COVID-19 Coronavirus - USA

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Q3 **Title of Study: Attitudes about the COVID-19 Virus** **Investigator(s):** [Jon Grahe, Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology; Kate Faasse, Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology, University of New South Wales.  **Introduction** ·         You are being asked to be in a research study conducted at the Psychology Department at Pacific Lutheran University. ·         You were selected to participate because you were a social media contact of one of the researchers or data collectors involved in this project. We are seeking any individuals living in the United States who is at least 18 years old. ·         The research study aims to understand the perceptions of the American public about COVID-19 coronavirus. Taking part in this study involves completing a brief online survey that asks about your perceptions of the COVID-19 coronavirus. This survey will ask about the information you have seen about the virus, how concerned you are about the virus, your current understanding of the virus, steps you have taken to maintain health and avoid infection, and demographic questions. The research question is descriptive without any specific predictions about what we expect to find.   **Description of the Study Procedures** ·         If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to complete an online survey with approximately 70 questions that should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. You will be able to skip questions if they make you feel uncomfortable. ·         Some sample questions we will ask are about: ·         What you know about symptoms and transmission of the virus. “To your knowledge, what are the most common symptoms of the COVID-19 coronavirus?” ·         What behaviors that have changed in response to the outbreak “Have you done any of the following things in response to the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak?” ·         Questions about your recent and current health, “Do you have one or more chronic illness or health problem that increases your risk of complications from COVID-19 coronavirus?” and “Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?” **Risks/Benefits/Compensation**  ·         There are no anticipated significant risks, benefits, or compensationfor completing this study. However, some of the questions might cause you to experience negative thoughts because you are thinking about being sick with an unusual virus. Please do not continue if this will be distressful. During the survey, you will be able to skip questions if they make you feel uncomfortable.   **Anonymity**  ·         Your responses will be strictly anonymous; we will not be collecting or retaining any information about your identity. Data from this study will be stored in an online repository and shared publicly to adhere to best practices in scientific transparency.   **Right to Refuse or Withdraw** ·         The decision to participate in this study is entirely up to you.You may refuse to take part in the study *at any time* without affecting your relationship with the investigators of this study or Pacific Lutheran University.  Your decision to refuse will not result in any loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Youhave the right not to answer any single question, as well as to withdraw completely from the study at any point during the process. Because your participation is anonymous, it will not be possible to withdraw your survey answers from the study after you have submitted the survey.   **Right to Ask Questions and Report Concerns** ·         You have the right to ask questions about this research and to have those questions answered by the researchers, before, during, or after the study.  You may contact the primary investigator, **Jon Grahe,** at graheje@plu.edu or 253.535.7394. ·         If you have any other concerns about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Human Participants Review Board, Pacific Lutheran University through the Provost’s Office at (253) 535-7126.

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Q5 **Consent** ·         By clicking below to be taken to the survey, you indicate that you have read and understood the above, that you are at least 18 years of age, that you willingly agree to participate, and that you are not waiving any legal claims.  ·         If you would like to keep a copy of this document for your records, please print or save this page now.

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* *I agree, start questionnaire* (1)

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Start of Block: USA Residents

Q29 Do you live in the United States of America?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If Do you live in the United States of America? = No

Q47 Currently we are only recruiting participants who live in the USA. Thank you for your interest in this study.

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End of Block: USA Residents

Start of Block: State

Q86 What state do you currently live in?

▼ Alabama (1) ... Wyoming (52)

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Q91 What is your zip code?

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Start of Block: Information Sources

Q7 We would like to ask you to complete some questions on your views about the COVID-19 coronavirus disease that started in the Wuhan province of China.   We are interested in your views of COVID-19 coronavirus.

Q8 How much information have you seen, read, or heard about the COVID-19 coronavirus?

* Nothing at all (1)
* A little (2)
* A moderate amount (3)
* A lot (4)

Q9 How much do you think you know about the COVID-19 coronavirus?

* Nothing at all (1)
* A little (2)
* A moderate amount (3)
* A lot (4)

Q10 How closely have you been following news about the recent outbreak of COVID-19 coronavirus?

