

Fear of COVID-19 Scale (FCV-19S)

Category: COVID-19 | Items: 7 | Time: ~2 min

Description / When to Use

7-item scale measuring fear of coronavirus-19 during the pandemic.

Instructions for Respondent

Please read each statement carefully and respond based on how you have felt over the specified time period. There are 7 items in this scale. Estimated completion time: 2 minutes.

Scale Items

[Full item list not shown in this educational summary. Please refer to the original publication for complete items.]

Response Options

1 = Strongly disagree | 2 = Disagree | 3 = Neither agree nor disagree | 4 = Agree | 5 = Strongly agree

Scoring Guide

Sum all 7 items scored 1-5. Total range 7-35. Higher scores = greater fear of COVID-19.

Cutoff Interpretation

Score Range	Severity	Recommended Action
7-14	Low fear	None
15-24	Moderate fear	Monitor
25-35	High fear	Consider support

Psychometric Properties

Cronbach's alpha: 0.91 | Test-retest reliability: 0.85

Validity: Validated in multiple countries during early pandemic.

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