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Coronavirus Tracking Survey - Short Form UAS265 -- Wave 15: September 30 - October 27, 2020

## Short Form Coronavirus Survey Instrument - UAS 265

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our ongoing survey which focuses on the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We will send you a reminder to check in every week on [day of the week] to let us know how the coronavirus epidemic is affecting you. Most of the questions in this survey were asked in previous surveys. Thank you for answering them accurately again, to ensure we always have the most up-to-date information.
cr001_intro, (cr001a - cr001r)
Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 7 days?
[Randomize the order of items in the list]

| Yes No Unsure | Fever or chills |
| :--- | :--- |
| Yes No Unsure | Runny or stuffy nose |
| Yes No Unsure | Chest congestion |
| Yes No Unsure | Cough |
| Yes No Unsure | Sore throat |
| Yes No Unsure | Sneezing |
| Yes No Unsure | Muscle or body aches |
| Yes No Unsure | Headaches |
| Yes No Unsure | Fatigue or tiredness |
| Yes No Unsure | Shortness of breath |
| Yes No Unsure | Abdominal Discomfort |
| Yes No Unsure | Vomiting |
| Yes No Unsure | Hair Loss |
| Yes No Unsure | Dry skin |
| Yes No Unsure | Body temperature higher than $100.4^{\circ}$ F or $38.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Yes No Unsure | Diarrhea |
| Yes No Unsure | Lost sense of smell |
| Yes No Unsure | Skin rash |

crOO2
Have you been tested for coronavirus since [DATE OF PREVIOUS SURVEY]? If so, what was the result?

1. I have been tested and I tested positive (I had coronavirus)
2. I have been tested and I tested negative (I did not have coronavirus)
3. I have been tested and I do not know the result
4. I have not been tested
crO05
Whether or not you have had a coronavirus test, has a doctor or another healthcare professional diagnosed you as having or probably having the coronavirus since [DATE OF PREVIOUS SURVEY]?
5. Yes
6. No
7. Unsure
cr007
[if cr002 != 1 AND cr005 != 1]
Do you think you have been infected with the coronavirus since [DATE OF PREVIOUS SURVEY]?
8. Yes
9. No
cr011
[if cr002 = 1 OR cr005 = 1 OR cr007 = 1]
Have you contacted anyone, (other than the medical professionals that tested, or diagnosed, or treated you), to inform them you have coronavirus since [DATE OF PREVIOUS SURVEY]?
10. Yes
11. No

## Coronavirus Expectations and Avoidance Behaviors

cr015_intro, (cr015a - cr015s)
[Randomize the order of items]
In the last seven days, have you done the following:
Yes No Unsure Gone out to a bar, club, or other place where people gather
Yes No Unsure Gone to the grocery store or pharmacy
Yes No Unsure Gone to a friend, neighbor, or relative's residence (that is not your own)
Yes No Unsure Had visitors such as friends, neighbors or relatives at your residence
Yes No Unsure Attended a gathering with more than 10 people, such as a reunion, wedding,
funeral, birthday party, concert, or religious service
Yes No Unsure Sought care from a hospital or health care facility
Yes No Unsure Been placed in isolation or quarantine
Yes No Unsure Remained in your residence at all times, except for essential activities or exercise
Yes No Unsure Shared items like towels or utensils with other people
Yes No Unsure Had close contact (within 6 feet) with people who live with you
Yes No Unsure Had close contact (within 6 feet) with people who do not live with you
Yes No Unsure Gone outside to walk, hike, or exercise

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Yes No Unsure Attended a political rally, protest, or demonstration.
Yes No Unsure Attended an in-person religious service
Yes No Unsure Traveled by airplane
Yes No Unsure Traveled by public transportation (bus, subway, commuter rail, etc.)
cr016_intro, (cr016a - cr016r, removed cr016a,c,d,e,f,h,i,n,q,r)
Which of the following have you done in the last seven days to keep yourself safe from coronavirus?
Only consider actions that you took or decisions that you made personally.
Yes No Washed your hands with soap or used hand sanitizer several times per day
Yes No Visited a doctor
Yes No Avoided contact with people who could be high-risk
Yes No Avoided public spaces, gatherings, or crowds
Yes No Prayed
Yes No Avoided eating at restaurants
Yes No Worked or studied at home
Yes No Worn a mask or other face covering
crO21
We'd like to ask about your family, as well as your close friends. How many family or close friends do you have? Only include people who are still alive, regardless of where they live.
[Input number: 0-999: Soft check "Do you really have [NUMBER] family and close friends?"]
crO22
You said that you have [NUMBER] family and close friends. Of these people, how many do you think have been infected with the coronavirus?
[Input number: 0-999, must be <= to total contacts]:
[Soft check: "Do you really know [NUMBER] people who have been infected?"]
cr022a
You said that you have [NUMBER] family and close friends. Of these people, how many do you think have been hospitalized (spent at least one night in the hospital) from the coronavirus?
[Input number: 0-999, must be <= to total contacts and <=cr022]:
[Soft check: "Do you really know [NUMBER] people who have been hospitalized?"]
cr022b
You said that you have [NUMBER] family and close friends. Of these people, how many do you think have died from the coronavirus?
[Input number: 0-999, must be $<=$ to total contacts and $<=$ cr022]:
[Soft check: "Do you really know [NUMBER] people who have died?"]