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|  | Not at all | Very closely |

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Q12 How have you been getting information about the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak?  (Check all that apply)

* News media (e.g. newspapers, online news websites, television news coverage) (1)
* Social media (e.g. twitter, facebook) (2)
* Official government websites (e.g. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organisation) (3)
* Family member(s) (4)
* Colleague(s) or friend(s) (5)
* None of the above (6)
* Other sources of information (please enter): (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Q13 Which one of these sources do you trust most to advise you about the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak in America?

* My doctor / GP (1)
* My local hospital (5)
* Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (4)
* The National Institutes of Health (NIH) (10)
* The World Health Organization (WHO) (11)
* The US Government (6)
* My State Department of Health (9)
* None of the above (7)
* Other (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Q14 How confident are you that the **United States Government** is providing full and accurate (based on what they currently know) information about the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak?

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|  | Not at all confident | Very confident |

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Q15 How confident are you that the **Chinese Government** is providing full and accurate (based on what they currently know) information about the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak?

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|  | Not at all confident | Very confident |

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Q16 To what extent do you believe that scientists and other medical and health experts understand the COVID-19 coronavirus?

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|  | Don't  understand  at all | Understand  very clearly |

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Q98 For this question, choose item "B" below.

* A (1)
* B (2)
* C (3)
* D (4)

End of Block: Information Sources

Start of Block: Perceived Risk

Q17 How **concerned or worried** are you about the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak?

* Not at all concerned (1)
* A little concerned (2)
* Moderately concerned (3)
* Very concerned (4)
* Extremely concerned (5)

Q18 How **likely** do you think it is that you, personally, will catch COVID-19 coronavirus?

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|  | Not at all likely | Extremely likely |

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Q20 How much can you, personally, do to **protect yourself** from catching the virus?

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|  | I can't do anything  to protect myself | I can do a lot  to protect myself |

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Q21 If you do catch COVID-19 coronavirus, how serious do you think your symptoms will be?

* No symptoms (1)
* Mild symptoms (2)
* Moderate symptoms (3)
* Severe symptoms (4)
* Severe symptoms requiring hospitalization (5)
* Severe symptoms leading to death (6)

Q101 How confident are you that health authorities will be able to manage the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak?

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|  | Not at all confident | Very confident |

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Q22 How confident are you that hospitals and medical services can provide adequate treatment for people infected with the virus?

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|  | Not at all confident | Very confident |

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Q23 To what extent do you agree with the following statement: "too much fuss is being made about the risk of COVID-19 coronavirus"?

* Strongly disagree (1)
* Tend to disagree (2)
* Neither agree nor disagree (3)
* Tend to agree (4)
* Strongly agree (5)

End of Block: Perceived Risk

Start of Block: Knowledge

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Q24 Following are some statements about the COVID-19 coronavirus. Please read each statement and answer, to the best of your knowledge, whether they are true or false (or you are unsure):

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|  | True (1) | False (2) | Unsure (3) |
| There is a vaccine to protect against COVID-19 coronavirus (1) |  |  |  |
| There is an effective medicine available for treating COVID-19 coronavirus (2) |  |  |  |
| It it is likely that some people will have natural immunity to COVID-19 coronavirus (4) |  |  |  |
| The seasonal flu vaccine will protect me from COVID-19 coronavirus (5) |  |  |  |
| The health effects of COVID-19 coronavirus appear to be more severe for people who already have a serious medical condition (9) |  |  |  |
| The health effects of COVID-19 coronavirus appear to be more severe in children and pregnant women (23) |  |  |  |
| Domestic pets can be infected with and spread COVID-19 coronavirus (10) |  |  |  |
| Antibiotics are an effective treatment for COVID-19 coronavirus (11) |  |  |  |
| Packages or letters from China can spread the virus (12) |  |  |  |
| Taking vitamin C or other vitamins will protect me from the COVID-19 coronavirus (13) |  |  |  |
| Spraying chlorine on my body will protect me even if the COVID-19 coronavirus has already entered my system (14) |  |  |  |
| Vaccines against pneumonia will protect me against the COVID-19 coronavirus (15) |  |  |  |
| Regularly rinsing my nose with saline will protect me against the COVID-19 coronavirus (16) |  |  |  |
| The virus was genetically engineered as part of a biological weapons program (20) |  |  |  |
| The virus was deliberately released rather than naturally occurring (21) |  |  |  |
| The number of people who have really been infected with COVID-19 coronavirus is much higher than has been officially reported (22) |  |  |  |

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Q25 To your knowledge, what are the most common symptoms of the COVID-19 coronavirus?

