

Coronavirus Redux
(Final Questionnaire March 12, 2020)

[INTRO TEXT]

Today's survey is about issues in the news today.

[stand-alone screen]

Since the beginning of the year, more than one hundred thousand people around the world – including in Canada – have become sick, or died, due to a new coronavirus that has been spreading, known as COVID-19.

Q2.

Base=All

[single choice grid]

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

[rows]

- [T] You personally becoming sick from this new coronavirus
- [T] Friends or family becoming sick
- [T] People in your community becoming sick
- [T] People all over the world becoming sick
- [T March 5] Coronavirus hurting your personal financial situation
- [T March 5] Coronavirus hurting the Canadian economy

[columns]

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

[T] Q3.

Base=All

[Multi-choice]

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

[randomize]

- [T]Cancelled travel plans
- [T]Had an event cancelled/postponed in your community
- [T]Cancelled plans with friends and family
- Taken a financial loss on your investments
- Laid off/lost hours at work
- Other (please specify): _____ **[Fixed]**
- None of these **[Fixed, Exclusive]**

[T] Q4.

Base=Total

[multi-choice]

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

[randomize]

[T] Washing hands more often/using sanitizer

[T] Taking public transit less

[T] Staying away from public spaces

[T March 5] Buying extra food and household items

[T March 5] Buying extra medications/Filling up prescriptions early

Not shaking hands with people/hugging them, etc.

Keeping extra personal distance from people

Working from home

Other (please specify): _____ **[Fixed]**

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

Q4a.

Base = those who have taken any precaution (i.e. exclude None of the above in Q4)

[single choice]

And – how much do you think these changes in your own personal behavior will have any impact on reducing the spread of the coronavirus?

Huge impact – every precaution is important

Some impact, but ultimately there's only so much I can do

No impact at all – we're totally helpless

[T] Q5.

Base=Total

[single choice]

Suppose you had booked travel outside Canada over the next six months. Which statement best describes what you would do:

Cancel my travel even if I'd paid for it, it's not worth the risk

Go anyway, but take all the precautions I can

Q5a.

Base=All

[single choice grid]

Local and provincial governments across Canada have been taking measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Here are some examples of the measures taken. For each, please tell us whether you think they are necessary, or not necessary:

[rows, randomize]

Public School closures
Banning gatherings of more than 250 people
Major sports leagues postponing games
Advising everyone not to travel outside Canada, including the US

[columns]

Necessary
Not Necessary
Not sure/can't say

Q6.

Base=All

[single choice]

In an attempt to prevent more American cases of COVID-19, the U.S. government is banning travel to or from 26 European countries for the next month. American citizens in those countries will be allowed to come home, and goods will still move between Europe and the U.S.

Do you think the Canada should adopt a similar ban on travel to and from Europe?

Yes, it's a good step to prevent more spread of the virus
No, it will just do more economic damage to Canada
Not sure/Can't say

[T] 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

[T] Q8.

Base=All

[single choice]

Now let's turn to the medical response

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

[T] Q9.

Base=All

[single choice grid]

And, do you think the following are doing a good or bad job handling this whole issue regarding the coronavirus?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

The federal government
Your provincial government

[COLUMNS]

Very good job
Good job
Bad job
Very bad job
Don't know/Can't say

[T] Q10

Base=All

[single choice grid]

When it comes to information about the coronavirus, how much do you personally trust the information that you are seeing from each of the following:

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

The news media
Your local health authority/medical health officer
The World Health Organization
The federal government
Your provincial government

[COLUMNS]

Do not trust at all
Not much
A fair amount
Trust a great deal
Not sure/Can't say

Q11.

Base=All

[single choice]

Based on whatever you've read, seen or heard, when do you anticipate things will be "back to normal" in Canada?

A few weeks

A month or two

Three to six months

Six months to a year

Later than the end of 2021

Q12.

Base=Those personally concerned in Q2

[single choice]

Suppose you did get sick from COVID-19. How serious do you feel this would be for you, personally?

Relatively mild – just minor symptoms

Serious but manageable - like a case of the flu

Very severe - worry I may have to be hospitalized

Possibly deadly – I am very vulnerable

Q13.

Base=Those concerned about friends or family in Q2

[single choice]

You mentioned you are concerned that a friend or family may become sick with COVID-19. Thinking of the person that you know who may be most at risk, how serious do you feel this would be for them?

Relatively mild – just minor symptoms

Serious but manageable - like a case of the flu

Very severe - worry they may have to be hospitalized

Possibly deadly – they're very vulnerable