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crO23
On a scale of 0 to 100 percent, what is the chance that you will get the coronavirus in the next three months? If you're not sure, please give your best guess.
[0\%-100\% Visual Linear Scale]
cr023b
If you do get the coronavirus, what is the percent chance you will be hospitalized (spend at least one night in the hospital) from it? If you're not sure, please give your best guess.
[0\%-100\% Visual Linear Scale]
crO24
If you do get the coronavirus, what is the percent chance you will die from it? If you're not sure, please give your best guess.
[0\%-100\% Visual Linear Scale]
cr032_intro, (cr032a - cr032j)
How much do you trust the following sources of information about the coronavirus:
[Randomize the order of items in the list]

|  | Do not trust <br> at all | Trust <br> somewhat | Trust <br> mostly | Trust <br> completely |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| California Governor Gavin Newsom |  |  |  |  |
| Los Angeles County Department of <br> Public Health |  |  |  |  |
| Los Angeles County Board of <br> Supervisors |  |  |  |  |
| Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti |  |  |  |  |
| The Los Angeles Times |  |  |  |  |
| CNN |  |  |  |  |
| MSNBC |  |  |  |  |
| Fox News |  |  |  |  |
| Network News (NBC, ABC, CBS) |  |  |  |  |
| Your local TV news |  |  |  |  |

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|  | Do not trust <br> at all | Trust <br> somewhat | Trust <br> mostly | Trust <br> completely |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

cr033_intro, (cr033a - cr033j)
Which of the following information sources have you used to learn about the coronavirus in the past 7

## days?

[Randomize the order of items in the list]
a. Yes No California Governor Gavin Newsom
b. Yes No Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
c. Yes No Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
d. Yes No Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
e. Yes No The Los Angeles Times
f. Yes No Your local TV news
g. Yes No CNN
h. Yes No MSNBC
i. Yes No Fox News
j. Yes No Network News (NBC, ABC, CBS)

## Economic Insecurity

ei002
In the past seven days, were you worried you would run out of food because of a lack of money or other resources?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure
ei003
In the past seven days, did you eat less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources?
4. Yes
5. No
6. Unsure
ei004
In the past seven days, did you go without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources?
7. Yes
8. No

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3. Unsure
ei024
How much of a threat would you say the coronavirus outbreak is to your household's finances?

1. A substantial threat
2. A moderate threat
3. Not much of a threat
4. Not a threat at all
ei025
Thinking about the decisions by a number of state governments to impose significant restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that state governments will...
[Randomize order]
5. Lift the restrictions too quickly
6. Not lift the restrictions quickly enough
ei026
Now thinking about the decisions by the government of your state, is your greater concern that your own state government will...
[randomize order]
7. Lift the restrictions too quickly
8. Not lift the restrictions quickly enough

The next set of questions are about your food experiences in the past 30 days. You have answered some of these questions before, but for a different time period.
ei030
During the last 30 days, was there a time when you were worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure
ei031
During the last 30 days, was there a time when you were unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources?
4. Yes

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2. No
3. Unsure
ei032
During the last 30 days, was there a time when you ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure
ei033
During the last 30 days, was there a time when you had to skip a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food?
4. Yes
5. No
6. Unsure
ei034
During the last 30 days, was there a time when you ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources?
7. Yes
8. No
9. Unsure
ei035
During the last 30 days, was there a time when your household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources?
10. Yes
11. No
12. Unsure
ei036
During the last 30 days, was there a time when you were hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money or other resources for food?
13. Yes
14. No
15. Unsure
ei037

