



Are the French ready to be released from quarantine? Are they still abiding by the countermeasures? How many people have been directly impacted by the epidemic?

Ipsos' ongoing COVID-19 tracker is conducted on behalf of <u>Datacovid</u> and consists of a survey of 5001 French residents aged 18+. This survey's purpose is to collect precise anonymous data making it possible to inform the behaviour of the French and its impact on the dynamics of the epidemic, while sharing the results in open data form to the scientific community, government, businesses, and all citizens.

This survey shows that the French were hugely affected by the COVID epidemic and not just by the direct and indirect effects of the government-imposed quarantine: around 1 in 10 inhabitants of France thinks they personally have been infected by the virus and the same proportion declare that someone in their entourage was hospitalised or died as a consequence of COVID-19, particularly in Ilede-France (Paris region) and Grand-Est (North-Eastern France).

More than 1 in 2 respondents have experienced anxiety in the past two weeks, one in ten having been distressed (almost) every day during this period. 24% of all respondents have experienced the full range of emotions: anxiety, apathy, loss of control and sorrow for at least some time in the past two weeks. The proportion is higher among young and middle-aged people (up to 30% of those aged 25-34-year-olds) and at its lowest among seniors (19% of those aged 65+). Women are more likely to have experienced all these negative feelings (29%) than men are (19%). As are people who have been tested and diagnosed with Covid-19 (66%) or suffering from a chronic disease (30%).

63% of French people feel ready to be released from quarantine, but only 1 in 4 feels "perfectly ready". People aged 65+, who were most against the idea of a prolonged quarantine for elderly people, are actually more likely to feel ready (68%).

If the COVID epidemic still tops French concerns this week, as was also confirmed by our *What Worries* the World tracker, one can observe that their level of concerns is slightly receding (73%, -3pts.), while the French are increasingly worried by the social and economic impact of the epidemic: as lockdown comes to an end, the population's attention is gradually shifting towards consequences of coronavirus.

The announcement that quarantine could be lifted on May 11th has led the French to start preparing for their new life after lockdown: 1 in 4 are now wearing a mask, up from 1 in 5 last week. And more than half of them are now using hydroalcoholic gel (21% 'always' and 31% 'often').

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