#### TILDA COVID-19 QUESTIONNAIRE CONSENT FORM



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### Please tick the below boxes and sign at the end of the page if you agree to answer a COVID-19 Questionnaire.

1: General	Tick
I confirm that I have read and understood the <b>TILDA COVID-19</b> Information Leaflet for this study.	
I understand that this study <b>is entirely voluntary</b> , and I can stop my participation at any time without giving a reason.	
I understand that I will not be paid for taking part in this study.	
I know how to contact the research team if I need to.	
I agree to take part in this research study having been fully informed of the risks and benefits.	
I agree to being contacted by TILDA to follow up on my participation in this study, provided I have not stated I wish to withdraw completely from the study.	
2: Data processing	Tick
I agree to allow personal information about me to be shared with third parties such as national and international hospitals and academic research institutions for research on ageing, as described in the Information Leaflet, in a <b>CODED</b> manner. <i>(Study ID used, not name/address)</i>	
I understand that personal information about me, including the transfer of this personal information about me outside of the EU, will be protected in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.	
I understand that there are no direct benefits to me from participating in this study.	
3: Retention of information for future research	Tick
I agree to my personal information being stored for possible future research related to the current study on ageing. I understand any future research must be approved by a Research Ethics Committee.	
I understand that I will not be paid for any future uses or outcomes from the processing of my personal information.	

#### To be completed by the Participant.

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Name (Block Capitals)

Address

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

This questionnaire is a part of The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA). We greatly value your participation in our study, and we hope that you will find this questionnaire interesting to complete. Your answers are extremely important to us. Please remember that your participation is voluntary and that you may skip over any questions that you would prefer not to answer.

#### HOW TO FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the questions by:		
Ticking a box like this	$\checkmark$	
Or circling an answer like this 1	234	5
Or writing a number in a box like this	3	

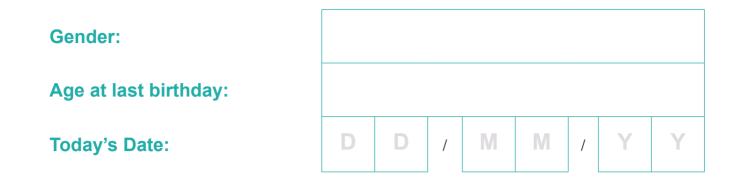
Sometimes you will find an instruction telling you which questions to answer next, like this

YES I IF 'NO' GO TO QUESTION 1

#### HOW TO RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please post the questionnaire back in the prepaid envelope provided.

If you have any questions about the questionnaire, please feel free to call us at 01 896 2509.



### Section 1

# 1.1. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, how often did you do the following activities, as compared to before the outbreak? Not at all, less often, about the same, or more often?

Please tick one box per line	Not at all	Less often	About the same	More often
Leave your home				
Go grocery shopping				
Travel to visit family members				
Travel to visit friends				
Attend religious services outside your home				
Exercise at home				
Walk outside your home for more than 20 minutes				
Do hobbies, crafts, or puzzles				
Watch TV, Netflix, stream movies, or shows				
Volunteer				
Do garden work or home repairs				
Read books, magazines, or newspapers (in print or online)				
Meet with social groups on Zoom or other online video conference sites				

# 1.2. People have been asked to socially distance when outside meaning that they stay at least two metres apart from others.

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
Did you keep distance to others <b>when you went outside</b> your home?				

# 1.3. We are interested in learning about people's behaviours during the COVID-19 pandemic. Can you please tell us if you did or did not do the following during the lockdown phase?

Please tick one box per line	Yes	No
Did you wash your hands more frequently than usual?		
Did you use special hand sanitiser or disinfection fluids?		
Did you pay special attention to covering coughs and sneezes?		
Did you take any drugs or medicine as a prevention against COVID-19?		
Did you wear a protective face mask when outside the home, around other people?		

# 1.4. On a scale of 1-10, to what extent have you changed your behavior in response to the government recommendations? (Please circle a number from 1 = no change to behavior to 10 = a lot).