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During the last 30 days, was there a time when you went without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure
fd008_intro, (fd008a - fd008m, removed fd008f, fd008g, fd008j, and fd008k)
In the last 14 days, where did you get your food (either in person or by delivery)?
[randomize order]

| Yes | No | Grocery store / supermarket (Ralphs, Vons, Trader Joe's, etc.) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | No | Convenience store (7-Eleven, ampm, etc.) |
| Yes | No | Drug store (CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, etc.) |
| Yes | No | Big-box store (Target, Walmart, Costco, etc.) |
| Yes | No | Food pantry |
| Yes | No | Full service restaurant or café |
| Yes | No | Fast food restaurant or café |
| Yes | No | Online retailer (Amazon Fresh, Fresh Direct, etc.) |
| Yes | No | Farmer's market |
| Yes | No | Food donations from a faith-based organization, or other community- |
| ganization (e.g. YMCA, local health organization, etc.) |  |  |

Yes No Other. Please specify
fd026
Regardless of whether you have actually done it, is it possible for you to have groceries delivered to your home?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure
fd027
[if fd026 = yes]
How can you have groceries delivered to your home? Mark all that apply.
4. The store selling the food
5. A delivery service
6. Friends, family, relatives, or neighbors
fd028
[if fd026 = yes]
Do you have to pay a fee to have your groceries delivered?
7. Yes, all or almost all of the time
8. Yes, sometimes

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3. No, never
4. Unsure
fd029
Since the coronavirus pandemic started, in March 2020, did your household receive "Pandemic EBT" benefits to help pay for food for school-age household members?

Yes No Unsure
fd030_intro, (fd030a - fd030c)
Thinking about the foods you ate or drank during the past month (i.e., past 30 days), including meals and snacks...
a. During the past month, how many times did you eat fruit? Do not count juices. You can indicate if this is per day, per week, or in a month. Your best guess is fine.
$\qquad$ times

Enter unit: "per day" "per week, OR "per month"
b. During the past month, how many times did you eat vegetables like green salad, green beans, or potatoes? Do not include fried potatoes or cooked dried beans such as refried beans, baked beans or bean soup.
Other vegetables include tomatoes, carrots, onions, or broccoli. Rice is not a vegetable
$\qquad$ times
Enter unit: "per day" "per week, OR "per month"
c. During the past month, how often did you drink sodas or sweetened fruit drinks, sports, or energy drinks? Do not include diet sodas or sugar-free drinks. Please count a 12-ounce can, bottle, or glass as one drink.
Examples might include sweet lemonade, Coke, Gatorade, Snapple, or Red Bull. Do not include: 100\% fruit juices, yogurt drinks, carbonated water, or fruit-flavored teas.
$\qquad$ times
Enter unit: "per day" "per week, OR "per month"
fd031
Next we are going to ask you about meals. By meal, we mean breakfast, lunch and dinner.

During the past 7 days, how many meals did you get that were prepared away from home in places such as restaurants, fast food places, food stands, grocery stores, or from vending machines? Box: integers 0-35, no text

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*DISPLAY A MESSAGE if "NUMBER" is LARGER THAN "21." - "An unusually large number was entered: this is more than 3 meals per day, each day during the past 7 days. Please verify your answer OR click "Next" to continue."
fd032
[if fd031 > 0]
How many of those [number entered in fd031] meals did you get from a fast-food restaurant (like McDonald's, Taco Bell, Kentucky Fried Chicken, or another similar type of place) or from a pizza place? Box: integers 0-[number from NEW6]
fd034_intro, (fd034a - fd034e)
During the coronavirus pandemic period (since March 2020), did you do the following things more than before, less than before, or about the same as before?
[Less than before / About the same / More than before]
a. Made home-cooked meals
b. Ordered take-out food from a fast food or full service restaurant
c. Ate fruits and vegetables
d. Ate an usually large amount of food (i.e., much more than most people would eat under the same circumstances)
e. Bought bulk foods
fd033
How much did your weight change since before the coronavirus pandemic (February 2020) until now?

1. I gained more than 10 pounds
2. I gained 1-10 pounds
3. My weight is about the same
4. I lost 1-10 pounds
5. I lost more than 10 pounds

## Labor Market Outcomes

Lr001
[only ask if they previously said they have a job]
The next set of questions are about your primary job. If you have multiple jobs, think of the job in which you work the most hours or receive the most pay.

