

## Coronavirus

### [INTRO TEXT]

Today's survey is about some international issues.

### Q1.

Base=All

[single choice]

In recent weeks, there has been news coverage about a new coronavirus that originated in China. How closely would you say you've been following this issue? Would you say you are:

- Following it in the news and discussing it with friends and family
- Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation about it
- Just scanning the headlines
- Haven't really heard anything about it

### [stand-alone screen]

This is a new strain of coronavirus. According to scientists, many people who get this new virus will have mild symptoms, and most are expected to make a full recovery. But, like SARS and influenza, this virus is particularly dangerous for the elderly and people with pre-existing illnesses. There is no cure or vaccine at this time.

So far, there have been more than 17,000 known cases of patients contracting it. It has caused more than 360 known deaths, with one outside of mainland China in the Philippines. Until now, there have been four known cases in Canada, but no deaths.

### Q2.

Base=All

[single choice grid]

How concerned are you about each of the following...?

### [rows]

- You personally becoming sick from this new coronavirus
- Friends or family becoming sick
- People in your community becoming sick
- People all over the world becoming sick

### [columns]

- Not at all concerned
- Not that concerned
- Moderately concerned
- Very concerned

### Q3.

Base=All

[Multi-choice]

Has the coronavirus outbreak impacted you personally in any way? Please select all that apply:

**[randomize]**

Cancelled travel plans

Had an event cancelled/postponed in your community

Received a notice from your workplace or school about the coronavirus

Cancelled plans with friends and family

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ **[Fixed]**

None of these **[Fixed, Exclusive]**

**Q4.**

**Base=Exclude 'Haven't really heard anything about it' in Q1**

**[multi-choice]**

And have you adjusted any of your own behaviours since hearing about the outbreak? Please pick all that apply:

**[randomize]**

Purchased a medical/surgical facemask or any other mask

Washing hands more often/using sanitizer

Taking public transit less

Staying away from public spaces

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ **[Fixed]**

None of these **[Fixed, Exclusive]**

**[T- Zika] Q5.**

**Base=All**

**[single choice]**

Please consider this map before moving on to the next question. Cases of this coronavirus are concentrated mostly in China, but also in South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, and other surrounding countries.



Assuming for a moment that you had plans to visit ones of these places later this year, based on whatever you've seen or heard about this and on how you feel right now, would you:

Cancel your travel plans to that area because of the coronavirus

Reconsider but not rule it out

Stick with your travel plans and still visit that region

**Q6.**

**Base=All**

**[single choice]**

Thinking about front-line health care, i.e. hospitals and doctors clinics, how confident are you that the healthcare system in your community is prepared to deal with new cases of this coronavirus where you live?

Very confident

Confident

Not that confident

Not confident at all

Not sure/Can't say

**Q7.**

**Base=All**

**[single choice]**

Some people think there is a serious threat of a coronavirus outbreak in Canada. Others believe the threat of a coronavirus outbreak in Canada has been overblown. Which of these two views is the closest to your own?

**[rotate]**

There is a serious threat of a coronavirus outbreak in Canada

The threat of a coronavirus outbreak in Canada has been overblown