#### Please circle one number per line

At home	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
At work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
In outdoor public places (parks etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Indoor public places (supermarkets, garages, other retail outlets etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A

### **1.5.** How many other people did you share your accommodation with during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Number of people aged 18 years and older:

Number of people aged less than 18 years:

#### 1.6. Does the property you are currently living in have any of the following?

Please tick one box per line	Yes	Νο
Agarden		
A roof terrace or large balcony		
Other private outdoor space		
Other shared outdoor space		
None of these		

#### 1.7. Did you change where you live because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Please circle one answer	Yes	No	If "No" please go to question	1.8
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### 1.7.1 If you did change where you live because of the COVID-19 pandemic, where did you move to?

Please tick all that apply		
To own home	To a friend's home	
To a child's / stepchild's home	To a health care facility (incl. nursing home)	
To a home of some other family member	Other, specify	
Specify:		

### 1.8. Did you have someone move in with you because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Please circle one answer	Yes	No	If "No" please go to question 2.1
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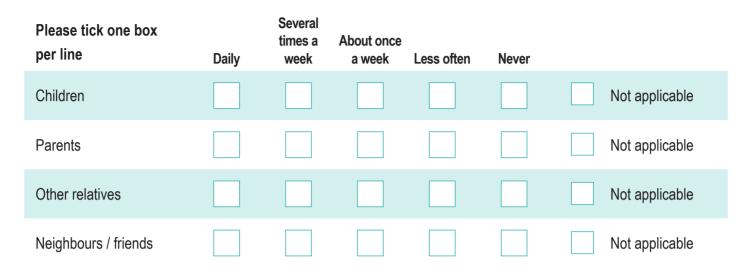
### 1.8.1. If someone did move in with you because of the COVID-19 pandemic, what was the relationship of this person to you?

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Spouse / partner	Grandchild(ren)	Parent(s)	
Other relative(s)	Sibling(s)	Friend / neighbour(s)	
Son(s) or daughter(s)	Carer	Other, specify:	

#### Please tick all that apply

#### **Section 2**

# 2.1. During the lockdown phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, how often did you have personal contact (that is, face to face) with the following people from outside your home?



#### 2.2. During the lockdown phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, how often did you have contact by phone, email or any other electronic means with the following people from outside your home?

Please tick one box per line	Daily	Several times a week	About once a week	Less often	Never	
Children						Not applicable
Parents						Not applicable
Other relatives						Not applicable
Neighbours / friends						Not applicable

#### 2.3. Do you smoke at the present time?

Please circle one answer	Yes	No	If "No" please go to question <b>2.4</b>
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#### 2.3.1. What do you smoke?

#### Please tick one box

Cigarettes	
Pipe	
Cigars or cigarillos	
E-cigarettes or tank\ clearomizers	
l do not smoke	

# 2.3.2. How many cigarettes/pipes/cigars/e-cigarettes do you smoke on average per day?

#### 2.3.3. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, has the amount you smoke?

Please tick one box	Decreased	Remained the same	Increased	l do not smoke

### 2.4. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, how often have you drunk any alcoholic beverages, such as beer, cider, wine, spirits or cocktails?

Please tick one box		
Daily	2-3 days a month	
4-6 days a week	Once a month	
2-3 days a week	Never	
Once a week		

#### 2.5. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, has the amount of alcohol you consume?

Please tick one box	Decreased	Remained the same	Increased	l do not drink alcohol

# The next set of questions will ask you about the time you spent being physically active in the last 7 days.

**Vigorous** physical activities refer to activities that take hard physical effort and make you breathe much harder than normal. Think *only* about those physical activities that you did for at least 10 minutes at a time.

**2.6.** During the **last 7 days**, on how many days did you do **vigorous** physical activities like heavy lifting, digging, aerobics, or fast bicycling?

