The Luxembourg COVID-Kids questionnaire - A questionnaire for children aged 6 to 16 about their experiences and well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic

The Luxembourg COVID-Kids questionnaire was developed in 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic by a multilingual team at the University of Luxembourg. It was based on existing validated questionnaires as well as qualitative research. Questions were selected to be relevant to cross-national comparisons. The questionnaire is currently available in Luxembourgish, German, Brazilian Portuguese, European Portuguese, French and English. It has been used in a large-scale international survey conducted in Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland and Brazil (Engel de Abreu, Neumann, Wealer, Abreu, Coutinho Macedo & Kirsch, in prep; Kirsch, Engel de Abreu, Kirsch, Engel de Abreu, Neumann, Brazas & Wealer, in prep).


1. General questions about yourself

Are you a girl or a boy?
O Girl O Boy

How old are you? (This question is compulsory. You need to complete it.)

............... years

Which language(s) do you speak at home with your parents and siblings? (Choose all answers that apply)
O Arabic O Bengali
O Chinese O Dutch
O English O French
O German O Hindi
O Luxembourgish O Portuguese
O Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian O Turkish
Other: ............................................

In which country do you live? (Scroll down) (This question is compulsory. You need to complete it.)

Where do you live?
O In a village O In a town/ city
O Other: ............................................ O I don't know
Do you live in a...?
O A house without a garden.   O A house with a garden.
O A flat/ apartment without a garden. O A flat/ apartment with a garden.

2. General questions about your family

Do you have brothers or sisters who live with you?
O Yes  O No

How many people live in your house/flat? (Do not count yourself)
............................................................................................................

What is your mother's job? (e.g. doctor, clerk, saleswoman).
(Write your answer down.)
............................................................................................................
O My mother does not work in a paid job.
O I don’t know.
Other: ...........................................

What is your father's job? (e.g. doctor, clerk, cook).
(Write your answer down.)
............................................................................................................
O My father does not work in a paid job.
O I don’t know.
Other: ...........................................

Do you have a pet?
O Yes  O No

3. General questions about your home

How many of the following things do you have in your house?
(Choose one answer in each row.)

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How many books do you have approximately in your house, including those of your parents?
O A few books (1-24 books)
O One book shelf (25-100 books)
O Several book shelves (101-500 books)
O Many book shelves (over 500 books)

What do you have in your house?
A computer that you can use O Yes O No
Internet O Yes O No
A tablet (e.g. iPad®) that you can use O Yes O No

Do you own (only for yourself) ...
A computer? O Yes O No
A smartphone or mobile phone? O Yes O No
A tablet (e.g. iPad®) O Yes O No

Do you have your own bedroom (only for yourself)?
O Yes O No

Do you have a place at home where you can work quietly for school?
O Yes O Sometimes O No

4. Your school BEFORE the corona virus

Which school do you attend?
(This question is compulsory. You need to complete it.)
O Primary O Secondary

How satisfied are you normally with your life at school?
😊 Very dissatisfied
👎 Not satisfied
😊 Satisfied
😊 Very satisfied

How well do you do at school? I am....
苹 Rather bad
😡 Not so good
😊 As good as the others
😊 Good or very good
How important is it for you to perform well at school?
- Not important at all
- Somewhat important
- Not so important
- Important or very important

How difficult is homework usually for you?
- Very difficult
- Rather difficult
- Normal (neither difficult nor easy)
- Easy or very easy

5. Your life at home BEFORE the coronavirus time

How satisfied are you normally with your life at home?
- Very dissatisfied
- Not satisfied
- Satisfied
- Very satisfied

Where do you normally do your homework?
(Choose all answers that apply)
- At home
- At school
- At a special place for children outside school (e.g. in Luxembourg SEA/ Maison RelaisFoyer; in the US: after-school program)
- Other:………………………………………………………………

Who usually helps you with your homework?
- My mother or my father
- My sister(s) or brother(s)
- Another person (e.g. grandparents, educator)
- I do not need help
- Nobody can help me

6. Your leisure time BEFORE the corona virus

Where are you usually after school?
(Choose all answers that apply)
- At my home, with my parents or other adults (e.g. grandparents, caretakers)
- At my home, alone or with my brothers/sisters
- At someone else’s home (e.g. my grandparents, relatives or friends)
- At a special place for children outside school (e.g. in Luxembourg SEA/ Maison Relais/ Foyer; in the US: after-school program)
- I go to a club (e.g. sports) or attend courses or a special school (e.g. music school)
- Other:...........................................................................
How often do you attend a club (e.g. sports, scouts), courses or a special school (e.g. music school)?

