

EMERGE COVID-19 and Gender Questions Household and Community Effects of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic and the social containment efforts to manage the spread of the virus (lockdown, curfew, and other social distancing efforts) have had a dramatic impact on our families and communities, to avoid infection and to deal with the financial effects of the pandemic.

1. Are you taking any actions to prevent becoming infected with the Corona Virus (the virus causing COVID-19)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I have already been infected (if c, skip to question 3)

2. What actions are you taking to prevent becoming infected with the Corona Virus? (circle all that apply)
 - a. Washing hands with soap and water frequently
 - b. Use of sanitizer
 - c. Coughing/sneezing into your elbow
 - d. Staying home unless absolutely necessary to go out
 - e. Wearing something that covers your mouth and nose when you go out (a mask or scarf)
 - f. Avoiding any close contact (2 meters/6 feet) with people when you go out
 - g. Avoid crowded places or gatherings with many people
 - h. Avoid touching your face
 - i. Avoid travel
 - j. Not shaking hands with other
 - k. Traditional practices
 - l. Prayer
 - m. Other (please specify _____)

3. In your community, how many households do you think have been affected by infection from the Corona Virus (the virus causing COVID-19), with someone in the household becoming sick?
 - a. Many, including my own
 - b. Many, but not my own
 - c. Some
 - d. Few
 - e. None

4. In your community, which of the following has increased since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and the social containment efforts to control the spread of the virus (e.g., lockdowns, curfews, etc.)? (check all that apply)
 - a. Many people have lost their jobs or their ability to earn wages, and some have lost their business.
 - b. People are unable to bank or get cash for daily expenses
 - c. Families cannot afford to buy enough food to eat
 - d. Many schools have closed, and the children are unable to continue their studies at home
 - e. There is more violence against children (such as spanking or hitting) in the household
 - f. There is more violence or other abuse towards women from their husbands or from other family members including in-laws
 - g. There is more violence or mistreatment from police against people who are out on the streets during social containment
 - h. People are drinking more and/or using drugs more
 - i. More people are becoming very anxious or depressed
 - j. There is more violence among people in the community
 - k. None of the above is an issue in my community

Source: Questions for this survey were made by EMERGE.

NOTE: These questions are not obviously gendered in nature, but items on infection protections used with men and women will allow for assessment to explain differences in infection rates. Item 4 allows for assessment of domestic violence and mental health concerns (depression and anxiety), which disproportionately affect women, as well as social and economic issues related to these concerns (e.g., financial stress, child abuse, community violence, substance use).

To further develop your survey, please refer to the following modules:

- [Health Care Access and Trust in Health Care](#)
- [Social Norms Related to Gender and COVID-19 Prevention and Care Behaviors](#)
- [Social Support and Community Engagement](#)