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## **Popularity and Variation of Risk-Reducing Behaviors in Response to COVID-19**

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Twenty-five weekly cross-sectional surveys of US adults, conducted by Ipsos and sponsored by Axios, are used to assess the behaviors and risk-assessment of the public. Risk-reducing behaviors such as not dining in at restaurants and only visiting with people in one's household have been recommended to the public to limit the spread of COVID-19. Public compliance with these recommendations has changed over time. Since April, social distancing has decreased and mask wearing has increased. Eating out and visiting friends and family have also increased while the perceived severity of the risk of dining in and visiting friends and family has decreased.