- Never or rarely (once a week)
- Several times a week (2-5 times)
- Almost every day (6-7 times)

How often do you usually meet up with your friends outside school (to play or do something)?

- Never or rarely (once a week)
- Several times a week (2-5 times)
- Almost every day (6-7 times)

Where do you usually meet your friends outside school?
(Choose all answers that apply)

- At a special place for children outside school (e.g. in Luxembourg SEA/ Maison Relais/ Foyer; in the US: after-school program)
- At a special place for adolescents (e.g. youth centre)
- At your place or at your friends' house
- In a club, in a course, in a special school (e.g. music school)
- On the Internet (via the computer/phone)
- Elsewhere ______________________________

How much time do you usually spend on the internet in a day?
(Think about an average school day.)

- Not at all or only very briefly
- Maximum 1 hour
- 1-3 hours
- More than 3 hours

What do you usually do when you are on the Internet?
(Choose all answers that apply)

- Use it for school
- Something else (not for school), such as looking something up or playing
- Social networks (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Whatsapp)
- Watching movies/series or listening to music
- I am never or not often on the Internet
- Other answer ______________________________
7. Your school DURING the corona virus time

For how many weeks have you not attended school owing to the corona virus pandemic?

………………… weeks

Which situation currently applies to you? My school is …

O Closed        O Open

If “closed” has been selected
How happy are you when your school will begin?

😢 Not happy at all
😔 Not so happy
😊 Happy
😍 Very happy

If “open” has been selected
How happy were you when your school reopened?

😢 Not happy at all
😔 Not so happy
😊 Happy
😍 Very happy

For how many weeks have you already attended school since it has reopened?

………………… weeks

What does your normal school day look like now?

O Just like before the corona virus time
O Not like before the corona virus time

If “not like” has been selected
What is different?

O My schedule or school day (e.g. fewer days, fewer lessons)
O My class (e.g. fewer students)
O Other:………………………………………………………………

8. Your life at home DURING the corona virus time

Are you currently always or almost always at home because of the corona virus?

O Yes        O No
What does your family life look like in the time of the corona virus?
O My parents are at home and both work from home
O Only my mother or only my father is at home and works from home
O My mother or father is at home but s/he is not working at the moment
O Neither of my parents work from home.

Do you spend more time with your parents during the time of the corona virus than before?
O Yes   O No

Have you or somebody else you know been ill because of the corona virus?
(Choose one answer in each line.)
Myself                                      O Yes   O No
Somebody I live with          O Yes   O No
Somebody I know who does not live with me   O Yes   O No

9. Your feelings about your current situation DURING the coronavirus time
How satisfied are you generally with your life during the time of the corona virus?
😊 Very dissatisfied
😢 Not satisfied
😊 Satisfied
😁 Very satisfied

Which of the following are you happy with during the time of the corona virus?
(Choose one answer in each line.)

The feeling to be safe                   😞 😞 😞 😞 😞
The freedom you have                   😞 😞 😞 😞 😞
The way adults generally listen to you  😞 😞 😞 😞 😞
Your health                             😞 😞 😞 😞 😞

Here is a list of words that describe various feelings. How often did you feel like this during the time of the corona virus?
(Choose one answer in each line.)

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How often do the following things worry you during the time of the corona virus? (Choose one answer in each line.)

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Other: ........................................................................................................

10. Home schooling DURING the corona virus time

How satisfied are you with the home schooling during the time of the corona virus?

- 😞 Very dissatisfied
- ☹ Not satisfied
- ☺ Satisfied
- 😊 Very satisfied

How do you receive your school work for home schooling?

