**Supplementary Table 1: Knowledge of study participants about COVID-19**

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| **Question** | **Correct answer** |
| **N (%)** |
| Is COVID-19 caused by a virus? | 124 (31.5) |
| Is COVID-19 an air borne disease (spread by air)? | 170 (43.1) |
| COVID-19 is transmitted by close contact with infected person | 320 (81.2) |
| Fever, cough, sore throat and shortness of breath are the symptoms of COVID-19 | 246 (62.4) |
| The elderly and patients with underlying chronic diseases (diabetes, hypertension, chronic respiratory diseases, cardiovascular disease etc.) are at a higher risk of COVID-19 | 215 (54.6) |
| Washing hands with soap and water can help in prevention of COVID-19 transmission? | 286 (72.3) |
| Wearing face mask is an effective prevention strategy for COVID-19 | 277 (70.3) |
| At this moment, is there a cure for COVID-19? | 248 (62.9) |
| At this moment, is there a vaccine active against COVID-19? | 213 (54.1) |

**Supplementary Table 2: Attitude of study participants towards COVID-19**

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| **Items N (%)** | **Negative** | **Positive** |
| COVID-19 is not a serious disease | 204 (51.8) | 190 (48.2) |
| COVID-19 can be treated at home without staying in touch with doctor. | 182 (46.2) | 212 (53.8) |
| If a corona vaccine is available, would you have it? | 92 (23.4) | 302 (76.6) |
| Is it important to use face mask as a prevention strategy? | 31 (7.9) | 363 (92.1) |
| Is it important to follow cough or sneezing etiquette? | 64 (16.2) | 330 (83.8) |
| Health education has nothing to do with disease prevention. | 178 (45.2) | 216 (54.8) |
| Handling COVID-19 patient does not put you at risk of the infection. | 266 (67.5) | 128 (32.5) |

**Supplementary Table III: Preventive practices related to COVID-19**

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| **N (%)** | **Never** | **Rarely** | **Sometimes** | **Always** |
| If no tissue available, I cough or sneeze into my upper sleeve. | 129 (32.7) | 110 (27.9) | 153 (38.8) | 2 (0.5) |
| I avoid touching face (eyes, nose or mouth) with contaminated hands. | 155 (39.3) | 100 (25.4) | 133 (33.8) | 6 (1.5) |
| I use soap and water to wash my hands quickly after coughing or sneezing or touching contaminated objects. | 98 (24.9) | 109 (27.7) | 181 (45.9) | 6 (1.5) |
| Nowadays, I use a face mask when I am outside of home (in crowds, at work etc.). | 103 (26.1) | 122 (31.0) | 158 (10.1) | 11 (2.8) |
| Nowadays, I keep proper physical distance (6 feet) from others. | 163 (41.4) | 58 (14.7) | 153 (38.8) | 20 (5.1) |
| Nowadays, I avoid handshakes and hugs with others. | 105 (26.6) | 101 (25.6) | 176 (44.7) | 12 (3.0) |