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Number of days per week	No I have not done any vigorous physical activities				
<b>2.6.1.</b> How much time did you usually spen one of those days?	d doing these <b>vigorous</b> physical activities on				
hours per day minute	es per day				
that you did for at least 10 minutes at a	mal. Think only about those physical activities time. During the <b>last 7 days</b> , on how many tivities like carrying light loads or bicycling at a				
Number of days per week	No I have not done any moderate physical activities				
one of those days?	I doing these <b>moderate</b> physical activities on				
	<b>Iking</b> in the <b>last 7 days</b> . This includes at work ce to place, and any other walking that you e, or leisure				
Number of days per week	No I have not done any walking				
<b>2.8.1.</b> How much time did you usually spen	d <b>walking</b> on one of those days?				
hours per day minute	es per day				

### 2.9. Which of the following statements best describes the food eaten in your household in the last week?

#### Please tick one box

You always had enough of the kinds of foods you wanted to eat	
You had enough to eat, but not always the kinds of food you wanted	
You sometimes did not have enough to eat	
You often did not have enough to eat	

#### **Section 3**

#### 3.1. What colour are your eyes?

Please tick one box

Amber	Green	Blue	
Hazel	Brown	Red	
Grey	Don't Know		

#### 3.2. Would you say your health during the COVID-19 pandemic was...

Please tick one box	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor

### 3.3. What about your emotional or mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic? Was it...

Please tick one box	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
3.4. Overall, how satist	fied are you	ı with your li	fe nowaday	vs?	
Please circle one number					

1 = not at all satisfied 10 = completely satisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

# 3.5. The next questions are about how you felt about different aspects of your life during the COVID-19 pandemic. For each one, please say how often you felt that way.

Please tick one box per line	Often	Some of the time	Hardly ever or never
How often do you feel you lack companionship?			
How often do you feel left out?			
How often do you feel isolated from others?			
How often do you feel in tune with the people around you?			
How often do you feel lonely?			

### 3.6. For each item in the list below, please indicate how often you have felt or behaved this way during the last 7 days?

Please tick one box per line	Rarely or none of the time (less than 1 day)	Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)	Occasionally or a moderate amount of time (3-4 days)	All of the time (5-7 days)
I felt depressed				
I felt that everything I did was an effort				
My sleep was restless				
I was happy				
I felt lonely				
I enjoyed life				
I felt sad				
I could not get "going"				

### 3.7. Here is a list of statements that people have used to describe their lives or how they feel. How often have you felt like this during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Please tick one box per line	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
My age prevents me from doing the things I would like to.				
I feel that what happens to me is out of my control.				
I feel free to plan for the future.				
I feel left out of things.				
I feel that I can please myself in what I can do.				
My health stops me from doing the things I want to do.				
Shortage of money stops me from doing the things that I want to do.				
I look forward to each day.				
I feel that my life has meaning.				
I enjoy being in the company of others.				
I feel satisfied with the way my life has turned out.				
I feel that life is full of opportunities.				

# 3.8. Here is a list of statements that people have used to describe their lives or how they feel. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

Please tick one box per line	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Disagree slightly	Agree slightly	Agree	Strongly agree
I enjoy making plans for the future and working to make them a reality.						
My daily activities often seem trivial and unimportant to me.						
I am an active person in carrying out the plans I set for myself.						
I don't have a good sense of what it is I'm trying to accomplish in life.						
I sometimes feel as if I've done all there is to do in life.						
I live life one day at a time and don't really think about the future.						
I have a sense of direction and purpose in my life.						

# 3.9. The next four questions are also about how you have felt during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please tick one box per line	Hardly ever	Almost never	Sometimes	Fairly often	Very often
How often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life?					
How often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?					
How often have you felt that things were going your way?					
How often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?					

## 3.10. For each item in the list below, please indicate how often you have felt or behaved this way during the last 7 days?

