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 (04/05/20): n=1,500
Risk Perceptions
Contracting the Virus
On a scale 1 to 7 how likely do you think it is that you will contract the virus at some point during this outbreak? Where 1 is highly unlikely and 7 is highly likely:
% scoring 5-7

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health 26/03
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

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**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
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

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

- Washing hands: 93% → 93% → 94% → 94% → 93% → 93%
- Coughing into elbow: 77% → 75% → 76% → 77% → 76% → 75%
- Disposing of used tissues immediately: 64% → 65% → 69% → 68% → 69% → 70%
- Using sanitizer: 59% → 65% → 69% → 68% → 68% → 66%

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
Lifestyle Changes
To what extent are you engaging in the following:
(% Quite a Lot or Great Deal)

- Interacting with family and friends over phone or digitally
- Cooking
- Watching TV
- Going for walks
- Work
- Exercise
- Reading
- Interacting with family and friends in person
- Drinking Alcohol

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

- All Adults: 16% Yes, 13% No
- Male: 16% Yes, 17% No
- Female: 17% Yes, 14% No
- Under 35: 14% Yes, 17% No
- 35-44: 17% Yes, 15% No
- 45-54: 15% Yes
- 55+: 19% Yes
- Dublin: 19% Yes

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health (UK data via YouGov)
Hoarding Behaviour
Are you stocking up on extra supplies because of Coronavirus? % Yes

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
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
- Happiness
- Stress
- Frustration

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:

- Sadness
- Loneliness
- Fear
- Pain
- Anger
- Intolerance

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health
Information & Communications
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)

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

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

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health