

CAS						
How often have you experienced the following activities over <u>the last 2 weeks</u> ?		<i>Not at all</i>	<i>Rare, less than a day or two</i>	<i>Several days</i>	<i>More than 7 days</i>	<i>Nearly every day over the last 2 weeks</i>
1.	I felt dizzy, lightheaded, or faint, when I read or listened to news about the coronavirus.	0	1	2	3	4
2.	I had trouble falling or staying asleep because I was thinking about the coronavirus.	0	1	2	3	4
3.	I felt paralyzed or frozen when I thought about or was exposed to information about the coronavirus.	0	1	2	3	4
4.	I lost interest in eating when I thought about or was exposed to information about the coronavirus.	0	1	2	3	4
5.	I felt nauseous or had stomach problems when I thought about or was exposed to information about the coronavirus.	0	1	2	3	4
Column Totals		_____ +	_____ +	_____ +	_____ +	_____ +
				Total Score _____		

Basic information

The coronavirus anxiety scale (CAS) is a self-report mental health screener of dysfunctional anxiety associated with the coronavirus crisis. Because a significant number of people experience clinically significant fear and anxiety during an infectious disease outbreak, the CAS was developed to help clinicians and researchers efficiently identify cases of individuals functionally impaired by coronavirus-related anxiety.

Psychometric properties

Independent studies of adults residing across the United State have demonstrated that the CAS is a reliable instrument ($\alpha > .90$), with solid factorial (single-factor; invariant across sociodemographics) and construct (correlated with anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, and drug/alcohol coping) validity. The diagnostic properties of the CAS (90% sensitivity and 85% specificity) are comparable to related screening instruments, such as the Generalized Anxiety Disorder-7.

Scoring and interpretation

Each item of the CAS is rated on a 5-point scale, from 0 (*not at all*) to 4 (*nearly every day*), based on experiences over the past two weeks. This scaling format is consistent with the DSM-5's cross-cutting symptom measure. A CAS total score ≥ 9 indicates probable dysfunctional coronavirus-related anxiety. Elevated scores on a particular item or a high total scale score (≥ 9) may indicate problematic symptoms for the individual that might warrant further assessment and/or treatment. Clinical judgement should guide the interpretation of the CAS results.

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