Please tick one box per line	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge				
Not being able to stop or control worrying				
Worrying too much about different things				
Trouble relaxing				
Being so restless that it is hard to sit still				
Becoming easily annoyed or irritable				
Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen				

#### 3.11. Approximately how many hours do you sleep on a week night?

Hours

Please tick one box per line	Rarely / never	Sometimes	Most of the time
3.11.1 How often do you have trouble falling asleep?			
<b>3.11.2</b> How often do you have trouble with waking up too early and not being able to fall asleep again?			

## 3.12. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, has the quality of any of your relationships with people outside your household changed?

Please tick one box per line	Better	Worse	About the same	Not relevant
Your children				
Your grandchildren				
Other family members				
Your friends				
Your neighbours				

#### Section 4 4.1. Was your work affected because of the COVID-19 pandemic? Please tick one box Yes No, I was not working when it started No 4.2. If employed or self-employed, how was your work affected? Please tick all that apply If work days or Had to change work days or hours Increase Decrease hours changed: Did the total Work became more risky or dangerous amount of work increase or Work became harder decrease? Switched to working from home or working remotely Other, specify: \_ 4.3. If employed or self-employed, did you lose your job, were you furloughed, did you quit, or other?

#### Please tick one box

Lost job / laid off permanently	Furloughed / laid off temporarily		Quit	
Other, specify:				
4.4. Are you in receipt of t €350 per week?	COVID-19 pandemic une	mploym	ent pa	yment of

€350	per week?		
Please tick on	e box		
Yes	No	I do not know what this payment is	

4.5. Has your income of the COVID-19 p including wages, welfare payments	oandemic? B salaries, per	y income w	e mean all	sources of r	noney
Please tick one box					
Income went up	Income went do	wn	Income stayed	about the same	
<b>4.5.1. Which types of</b> Please tick all that apply	income chan	ged?			
Earnings from work		Inco	me from busine	SS	
Income from retirement plan or	other assets	Ren	tal income		
Other, specify:					
<b>4.6. Has your househo</b> Please tick one box	old spending	gone up or	down or s	tayed about	the same?
Spending went up	Spending went of	lown	Spending sta	yed around the sa	me
<b>4.7. Did you experiend</b> Please tick all that apply	ce any of the	following?			
Missed any regular payments o	on rent or mortgage				
Missed any regular payments o	on credit cards or ot	her debt			
Missed any other regular paym	ents such as utilitie	s or insurance			
Could not pay medical bills					
Did not have enough money to	buy food				
Not applicable					
4.8. Did you need to d expenses?	lip into your s	savings to c	over the n	ecessary da	y-to-day
Please circle one answer	Yes	No	l ha	ive no savings to c	lip into
4.9. Overall, how do y before the beginn				tion compar	es to
Please tick one box	I am much worse off	l am a little worse off	I am about the same	l am a little better off	I am much better off

4.10. How strongly d am worried abo				owing stater	nent: "I
Please tick one box	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Section 5					
5.1. Did you look aft partner or other p active provision o	eople in your				
Please circle one answer	Yes	No			
5.1.1. If you did look you?	after someor	ne, what r	elation is this	person or p	eople to
Please tick all that apply					
Spouse or partner		Child			
Grandchild		Other	relative		
Friend or neighbour		Other,	specify		
Specify:					
5.1.2. On average, h	ow many hou	rs in a we	ek did you do	this?	
Hours					
5.2. In the 12 months state services? Please tick all that apply		n 2020, dio	d you receive	any of the fo	ollowing
Home help (a person employe cooking)	ed by the State to he	lp you with hou	sehold chores such a	as cleaning and	
Personal care attendant (a pe care etc.)	rson employed by th	e State to assi	st you with bathing, s	howering, bodily	
Meals-on-Wheels					
Home Care Package					
None of these					

## 5.2.1. <u>Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic</u> did you <u>continue</u> to receive any of the following state services?