You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you had a job. Which statement best_reflects your current employment status:

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1. I am still working in the same job
2. I lost my job and I am looking for work
3. I have been temporarily laid off from the same job
4. I am on sick leave or other leave from the same job
5. I am now working at a different job
6. I am now retired
7. None of these, please specify:

LrOO2
[if lrOO1 = 2, 3, 4]
Are you still receiving benefits such as health insurance through your former job?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure

## Lr003aa

[if respondent was temporarily laid off in previous wave]
You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you were temporarily laid off from your job. Which statement best reflects your current employment status?

1. I have resumed working at the same job
2. I am still temporarily laid off from the same job
3. I have lost my job and I am looking for work
4. I am on sick leave or other leave from the same job
5. I am now working at a different job
6. None of these, please specify:
lr003bb
[if respondents was on sick leave or other leave in the previous wave]
You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you were on sick leave or other leave from your job. Which statement best reflects your current employment status?
7. I have resumed working at the same job
8. I am still on sick leave or other leave from the same job
9. I have lost my job and I am looking for work
10. I have been temporarily laid off from the same job
11. I am now working at a different job
12. None of these, please specify:
lr003cc
[if respondent was on retired in the previous wave]
You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you were retired. Which statement best reflects your current employment status?

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1. I am still retired
2. I now have a job
3. I am unemployed and looking for work
4. None of these, please specify:
lr003dd
[if respondent was not in labor force in previous wave]
You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you were not in the labor force. Which statement best reflects your current employment status?
5. I am still not in the labor force (not currently working and not looking for work).
6. I now have a job
7. I am unemployed and looking for work
8. I am retired
9. None of these, please specify:
lr003
[if respondent did not have a job in previous wave]
You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you did not have a job. Which statement best reflects your current employment status:
10. I still do not have a job
11. I now have a job
12. I am retired
13. I am not in the labor force (not currently working and not looking for work)
14. None of these, please specify:

Lr003a
[fill based on responses above]
Do you currently have a job?

1. Yes
2. No
[Ask the following questions if the respondent has a job]

The next set of questions ask about your primary job. If you have multiple jobs, think of the job in which you work the most hours or receive the most pay.
lr005
In your primary job, are you self-employed or do you work for an employer?

1. Self-employed
2. Work for an employer
3. Other (specify)
lr019

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Do any of the following describe your primary job? Please check all that apply.

1. Independent contractor (for example, freelance worker, Uber driver, Instacart worker, independent consultant)
2. On-call worker or day laborer
3. Temporary agency worker
4. Contract company worker
5. None of the above

Lr006
Out of the past seven days, how many days did you work at your job?
[Radio buttons: 0-7]

Lr006a
Out of the past seven days, how many days did you work from home?
[Radio buttons: 0-7]

Lr008
Think of every day you worked in the past seven days. How many total hours did you work for pay across all the days?
[ $0<=$ hours $<=150$ ]

LrO16
Have you received unemployment insurance benefits in the past fourteen days?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure
lr017
[if lrO16 = 1]
How much did you receive in unemployment insurance in your most recent payment?
Amount>=0
[soft check if >\$5000]
lr017b
[If lr017<\$15]

You said your most recent payment for unemployment compensation was \$[fillin lr017]. Is this correct?

1 Yes, that is correct
2 No, I made a mistake [GO BACK TO LRO17]

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31 did not receive a payment in the past fourteen days
4 I do not recall the amount of my last UI payment
5 I prefer not to answer

Lr017b_i
[If LrO17 is skipped OR = EMPTY OR (lr017 = RESPONSE AND $\operatorname{lr} 017<15$ AND $\operatorname{lrO17b}=4$
Would you say the amount was?
$\$ 300$ or less
\$301 to \$600
\$601 to \$900
\$901 to \$1200
More than \$1200
I prefer not to answer
Don't know

Lr017a
[if $\operatorname{lr017}>14$ OR (lr017 = RESPONSE AND $\operatorname{lr017}<15$ AND $\operatorname{lr017b}=1)$ OR (lr017 = RESPONSE AND $\operatorname{lr017}<15$ AND $\operatorname{lr017b}=4$ AND $\operatorname{lr017bi}=1-5)]$

How often do you expect to receive this amount?
Once every week
Once every two weeks
Once every month
Another interval, please specify:
Unsure

Lr016a (why unsure about whether received unemployment insurance in past 14 days)
[if lrO16 = 3]
Why are you unsure about whether you have received unemployment insurance in the past 14 days?
1 I received a benefit payment but I am unsure about whether it is from unemployment
insurance or some other program
21 am expecting to receive a payment but I am unsure whether it has been deposited/mailed
3 I received a payment but I am unsure when I received it
4 I prefer not to answer this question
5 Other, please specify:

