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Commercials. Pre-roll ads. Streaming services. Social media. The world is now saturated with messaging surrounding the coronavirus. While genuine and heartfelt in nature, it's becoming noise. Audiences are starting to turn COVID-related commercials into viral memes. Or worse, audiences are starting to tune out the messages altogether.

The fine line between genuine messaging and tuning into what is relevant is not new. COVID-19 is affecting every business, brand and person today. Ignoring the pandemic could be just as detrimental as starting your messaging off with slow, soft piano music that's indistinguishable from the commercial that played right before.

Our LEAP Panel team — LEAP Group's online consumer panel that's deployed to capture the voice of targeted audiences — researched exactly how COVID-19 is affecting marketing as well as the type of messaging that is engaging consumers.





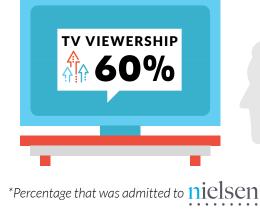
Our LEAP Panel discovered consumers are going to remember how brands adapted and positioned themselves during the pandemic.



**50%** OF CONSUMERS STATED THEIR TRUST AND LOYALTY TO A **BRAND WILL BE AFFECTED BY** THE BRAND'S BEHAVIOR **DURING COVID-19.** 

Brands that are responding in a genuine, helpful manner during COVID-19 are gaining loyalty purchases.

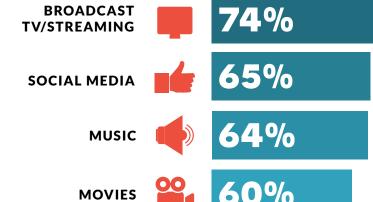
ENTERTAINMENT



60% **OF REMOTE EMPLOYEES WATCH TV DURING WORK HOURS**<sup>1\*</sup>







COOKING/BAKING

**NEWS VIDEO GAMES EXERCISE/FITNESS** 

**RADIO** 

**BOOKS/MAGAZINES** /E-BOOKS Comfort is key. Across all forms of media, Nielsen is finding people are re-watching, re-reading, re-consuming all their favorite media.

EXERCISE/ **FITNESS** 

**CONSUMERS ARE SPENDING LESS** TIME WATCHING:



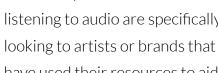
**LIVE EVENTS** 

**AUDIO STREAMING** 

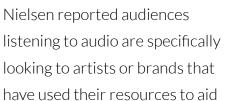








in COVID-19 efforts<sup>2</sup>.



40%

**INSTAGRAM** 

USAGE



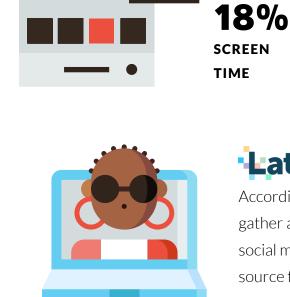
and remaining connected with friends.

40%

**ENGAGEMENT** 

gather at studios to shoot fresh content, social media influencers are becoming a

source for brands and marketers<sup>3</sup> to



**AVERAGE SCREEN** TIME

**HOURS** 

TIME **ON SPONSORED** CONTENT Later According to Later, since brands can't

promote their products or services. SHOPPING

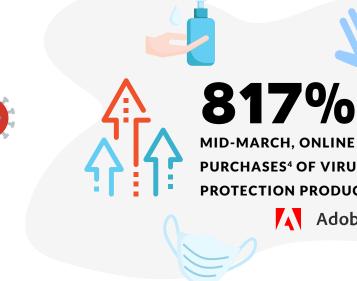
33%

**E-COMMERCE** 

(IN ORDERS FROM

PREVIOUS YEAR)

# **IN-STORE SHOPPING EXPERIENCES ARE OFF-LIMITS**



**DIY-CATEGORY TOOLS** 

**PRODUCTS AND FURNISHINGS** 

People have financial

confidence shopping for

"nonessential" items. But they

are listening to influencers.

**PURCHASES OF HOME** 

**TOILET PAPER** 



136%





**IN ONLINE PURCHASES** 

PANTRY STAPLE ITEMS INCREASED



been on their to-do lists.



Brands in health and medical verticals are seeing increased

clicks and conversion rates<sup>7</sup> for their targeted search ads.

**ON-DEMAND** 102% **MEDIA SEARCH-AD** 

>>> WordStream **OFFICE SUPPLIES<sup>8</sup>** 

CONVERSIONS<sup>11</sup>



41%

**INCREASE** 

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CPCs have fallen in price9, opening up the

TO BUY IN TO PPC

**BEAUTY** 

PRODUCTS<sup>10</sup>





Jenga has become a best seller game on Amazon with its searches increasing over the previous year.

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