Air Traveler Response to COVID-19

An 11-Country Survey: Wave III

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Methodology

Wave 1 – February 2020 Wave 2 – April 2020 Wave 3 – June 2020

4,700

recent air travelers

(traveled since July 2019)



Business Traveler

Leisure Traveler

An invitation to participate in an on-line survey was sent to the panel members in the following countries:

Australia Canada Chile* France Germany India Japan Singapore **United Arab Emirates United Kingdom United States**

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2 * Chile only included in April and June data



Concern about contracting the virus



N=4,700

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Q: How concerned are you personally about contracting the coronavirus/COVID-19 – very

concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned?



Knowing someone who might be infected







Steps to avoid contracting COVID-19



Expect to Continue Taking Steps to Avoid Contracting COVID-19



N=4,700

Q: What steps, if any, have you taken specifically to avoid contracting the coronavirus/COVID-19?; Once the pandemic has subsided, what steps, if any, do you expect to continue to take specifically to avoid contracting coronavirus/COVID-19?





Top concerns around contracting COVID-19

(% of people who included these concerns in their top three choices)

At the AIRPORT Top 3

59%

Being in a crowded bus/train on way to the aircraft

42% Queueing at check-in /security /border control /boarding

38% Using airport restrooms /toilet facilities

On board the AIRCRAFT Top 3

65% Sitting next to someone who might be infected

42% Using restroom /toilet facilities

37% Breathing the air in the plane

N=4,700 Q: Once the pandemic has subsided, how concerned would you be about each of the following at the airport / on board the aircraft – extremely concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?



Quarantine/infection concern stable since April



N=4,700

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7 concerned or not at all concerned?

Return to travel: when?

When Will Passengers Return to Travel After Pandemic Subsided



N=4,700 Q: Once the pandemic has subsided, how long would you wait, if at all, to return to your usual travel plans?



Expectations are to travel less once pandemic subsides But half will travel as soon as possible for specific purposes

Likelihood of doing once pandemic has subsided





N=4,700

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Q: Once the pandemic has subsided, how likely are you to do each of the following – very

likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?

Travelers think masks help but uncertain over cabin air

June 2020

l am reassured when hospitality workers (for example cabin crew, airport staff, hotel staff) wear masks.	50%	33%			83%
Wearing a mask prevents me from spreading germs or viruses.	46%	3	36%		82%
Aircraft are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.	46%	2	28% 74%		
The air quality on a plane is dangerous.	37%	20%	57%		
The air quality on a plane is as clean as an operating room.	35%	20%	55%		
The risk of catching a virus on a flight is low.	33%	17%	50%		

Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree

N=4,700 Q: Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly with each of the following statements?



Top three measures that create a feeling of safety

(% of people who included these measures in their top three choices)

	Screening of all passengers for coronavirus/COVID-19 at departure	
34	Mandatory wearing of masks in airports and planes by passengers	
33	Social distancing on aircraft	
27%	A COVID-19 immunity certification guaranteeing exemption from quarantine	
26%	Temperature testing of all passengers at departure	
26%	Mandatory wearing of masks in airports and planes by the crew	
25%	Seeing sanitization being performed throughout the airplane	
24%	Receiving a personal sanitization kit to clean your seat area	
24%	Touchless processing through the airport	
22%	Having hand sanitizer readily available on board	
20%	Seeing sanitization being performed throughout the airport	
17%	Asking all passengers to complete a health declaration	
1	N=4,70011 Q: Of the following, which three would make you feel safest?	





Return to travel: willingness to adopt new measures

TOP 6



The least preferred option:

17%

are willing to undergo a 14-day selfisolation



N=4,700 Q: Once the pandemic has subsided, which of the following would you personally be willing to do during airplane travel?

COVID-19 insurance, and easier/cheaper visas appeal to two in five travelers



said that availability of insurance for COVID-19 disruptions would increase their likelihood to start flying again

said that 42% salu that cheaper/easier to obtain visas would make them more likely to start traveling again

Q. If there were insurance products available that covered cancellations or disruptions related to COVID-19, would you be more likely to start flying again, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference to you? Q. When travel restrictions have been relaxed, would you be more likely to fly to foreign destinations if visas were cheaper and easier to obtain, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference to your foreign travel?



What's the profile of the first to return to the skies?

Who and where

- 12% of total
- Among not very or not at all concerned about COVID-19: 30%
- Among Leisure Travelers: 10%
- Among Business Travelers: 13%
- Most Prevalent Countries: France (19%), Germany (16%)
- Least Prevalent Countries: Singapore (5%), Japan (6%)

What would make feel safer (top five items)

- Mandatory masks for passengers (34%)
- Passenger screening at departure (32%)
- Social distancing onboard (31%)
- Temperature testing at departure (28%)
- Seeing airplane sanitization (28%)

Availability of visas and covid-19 insurance products affect on greater likelihood to start flying again

- Insurance products: 49% vs. 44% avg.
- Easier Visas for Foreign Travel: 51% vs. 42% avg.

Concerns at the airport and on the airplane

At the airport (top three concerns)

- Crowded bus/train (63%)
- Touching bins (41%)
- Queuing (40%)

On the airplane (top three concerns)

- Sit next to someone (67%)
- Air on plane (45%)
- Toilets (40%)

What want to know (top three items to feel a lot/some safer)

- Airport/airplane cleaning (85%)
- Airport/airplane staff tested /safe (79%)
- Destination COVID-19 free (78%)



Thank you

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