contamination.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Face masks can protect you against the coronavirus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flu vaccine protects you against the coronavirus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The coronavirus primarily affects the heart.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nausea is a potential symptom of the coronavirus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The coronavirus cannot be spread via little children of primary school age.

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The coronavirus is a variant of the common flu.

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You can only die from the coronavirus if you are sick already.

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People infected with the coronavirus can only infect 2-3 others.

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Hand dryers are effective at killing the coronavirus.

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Injecting bleach can protect you from the coronavirus.

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Exposing yourself to sunlight decreases the chance of becoming infected.

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Antibiotics are an effective treatment of the coronavirus.

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The coronavirus can be transmitted through mosquito bites

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The prolonged use of medical masks can cause oxygen deficiency.

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The coronavirus was released by the Chinese government to prevent overpopulation.

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The coronavirus was created in a lab so the pharmaceutical industry can sell vaccines.

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The coronavirus was sent by God to punish humanity.

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The coronavirus has been released by environmental activists to reduce CO2 emissions.

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The coronavirus was created by the US government to destabilize China.

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The coronavirus was deliberately created and spread by the US to sell vaccines.

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The coronavirus was stolen from a Canadian virus research lab in China.

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The coronavirus was not created by humans.

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It is important that you pay attention to the questions in this survey. Please tick "I am sure this is true".

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**Describe the situation**

Imagine you have to explain the current situation regarding COVID-19 to someone who just woke up after being in a coma since December 2019. What would you tell this person about...

a. ... the origin of the virus?

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QSIT\_c c. ... how to protect yourself?

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QSIT\_d d. ... the impact on society and everyday life?

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Start of Block: MEDIA



Q2\_Media How often do you check or encounter COVID-19 news using the following sources?

	I don't use this source	Never	Once a month	Once a week	Once every 2- 4 days	Once a day	Multiple times per day
Facebook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friends, coworkers, family, and/or close relatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government websites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health care service or health care insurance websites (e.g., <i>nhs.uk</i> )	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Instagram and/or Snapchat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
News broadcasting organizations (e.g., <i>BBC News</i> , <i>CNN</i> , <i>Sky News</i> , <i>Fox News</i> , <i>MSNBC</i> )	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newspapers (inc. digital)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Podcasts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Real-time statistics website (e.g., <i>worldometer.info</i> )	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reddit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Search engines (e.g., <i>Google</i> , <i>Yahoo</i> )	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Television and/or radio broadcasts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Twitter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voice over internet protocol (VoIP) applications (e.g., <i>Discord</i> , <i>Zoom</i> , <i>Teams</i> , <i>Skype</i> , etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WhatsApp and/or Messenger	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wikipedia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
World Health Organization (WHO)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouTube	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q5RS Please indicate how important the following sources are for you with respect to acquiring information about COVID-19.

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	I don't know
My government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My national health organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The World Health Organization (WHO)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My head of government (e.g., prime minister, president)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leader of the political party I voted for	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relatives and family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My general practitioner	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A (former) COVID-19 patient	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q5RS\_EX To me, the most important authority when it comes to COVID-19 information is...

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Q6AM\_1 To what degree do you follow the measures your government took in reaction to COVID-19?

- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Always
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Q6AM\_2 Please explain your answer in the text box below.

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Q\_comments\_1 Do you have any comments about this survey?

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QDEB Debriefing Thank you for filling out this survey and your participation in this study. The goal of this study is to investigate the public's knowledge about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and how this knowledge relates to information seeking behavior and cognition. There are **no** consequences or repercussions for any of your answers in this survey; your data will be processed anonymously. It is important to note that the statements about the coronavirus (at the beginning of this survey) were **partially false**. Furthermore, some of the presented statements were **false** conspiracy theories that lack sound evidence. For credible information and guidelines on this topic we refer you to the **World Health Organization's Q&A** (link will be provided after you complete this survey).

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Q\_comments\_2 Do you have any additional comments about this debriefing page?

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