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|  | Yes (1) | No (2) | Unsure (3) |
| Fever (1) |  |  |  |
| Cough (2) |  |  |  |
| Sore throat (3) |  |  |  |
| Shortness of breath (4) |  |  |  |
| Nausea (5) |  |  |  |
| Vomiting (6) |  |  |  |
| Diarrhea (7) |  |  |  |

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Q26 To your knowledge, which of the following ways can the COVID-19 coronavirus be spread?

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|  | Yes (1) | No (2) | Unsure (3) |
| By air (i.e. the virus is airborne) (1) |  |  |  |
| By water (2) |  |  |  |
| By mosquitoes (3) |  |  |  |
| Droplets spread through coughing or sneezing (4) |  |  |  |
| Touching surfaces that have recently been touched by someone who is sick (5) |  |  |  |
| Touching or shaking hands with a person who is sick (6) |  |  |  |

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Q27 To minimize the transmission of the COVID-19 coronavirus, who should be wearing a face mask?

* Healthy people - to prevent infection (1)
* Sick people - to stop them spreading the virus (2)
* Everyone (3)
* No one (4)

Q28 To your knowledge, approximately what percentage of people who have been infected with coronavirus (COVID-19) have died from the virus?

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Start of Block: Avoidance Behaviours

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Q33 Have you done any of the following things in the past two weeks in response to the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak?

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|  | Yes (1) | No (2) | Unsure (3) | Not applicable (4) |
| Reduced or avoided going to work or university (1) |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced or avoided using public transport (2) |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced or avoided flying domestically (3) |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced or avoided flying internationally (4) |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced or avoided going to public events such as movies, sporting events, or concerts (5) |  |  |  |  |
| Self-isolated at home (17) |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced or avoided going to hospitals or going to the doctor unless absolutely necessary (6) |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced or avoided going into shops (7) |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced or avoided staying in hotels, hostels, or Airbnbs (8) |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced or avoided sending your children to school or childcare (9) |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced or avoided going to Chinese restaurants, Chinatowns, or Chinese precincts (10) |  |  |  |  |
| Cleaned or disinfected things you might touch (such as doorknobs or hard surfaces) more often than usual (11) |  |  |  |  |
| Used sanitizing hand gel to clean your hands more often than usual (12) |  |  |  |  |
| Washed your hands thoroughly than usual (13) |  |  |  |  |
| Washed your hands more often than usual (18) |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced or avoided touching your face (19) |  |  |  |  |
| Tried to cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm or inner elbow (20) |  |  |  |  |
| Worn a face mask when going out in public (14) |  |  |  |  |
| Prepared for possible quarantine e.g. by purchasing extra supplies (16) |  |  |  |  |
| Tried to stay at least 3 feet away from anyone who is coughing or sneezing (21) |  |  |  |  |

Q76 Have you done anything else because of the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak (if so, what)?

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Q35 If there was a safe and effective vaccine developed for the COVID-19 coronavirus, how likely is it that you would choose to have this vaccination?

* Would definitely get the vaccine (1)
* Would probably get the vaccine (2)
* Unsure if I would get the vaccine or not (3)
* Would probably NOT get the vaccine (4)
* Would definitely NOT get the vaccine (5)

Q99 For this question, please choose the correct answer to: the sum of 1 + 2 = ?

* 1 (1)
* 7 (2)
* 3 (3)
* -1 (4)

End of Block: Avoidance Behaviours

Start of Block: Demographics

Q40 Which of the following age groups do you belong to?

▼ 18-19 (1) ... 80+ (14)

Q41 What is your gender?

