COVID-19 Exposure and Family Impact Survey
Adolescent and Young Adult Version (CEFIS-AYA)

The COVID-19 Exposure and Family Impact Survey (CEFIS) was developed using a rapid iterative process in late March/early April 2020. At that time the COVID-19 pandemic was impacting most, if not all, American families to some extent. Communities were coming under “stay at home” orders, schools were closing, and health and financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic were unfolding. This modification of CEFIS for adolescents and young adults, ages 15–29, was completed in early May 2020.

Various aspects of the COVID epidemic are likely to impact individuals and families and may influence the findings of research in health. CEFIS-AYA was designed to be used in ongoing and new studies where COVID-19 may influence study outcomes. It conceptualizes exposure to potentially traumatic aspects of COVID-19 and assesses the impact of the pandemic on the individual and family. It is available in English and Spanish.

CEFIS-AYA is available for use without charge through the Center for Pediatric Traumatic Stress (CPTS). It is available as a REDCap survey. We ask that you register with us before using it and provide us with information about your use and share de-identified data with us to that we can refine the measure. We will provide a REDCap data dictionary to facilitate this process. There is no normative data nor clinical cutoffs available at this point. Interested users should contact Gabriela Vega (gabriela.vega@nemours.org).

Scoring

- Part 1 (Exposure) consists of 28 items (Yes/No responses) that measure the participants’ “exposure” to COVID-19 and related events. Items #17-20 have two parts. If either is marked “yes” the item scores as an exposure. The Exposure Score is a count of “yes” responses and may range from 0 to 28.
- Part 2 (Impact) consists of 16 items that measure the impact of COVID-19. 15 items use a four-point Likert scale rating impact on the participant’s and family’s life; 1 item uses a 10-point distress scale. Higher scores denote more negative impact / higher distress. The Impact Score (sum of items 29-44) may range from 15 to 70.
- Part 3 is an open-ended question so that participants can expand upon their experiences and add effects of COVID not covered in the other questions.

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2 CPTS has several COVID-19 related resources for patients, families and healthcare providers at https://www.healthcaretoolbox.org/tools-and-resources/covid19.html
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Please tell us about your family’s experiences during the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In answering these questions, please think about what has happened from March 2020 to the present, due to COVID-19. By family we mean people you are close with who live in your household, family members who live outside your home, and close friends who you consider “like family.”

Part 1. Please answer Yes or No for each of the following statements.

1. I had a “stay at home” order  □ Yes  □ No
2. My school physically closed  □ Yes  □ No  □ NA
3. My education was disrupted (e.g., put on hold, moved to virtual learning) □ Yes  □ No  □ NA
4. I was unable to visit or care for a family member  □ Yes  □ No
5. I had to start caring for a family member  □ Yes  □ No
6. People in our family lived separately for health, safety, or job demands □ Yes  □ No
7. Someone moved into our home □ Yes  □ No
8. I had to move □ Yes □ No
9. Someone in the family kept working outside the home (essential personnel) □ Yes □ No
   Who (e.g., me, my sibling, my child, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc) _______________________
10. Someone in the family/household is a healthcare provider/first responder providing direct care  □ Yes  □ No  Who (e.g., me, my sibling, my child, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc) _______________________
11. I/we had difficulty getting food □ Yes □ No
12. I/we had difficulty getting medicine □ Yes □ No
13. I/we had difficulty getting health care when we needed it □ Yes □ No
14. I/we had difficulty getting other essentials (e.g., cleaning supplies, masks, etc) □ Yes □ No
   (if Yes, specify) ____________________________________________________________
15. I/we self-quarantined due to travel or possible exposure ☐ Yes ☐ No

16. My/our income decreased ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. I had to cut back hours at work ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

   A member of the family had to cut back hours at work ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

   Who (e.g., my sibling, my child, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc)
   ______________________________

18. I was required to stop working (expect to be called back) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

   A member of the family was required to stop working (expect to be called back) ☐ Yes ☐ No

   Who (e.g., my sibling, my child, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc) __________________________

19. I lost my job permanently ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

   A member of the family lost their job permanently ☐ Yes ☐ No

   Who (e.g., my sibling, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc)
   ______________________________

20. I lost health insurance/benefits ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

   A member of the family lost their health insurance/benefits ☐ Yes ☐ No

   Who (e.g., my sibling, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc)
   ______________________________

21. I missed an important milestone event that was canceled or postponed (e.g., my graduation, my prom, my wedding) ☐ Yes ☐ No

22. I missed an important family event or it was canceled (e.g., birth, funeral, travel [including vacation]) ☐ Yes ☐ No

23. Someone in the family was exposed to someone with COVID-19 ☐ Yes ☐ No

   Who (e.g., me, my sibling, my child, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc)
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24. Someone in the family had symptoms or was diagnosed with COVID-19 ☐ Yes ☐ No

   Who (e.g., me, my sibling, my child, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc)
   ______________________________

25. Someone in the family tried to get tested for COVID-19, but couldn’t ☐ Yes ☐ No

   Who (e.g., me, my sibling, my child, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc)
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26. Someone in the family was hospitalized for COVID-19 □Yes □No
   Who (e.g., me, my sibling, my child, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc)
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27. Someone in the family was in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for COVID-19 □Yes □No
   Who (e.g., me, my sibling, my child, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc)
   ________________________________

28. Someone in the family died from COVID-19 □Yes □No
   Who (e.g., my sibling, my child, my spouse/partner, my parent, etc)
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Part 2. COVID-19 may have many impacts on you and your family life. In general, how has the COVID-19 pandemic affected each of the following?

29. Parenting your children

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30. How family/household members get along

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31. Ability to care for your health

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32. Ability to be independent

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33. Ability to care for others in your family

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34. Your physical wellbeing – sedentary behavior (lack of movement--screen time, sitting, laying down)

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35. Your physical wellbeing – exercise/ physical activity

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36. Your physical wellbeing – eating

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37. Your physical wellbeing – sleeping

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38. Your physical wellbeing – substance use (smoking/vaping, drinking alcohol, marijuana use, etc)

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39. Your emotional wellbeing – anxiety/ worry

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40. Your emotional wellbeing – mood

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41. Your emotional wellbeing – loneliness

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Not
Applicable

42. Your social well-being – relationships with friends

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43. Your social well-being – romantic relationships or dating

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Not
Applicable

44. Overall, how much distress have you experienced related to COVID-19?

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10
No Extreme
Distress
Distress

Part 3. Please tell us about other effects of COVID-19 on you and your family, both negative and/or positive.