Coronavirus COVID-19

Public Opinion Tracking Research: 15/06/20
ABOUT THE RESEARCH

The research findings in this report are based on surveys by Amárach Research on behalf of the Department of Health.

The polls are conducted using Amárach’s SmartPoll panel and weighted to the demographics of the adult population.

Sample size (15/06/20): n=1,800
Behavioural Change
Safe Behaviours – I
Which of the following are you doing more often as a result of the Coronavirus?

- Washing hands
- Staying at home rather than going out
- Social distancing when in a queue
- Using sanitizer

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Safe Behaviours – II
Which of the following are you doing more often as a result of the Coronavirus?

- Coughing into elbow
- Contacting older relatives and friends to see they are okay
- Disposing of used tissues immediately
- Sitting further apart from others

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Future Behaviours – I
Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Future Behaviours – II
Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?

- Contacting older relatives and friends to see they are okay
- Social distancing when in a queue
- Sitting further apart from others when outside house or on public transport
- Staying at home rather than going out

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Face Masks
Do you wear a face mask when in public places? All Adults: % Yes

Face Mask Demographics
Do you wear a face mask when in public places? % Yes

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Willingness to Wear
Would you be willing to use a face mask or face covering?
% Yes Definitely + Yes Probably

Willingness Demographics
Would you be willing to use a face mask or face covering?
% Yes Definitely + Yes Probably

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Emotional Wellbeing
Emotional Wellbeing – I
Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:

- Worry
- Enjoyment
- Anxiety
- Boredom

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Emotional Wellbeing – II
Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:

- Happiness
- Stress
- Frustration
- Sadness

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Emotional Wellbeing – III

Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:

- Loneliness
- Fear
- Pain
- Anger
- Intolerance

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Risk Perceptions
Still Worried?

How worried are you personally about the Coronavirus? On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is extremely worried: Average Score

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Sources of Worry – I

Please indicate the extent to which any of the following is a current source of worry?
On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all and 5 is a great deal: Average Score

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Sources of Worry – II

Please indicate the extent to which any of the following is a current source of worry?
On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all and 5 is a great deal: Average Score

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Pandemic Stage
Do you feel that the worst of the Coronavirus crisis in Ireland is:

- Behind us
- Happening now
- Ahead of us
- Don’t know

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Preventing Spread

How would you rate your knowledge level on how to prevent spread of the coronavirus? From 1 = ‘very poor knowledge’ to 9 = ‘very good knowledge’

% scoring 6-9 combined

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Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Self Protection
I know how to protect myself from coronavirus…
From 1 = ‘not at all’ to 9 = ‘very much so’
% scoring 6-9 combined

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A Second Wave
How likely do you think it is that Ireland will experience a second wave of COVID-19 infections? On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is ‘very unlikely’ and 7 is ‘very likely’: % 5-7

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Policy Preferences
Social Distancing
Do you think the current government measures on social distancing are:

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Go Further?
Do you think there should be more restrictions?

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Going Too Far?
Do you think the reaction of the government to the current coronavirus outbreak is appropriate too extreme or not sufficient?

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Returning to Normal

On balance, do you think that Ireland is trying to return to normal:

- Much too quickly: 4% 5% 6% 5% 7%
- A bit too quickly: 20% 16% 17% 22% 25%
- At about the right pace: 56% 58% 60% 56%
- A bit too slowly: 17% 18% 19% 10% 9%
- Much too slowly: 4% 3% 4% 3% 3%

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Information & Communications
Covid-19 Information Sources
Where are you currently getting trusted information on Covid-19 from?

- Department of Health
- HSE website
- ECDC
- WHO World Health Organisation
- International sources
- Other specialist source

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Media Consumption

How often are you checking the news about Coronavirus (on TV, radio the internet apps etc)?

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
## News Sources – I
### What are the main media sources through which you access information on the Coronavirus: % Any Mentions (in top 3)

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News Sources – II
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