- O Photocopies, by mail or directly from the teacher
- O Through email
- O Via an app or an online platform (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Google Classroom)
- O A combination of online learning and photocopying
- O I do not or very rarely get school work sent
- O Other: ........................................................................................................

How many hours a day do you normally spend on home schooling?

......................... hours

How often do you have contact with teachers (e.g. over phone, internet)?

- daily
  - O 3-4 times a week
  - O 1-2 per week
  - O hardly ever
How do you find the schoolwork during home schooling?

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What type of schoolwork do you do during home schooling? (Choose all answers that apply).

- Read stories/texts (e.g. languages, geography).
- Solve tasks, write (e.g. maths, languages).
- Watch explanations (e.g. in a video).
- Look for information (e.g. about a person or thing).
- Make videos or photos.
- Other: ........................................................................................................

Who usually helps you with your school work during home schooling?

- Nobody
- My father or my mother
- My brother(s) or sister(s)
- A different person

How do teachers help you usually with your school work during home schooling? (Choose all answers that apply).

- Sending me material (e.g. school work, links to websites)
- Calling me at home and explaining tasks
- Teaching via video or online platforms or apps (e.g. Skype, Whatsapp)
- Correcting my work
- Other: ........................................................................................................

Do you have tests or are you given grades?

- Yes
- Depends on the teacher
- No

If “yes” has been selected
How do you feel about your work being assessed during this special time?

- Not happy at all
- Not so happy
- Happy
- Very happy
11. Home schooling and technology DURING the corona virus time

Do you have to work with a computer or a mobile phone/ smartphone?

- O Yes, almost always      - O Yes, sometimes      - O No

If “yes” has been selected
You need to work with a computer or a mobile phone/ smartphone. How do you cope? (Choose an answer)

- 😞 Badly, I need almost always help.
- 😞 Not well, I need a lot of help.
- 😊 Well, I can work mostly on my own or with little help.
- 😊 Very well, I work on my own.

How do you use a computer or a mobile phone/ smartphone? (Choose all answers that apply)

- O To write      - O To read
- O To record      - O To download and upload

What aspects of your schoolwork do you find difficult? (Choose all answers that apply)

- O Nothing, I cope well.
- O The school subjects are difficult, I need more help (e.g. explanations).
- O The tasks are difficult, I need more help.
- O There is too much schoolwork.
- O I do not have my own computer.
- O I am missing other things e.g. Internet or printer.
- O I am not comfortable with the platform we are supposed to work with (e.g. Microsoft Teams).
- O Other:......................................................................................

12. Your leisure time DURING the corona virus time

Do you currently attend clubs, courses or a special school (e.g. music school)?

- O Yes, as usual
- O Yes, but not as usual (e.g. I only attend some or sometimes)
- O No, my clubs, courses or schools are still closed or I do not go
- O I do not attend any clubs, courses or schools

Can you see or meet your friends during the time of the corona virus?

- O Yes, in person
- O Only on the Internet (e.g. Skype, Facetime)
- O I cannot see or meet my friends at all
How many hours a day do you use a computer or internet during the time of the corona virus? (Indicate a time)

........................... hours
O I never or rarely use a computer or the internet

How often do you engage at home in the following activities during the time of the corona virus (not including schoolwork)?
(Choose one answer in each line.)

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<td>Watching TV</td>
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<td>Playing videogames</td>
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<td>Sports (e.g. cycling)</td>
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How much do you miss the following people or things during the time of the corona virus? (Choose one answer in each line)

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<td>Friends</td>
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<td>Afterschool care (Luxemburg: SEA/Maison Relais/Foyer; US: after school program)</td>
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Which of the following people or things do you miss during the time of the corona virus? (Choose one answer or write one)

- Family (e.g. grandparents)
- Friends
- Teacher(s)
- Educator(s), nanny
- Activities (e.g. movies, trips)
- Club, course, school (e.g. music school)
- Regular school
- Afterschool care (Luxemburg: SEA/Maison Relais/Foyer; US: after school program)
- Going on holidays
- Other:…………………………………………

What is the worst thing for you during the time of the corona virus?
(Write an answer)

What is the nicest thing for you during the time of the corona virus?
(Write an answer)