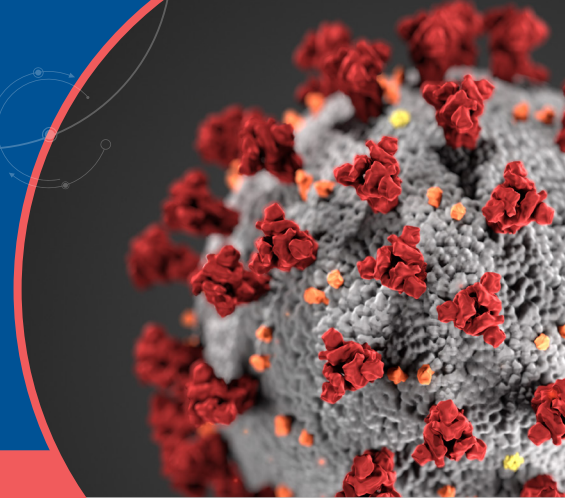


RTI COVID-19 U.S. Survey Methodology



RTI International sponsored this survey of U.S. respondents using a pre-recruited panel consisting of 55,000 panel members recruited using address-based sampling. The panel is based on probability sampling covering both the online and offline populations in the United States.

Participation in this survey was voluntary, and respondents could refuse to answer any question in the survey.

The survey was conducted online from February 28 through March 2, 2020. Sampled respondents were sent a link to the online survey. The survey was available in English only. Respondents who completed the questionnaire were awarded 1,000 points, the equivalent of \$1.00, which is standard operating procedure through the panel. A random sample of 2,857 panel members was drawn. A total of 1,021 individuals 15 and older (excluding breakoffs) responded to the invitation (of whom all qualified for the survey), yielding a final stage completion rate of 35.7 percent.

Once the sample was selected and fielded, and all the study data were collected and made final, a post-stratification process was used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage, undersampling, or oversampling resulting from the study-specific sample design.

The panel provider used the Current Population Survey and weighted all respondents to these distributions. The sample size was scaled to the number of qualified respondents. The following benchmark distributions were used for this poststratification adjustment:

- Gender
- Age
- Race/ethnicity
- Education
- Census region
- Household income
- Metropolitan area
- Homeownership status

At the end of the survey, participants were told that the purpose of the survey was to understand what Americans do and do not know about the coronavirus and that some of the information on true/false questions was in fact false. To prevent misinformation, respondents were encouraged to learn what is known about how to protect themselves and their families from getting infected with the virus. They were provided with the link to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) for accurate information.

The RTI Institutional Review Board reviewed the protocol and survey.

Survey Items

How much have you seen, read or heard about the coronavirus first detected in Wuhan, China?

- A great deal
- A fair amount
- Not very much
- Nothing at all

What level of threat do you think the coronavirus poses to each of the following?

	Very High Threat	High Threat	Moderate Threat	Low Threat	Very Low Threat	Don't Know
You or your family						
People who are elderly or have compromised immune systems						

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am worried about getting the coronavirus.				
I know what actions to take to prevent myself and my family from becoming infected with the coronavirus.				
I feel confident I can prevent myself and my family from becoming infected with the coronavirus if it becomes more widespread in the United States.				
I am likely to get the coronavirus.				

Please indicate whether you believe these statements to be true or false:

	True	False	Don't Know
Antibiotics can be used to treat the coronavirus.			
People of all ages can become infected with the coronavirus.			
People of all racial and ethnic groups can become infected with the coronavirus.			
Eating garlic can lower your chances of getting infected with the coronavirus.			
Most people who are infected with the coronavirus die from it.			
Most people who are infected with the coronavirus recover from it.			
Antibiotics can be used to prevent infection from the coronavirus.			



Some people have been debating what should be done to help control the spread of the coronavirus.

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I would support a U.S. government-imposed mandatory quarantine for those who are infected with the coronavirus.				
I would support voluntary home quarantine for up to 2 weeks for people who have been in contact with someone who has the coronavirus.				
I would support postponing or canceling mass gatherings such as concerts, festivals, or sporting events.				
I would support an up to 2-week closure of K-12 schools if any student, staff member, or teacher is found to have the coronavirus.				
I would support workplaces and businesses temporarily closing to keep their employees safe from the coronavirus.				

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: “If I were exposed to and could possibly be infected with the coronavirus, I would be willing to do the following to prevent others from getting the coronavirus from me.”

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Quarantine myself at home for 2 weeks until I was sure I was not infected.				

Which of the following actions, if any, are you currently taking to protect yourself from the coronavirus?

Check all that apply.

- Washing my hands with soap and water more often
- Using more disinfectants, such as hand sanitizers and cloth wipes
- Avoiding shaking hands with others