Please tick one box per line	Yes, continued to receive at same frequency	Yes, but at reduced frequency	No longer received
Home help (a person employed by State to help you with household chores such as cleaning and cooking)			
Personal care attendant (a person employed by the State to assist you with bathing, showering, bodily care etc.)			
Meals-on-Wheels			
Home Care Package			

### 5.3. During the COVID-19 pandemic, has anyone from outside your home <u>helped you</u> with any of the following?

Please tick all that apply		
Paying bills	Delivering medicines	
Paying rent or mortgage	Providing transport to appointments	
Shopping for groceries (including online shopping)	Household chores, including gardening	
Getting in touch to check on wellbeing	Other, please specify:	

### 5.4. During the COVID-19 pandemic, <u>have you helped anyone</u> from outside your household with any of the following?

Please tick all that apply		
Paying bills	Delivering medicines	
Paying rent or mortgage	Providing transport to appointments	
Shopping for groceries (including online shopping)	Household chores, including gardening	
Getting in touch to check on wellbeing	Helped out with a community or charitable organisation	

#### Section 6

6.1. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, was there any time when you needed medical (including dental) care, but delayed getting it, or did not get it at all?

Please circle one answer

If "No" please go to question 6.2

#### 6.1.1. Why did you delay or not get that care?

Please tick all that apply		
I could not afford it	I could not get an appointment	
The clinic / hospital / doctor's office cancelled	The clinic / hospital / doctor's office rescheduled	
I decided it could wait	I was afraid to go	
Other, please specify:		

#### 6.1.2. What type(s) of care or health services did you delay?

Please tick all that apply	Yes	No		Yes	No
Major Surgery (requiring a hospital stay of one or more nights)			Public health or Community Nurse		
Minor Surgery as an outpatient or day case			Occupational therapy		
Seeing your General Practitioner			Physiotherapy services		
Getting a prescription filled			Psychological/counselling services		
Getting medications			Hearing services		
Dental care			Respite services		
Optician			Other		

# 6.2. Did you avail of a telephone or online appointment from any of the following?

Please tick all that apply	Yes	No
General practitioner		
Pharmacist		
Hospital doctor		
Any other health professional		
Other, please specify:		

# 6.3. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, was there any time when you wanted to purchase any of the following but were unable to do so?

Item	Yes	No	Did not need	If unable to purchase, what was the reasor				
				Too expensive	Not available in shops	Could not access shops		
Soap								
Hand sanitiser								
Protective face mask								
Protective gloves								

### 6.4. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, have you started or stopped taking any prescribed medications?

 No, I am taking the same medications

 Yes, I have stopped taking a prescribed medication

 Yes, I have started taking a new prescribed medication

### 6.4.1 Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, if you did start or stop taking a prescribed medication, what was the reason?

Please tick one box		
Doctor's advice	Pharmacist's advice	
Could not afford the medication	Could not get medication from the pharmacy	
Personal decision	Not applicable	

### 6.4.2. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, have you started taking any health supplements?

Please tick all that a	apply			
Multi-vitamin		Zinc	Vitamin C	
Iron		Vitamin D	Folic Acid	
Fish Oil		Any B Vitamins, specify:	 Other, specify:	

### Section 6

### 7.1. On an average day, how often did you read, watch, or listen to news on COVID-19?

Please tick one box	
Several times a day	About how many times?
Once per day	
Less than once per day	
Never	

## 7.2. Which of the following sources of COVID-19 news did you listen to, read, or watch?

#### Please tick all that apply

National radio (RTE, Newstalk, Today FM)	Facebook	Local radio	
Irish television (RTE, TG4, Virgin Media)	Twitter	WhatsApp	
Other television e.g. BBC, SKY	www.gov.ie	www.hse.ie	
National newspapers (print/online)	Local newspapers (print/online)		

### 7.3. Please rate your level of trust in the following media and social media on information on COVID-19 (1 = don't trust at all to 10 = trust completely)

Please circle one number per line											
National radio	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Local radio	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Irish television (RTE, TG4, Virgin Media)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Other television e.g. BBC, SKY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
National newspapers (print/online)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Local newspapers (print/online)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Facebook	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
WhatsApp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
www.gov.ie	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
www.hse.ie	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A

## 7.4. Do you find the official Irish government guidance on COVID-19 easy to understand?

Please tick one box	Extre	mely easy So	omewhat easy	Somewhat difficult	Extremely difficult				
7.5. How would you rate your knowledge about COVID-19?									
Please tick one box	Extremely good	Somewhat good	Neither good nor b	bad Somewhat bad	Extremely bad				
Section 8									

## 8.1. How do you feel about the way people aged 70 and over have been treated by the general public in the following settings?

