

## Let's talk about... the global Covid-19 pandemic

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English	synonyms / antonyms / word families etc.	German
Covid-19 coronavirus		COVID-19 Coronavirus
virus	adj.: viral e.g. a virologist	Virus
(new) variant	e.g. delta variant, omicron variant	(neue) Variante
(to) spread	e.g. super spreader	ausbreiten, sich verbreiten
outbreak	(to) cause an outbreak	(Krankheits-) Ausbruch
incident rates		Inzidenzzahlen
disease	e.g. viral disease	Krankheit, Erkrankung
illness	(to) feel ill e.g. mental illness, serious illness, long illness	Krankheit, Kranksein
infection	(to) infect sb.	Infektion, Ansteckung
contagious	highly contagious non-contagious	Ansteckend, infektiös
immune system	e.g. immune response	Immunsystem
pandemic	adj.: pandemic	Pandemie
World Health Organization WHO		Weltgesundheitsorganisation
measures	e.g. urgent measures, protective measures hygiene measures (to) adopt measures	Maßnahmen Schutzmaßnahmen Hygienemaßnahmen Maßnahmen ergreifen
restrictions	(to) restrict sth. e.g. national restrictions	Beschränkungen, Auflagen
(to) impose restrictions	ant.: (to) lift restrictions	Beschränkungen auferlegen
(to) relax / ease restrictions		Beschränkungen lockern
face mask	(to) wear a mask filtering facepiece (FFP)	Mund-Nasen-Schutz
distancing regulations	social distancing (to) follow social distancing rules	Abstandsregeln Abstandsregeln befolgen
contact tracing		Kontaktnachverfolgung
sanitizer (AmE) sanitiser (BrE), disinfectant	e.g. hand sanitizer	Desinfektionsmittel
lockdown	e.g. partial lockdown	Lockdown, Ausgangssperre
quarantine	(to) be quarantined (to) put under quarantine (to) go into quarantine e.g. home quarantine	Quarantäne

isolation	(to) be isolated, e.g. in isolation	Abgrenzung, Isolierung
school closure	e.g. distance learning	Schulschließung
hospital	(to) be in hospital	Krankenhaus
hospitalisation (BrE)	(to) be hospitalised (BrE)	Krankenhausaufenthalt
hospitalization (AmE)	(to) be hospitalized (AmE)	
ICU (= intensive care unit)	e.g. intensive care nurse e.g. intensive care bed	Intensivstation
(to) ventilate sb.	noun: ventilator	jnd. beatmen
ER (= emergency room)		Notfallambulanz
crisis committee		Krisenstab
crisis management		
Health Secretary (UK) Secretary of Health and Human Services (USA) health minister	Department of Health	Gesundheitsminister
cases	e.g. case numbers e.g. case rates	Fälle
confirmed cases		bestätigte Fälle
(to) rise	e.g. to rise dramatically	ansteigen
(to) soar	syn.: (to) skyrocket	sprunghaft ansteigen
(to) peak	ant.: (to) peak off	den Höchststand erreichen
(to) decline	e.g. (to) decline sharply	Zurückgehen, fallen
hotspot		Hotspot, Krisenherd
(to) test sb. (to) carry out a test	e.g. PCR test e.g. rapid test e.g. test strategy	jnd. testen
mandatory	e.g. mandatory tests (to) make sth. mandatory syn.: compulsory	verpflichtend
vulnerable	e.g. vulnerable groups	verwundbar, anfällig
the elderly	e.g. elderly care e.g. elderly care facility	Senioren
ageing population		alternde Bevölkerung
death	adj.: deadly	Tod, Todes-
death rate	syn.: mortality	Sterberate, Sterblichkeit
wave	e.g. first wave	Welle
(to) recuperate	adj: recuperated syn.: (to) recover	genesen
(to) be hit hard by		schwer getroffen sein von
(to) bear the brunt		Hauptleidtragender sein
vaccine		Impfstoff
vaccine mandate	compulsory vaccination mandatory vaccination	Impfpflicht

vaccination certificate	syn.: vaccination passport	Impfpass
dose, doses (pl.)		Dosis, Gabe
vaccination	syn.: injection, jab, shot, immunisation e.g. booster vaccination	Impfung
vaccination programme (BrE), vaccination program (AmE)		Impfkampagne
vaccination centre		Impfzentrum
(to) administer sth.	e.g. (to) administer a vaccination syn.: to vaccinate sb.	etw. verabreichen, ausgeben
(to) be vaccinated against sth.	e.g. fully vaccinated	gegen etw. geimpft sein
(to) approve a vaccine		einen Impfstoff zulassen
protective effects of a vaccine	(to) be protected	Schutzeffekt, Schutzwirkung einer Impfung
(to) roll sth. out		etw. auf den Markt bringen
(to) pick up pace	syn.: to gather speed	Fahrt aufnehmen
vaccine hesitancy		geringe Impfbereitschaft
harmful	e.g. genetically harmful	schädlich, gefährlich
(to) alter one's DNA		jdns. DNA verändern
anti-vaxxer (short for anti- vaccinator)	syn.: vaccine opponent	Impfgegner
anti-vaccine movement		Impfgegnerschaft
coronavirus denier	(to) deny sth.	Corona-Leugner
scientist	e.g. a virologist	Wissenschaftler
conspiracy theory		Verschwörungstheorie
conspiracy theorist	syn.: conspiracist	Verschwörungstheoretiker
social media	e.g. social networks	Soziale Medien
fake news		Falschmeldungen, verdrehte Fakten
disinformation	(to) disinform sb.	Desinformation
distrust in state institutions	(to) distrust sb. / sth.	Misstrauen in staatl. Stellen
(to) comply with restrictions		Beschränkungen befolgen
(to) refuse to comply with restrictions		verweigern Beschränkungen zu befolgen
frayed tempers	e.g. my nerves are frayed	erhitzte Gemüter
(to) threaten sb.	noun: a threat e.g. a threat of violence e.g. death threat	jnd. bedrohen
abuse	e.g. (to) abuse sb. verbally	Übergriff, Beleidigung
hate mail		Drohbriefe, Hassbriefe
pandemic fatigue		Pandemiemüdigkeit

