**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 |
| saniti**z**er (AmE) saniti**s**er (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 |
| hospitali**s**ation (BrE)  hospitali**z**ation (AmE) | (to) be hospitalised (BrE)  (to) be hospitalized (AmE) | Krankenhausaufenthalt |
| 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  crisis management |  | Krisenstab |
| 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  conspiracy theorist | syn.: conspiracist | Verschwörungstheorie  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 |