

The Covid-19 Behaviors Dataset : Codebook

Link to Data (also on Canvas) :

https://www.dropbox.com/s/is3i75yovjiveht/covid_behavior_data.csv?dl=0

Description of Study: Participants were surveyed during Spring 2020 (early days of the COVID-19 Pandemic) about their demographic characteristics, personality, and the health behaviors they were taking to avoid contracting and spreading COVID-19. Below are the measures included in the study.

Demographic Variables

- age : the person's age (in years)
- gender : the person's gender identity (M = Man; W = Woman); *no participants indicated other in this study.*
- ethnicity : the person's ethnic identity (AA = Black/African American; W = White; EA = East Asian; O = Other)
- political party : the person's political identity (D = Democrat, R = Republican, I = Independent)

Health Behaviors. Participants' ratings of how often they engaged in five CDC-recommended health behaviors "over the past four weeks", on a scale from 0 (I did not do this) to 4 (I very often or always did this).

- Handwash : how much the person washed their hands
- Mask : how much the person wore a mask in indoor settings
- Sanitize : how much the person wiped down or sanitized packages and outside objects
- Social Distance : how much the person maintained social distancing
- SelfIsolate : how much the person stayed at home / avoided contact with people outside their "bubble"

Personality Measures : Three items were used to measure each of the "big five" personality factors. Note that items with R at the end are negatively-keyed and will need to be reverse scored. All personality items were measured on a scale from 0 (Disagree Strongly) to 4 (Agree Strongly).

- EXTRA : *Extraversion (a measure of how outgoing and talkative someone is)*
- AGREE : *Agreeableness (a measure of how kind and caring someone is)*
- CONSC : *Conscientiousness (a measure of how organized and deliberate someone is)*
- NEGEM : *Negative Emotion (a measure of how much a person experiences and reacts to negative emotions)*
- OPENN : *Openness to New Experiences (a measure of how much a person is creative and interested in trying new ideas)*