Please tick one box per line	Very negatively	Negatively	Neither negatively nor positively	Positively	Very positively
Public spaces (parks, walkways etc)					
Shops					
In your local community					

### 8.2. Have you personally experienced negative attitudes or behaviour towards you on the basis of your age from any of the following?

#### Please tick all that apply

Your family	
People in your local community	
Younger people	
Health professionals providing services	
Those providing services in the financial sector (eg banking, insurance etc)	
Social care service providers	
Other older people	
In shops	

# 8.3. Do you agree with the government's decision to ask all adults aged 70 years and older to self-isolate in their home, commonly referred to as cocooning?

Please tick one box	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

### Section 9

# 9.1. Overall, on a scale from 1 to 10, how concerned are you about the COVID-19 pandemic?

Please circle one number	Least concerned						Most concerned			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

### 9.2. Have you or anyone close to you experienced any of the following symptoms during the COVID-19 pandemic?

	Sympt experie by <u>Y</u>	enced		Sympt experie by <u>som</u> <u>close to</u>	enced neone
Please tick all that apply	Yes	No		Yes	No
Shortness of breath			Shortness of breath		
Cough			Cough		
Fever			Fever		
Sore throat			Sore throat		
Diarrhoea			Diarrhoea		
Loss of sense of smell or taste			Loss of sense of smell or taste		
Nausea or vomiting			Nausea or vomiting		
Muscle or joint pain			Muscle or joint pain		
None of these			None of these		

#### 9.3. Do you think that you have or have had COVID-19?

Please tick one box	
Yes, confirmed by a positive test	Yes, suspected by a doctor but not tested
Yes, my own suspicions	No, confirmed by a negative test
No, not to my knowledge	

## 9.3.1. If you were diagnosed with COVID-19, were you admitted to a hospital because of the virus?

Please circle one answer	Yes	No	If "No" please go to question 9.4			n 9.4
If yes, when was that?	Month	Μ	Μ	Day	D	D
How many nights did you spend in hospital?						
Please circle one answer						
Were you on oxygen to help you breath while you were in hospital?			?	Yes	1	No

## 9.4. Has anyone in your household other than yourself been diagnosed with COVID-19? If yes, what is their relationship to you?

Spouse / partner	Son(s) or daughter(s)	Friend(s) / neighbour(s)	
Parent(s)	Grandchild(ren)	Carer	
Sibling(s)	Other relative(s)	Other, specify:	

#### 9.5. Have you been in close contact with anyone with COVID-19?

Please	tick	one	box
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Please tick all that apply

Yes, I was in contact with a confirmed/tested COVID-19 case	
Yes, I was in contact with a suspected COVID-19 case	
No, not to my knowledge	

### 9.6. Tragically, many people have already lost loved ones due to COVID-19. Has anyone close to you, such as a family member or friend, died with COVID-19?

Please circle one answer	Yes	No
	100	110

## 9.6.1. If sadly, someone you know has died with COVID-19, what was their relationship to you?

Please tick all that apply							
Spouse / partner		Son(s) or daughter(s)		Friend(s) / neighbour(s)			
Parent(s)		Grandchild(ren)		Carer			
Sibling(s)		Other relative(s)		Other, specify:			

#### **Final Section**

We now come to the end of the questionnaire. There were a lot of detailed questions about a difficult time. Now, we want to give you the opportunity to tell us in your own words, how you would describe the general impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on your life during this period.

Finally, what is it that you are looking most forward to do once COVID-19 ends?