* Male (1)
* Female (2)
* Non-binary (3)
* Different identity (please state): (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to say (5)

Q87 What is your ethnicity?

* White (11)
* Black or African American (12)
* American Indian or Alaska Native (13)
* Asian (14)
* Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (15)
* Other (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to say (17)

Q74  What is the highest level of education you have completed?

* Less than high school (17)
* High school graduate (18)
* Some college (19)
* 2 year degree (20)
* 4 year degree (21)
* Professional degree (22)
* Doctorate (23)

Q84 What type of community do you live in?

* Large city (1)
* Suburb near a large city (12)
* Small city or town (13)
* Rural area (2)

Q96 Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

* 1 (just me) (1)
* 2 (2)
* 3 (3)
* 4 (4)
* 5 or more people (5)

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Q43 In general, would you say your health is:

* Poor (1)
* Fair (2)
* Good (3)
* Very good (4)
* Excellent (5)

Q39 Have you had a flu vaccine in the past year?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Unsure (3)

End of Block: Demographics

Start of Block: COVID-19 Exposure

Q86 Within the past two weeks, have you been in an affected area where there is high transmission of COVID-19 coronavirus?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Unsure (3)

Q44 Within the past two weeks, have you been in close contact with one or more people who are known or suspected to be infected with COVID-19 coronavirus?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Unsure (3)

Q93 Within the past two weeks, have you experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 coronavirus?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Unsure (4)

Q94 Have you, or any of your family members or friends, been diagnosed with COVID-19 coronavirus?

* Yes - I have been diagnosed with COVID-19 (1)
* Yes - one or more family member or friend has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (2)
* Unsure (3)
* No (4)

Q85 Do you have one or more chronic illness or health problem that increases your risk of infection or complications from COVID-19 coronavirus?

* Yes (if you would like to, please provide more details below) (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* No (5)
* Unsure (4)
* Prefer not to say (2)

Q92 Do any of your close friends or family members have one or more chronic illnesses or health problems that increases their risk of infection or complications from COVID-19 coronavirus?

* Yes (if you would like to, please provide more details below) (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* No (4)
* Unsure (5)
* Prefer not to say (6)

Q97 Is there anything else you would like to add or mention, that hasn't been asked in the survey?

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End of Block: COVID-19 Exposure

Start of Block: Thank You

Q48 Thank you for taking part in this study - we appreciate your help.

Q49 **Title of Study: Studying Attitudes about the COVID-19 outbreak**  **Investigator(s):** Jon Grahe, Professor and Chair, Psychology Department, graheje@plu.edu Kate Faasse, Senior Lecturer, Psychology Department, k.faasse@unsw.edu.au   ………………………………………………………………………………………………   Thank you for your participation in our research study.  The purpose of the study is to better understand the American public’s perceived risk (both likelihood of catching the virus, and severity of the virus) of COVID-19 coronavirus, as well as common and trusted information sources, knowledge about the virus, and what health-protective behaviors people are typically engaging in.   We were interested in the topic because past research has shown that when individuals feel personally at risk from an illness or view the consequences of an illness as severe, they are more likely to engage in health-protective behaviors. We expanded on that by asking about people’s knowledge about COVID-19 (e.g. most common symptoms, how the virus spreads) because we wanted to know whether this knowledge is linked to the types of health-protective behaviors that people will take.   This research is descriptive in nature and does not include any hypothesis about outcomes.     In order to measure COVID-19 knowledge, we included some statements in the true/false questions that were false. Some of this was intentional on our part, and some of this is because our knowledge about the virus changes with time. We include a copy of the correct answers on our project page (http://osf.io/tcbx4/).   For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 coronavirus, please see information available on the [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019) website and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) websites.      The findings of this study will be used for students in classes, presented at a professional conference, and submitted for publication where possible.   If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of us at the email/phone listed at the top.   If you have any questions or concerns about this study or your rights as a study participant, you may contact the Human Participants Review Board, Pacific Lutheran University through the Provost’s Office at (253) 535-7126.   Please do not discuss this study with other potential participants until the semester is over. If people know what we are testing before the study begins, they may respond differently, jeopardizing our results.   Thank you again for your help!

End of Block: Thank You