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COVID-19 prevalence in May 2020 low, work situation of employed persons normalises

Vienna, 2020-06-12 – In the period from 26 to 30 May 2020, the number of persons in Austrian private households infected with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 was already below the statistical detectability threshold. In the current edition of the nationwide **COVID-19 prevalence study** conducted by Statistics Austria on behalf of the Ministry of Science and in cooperation with the Austrian Red Cross and the Medical University of Vienna, none of the sample persons tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.

The study also asked questions about the **work situation of employed persons** and about subjective assessments. The relaxation of safety precautions was accompanied by a normalisation of the work situation: 59% of the employed persons stated that they were working on site again at the time of the survey. Only a quarter of employed respondents were working less than before the crisis. The **concerns** of the population also shifted compared to April. Slightly more people feared financial problems but significantly fewer were afraid of a SARS-CoV-2 infection. **Acceptance of protective measures** declined, while well-being remained virtually unchanged.

For more detailed information please refer to the [German version](#).