



# ***The Consumer's Evolving Relationship with Beauty during COVID-19***

***Happi Webinar  
May 19, 2020***

# Agenda & Methodology

## Today we'll cover:

- What's Happening in Her World
- How Behaviors Have Changed
- Her Beauty Spend
- What's New & Exciting
- What She Wants From You
- Her Beauty Outlook
- Planning for Recovery

**TBC conducted primary online research, up to 42 questions, US female beauty buyers ages 18+**

- March 25, 2020: 5,500+
- May 5, 2020: 5,300+



# What's Happening in Her World

## March 25, 2020

**57%** Sheltering in place  
**75%** Occasional grocery store  
**14%** Not leaving home AT ALL  
**11%** Social distancing, but small gatherings OK

**13%** Work hours reduced  
**15%** Laid off/lost job

**58%** I am fearful for my own safety  
**10%** I know someone who has the virus  
**1%** Someone in my home has the virus

## May 5, 2020

**87%** Sheltering in place  
**75%** Occasional grocery store  
**8%** Not leaving home AT ALL  
**4%** Social distancing, but small gatherings OK

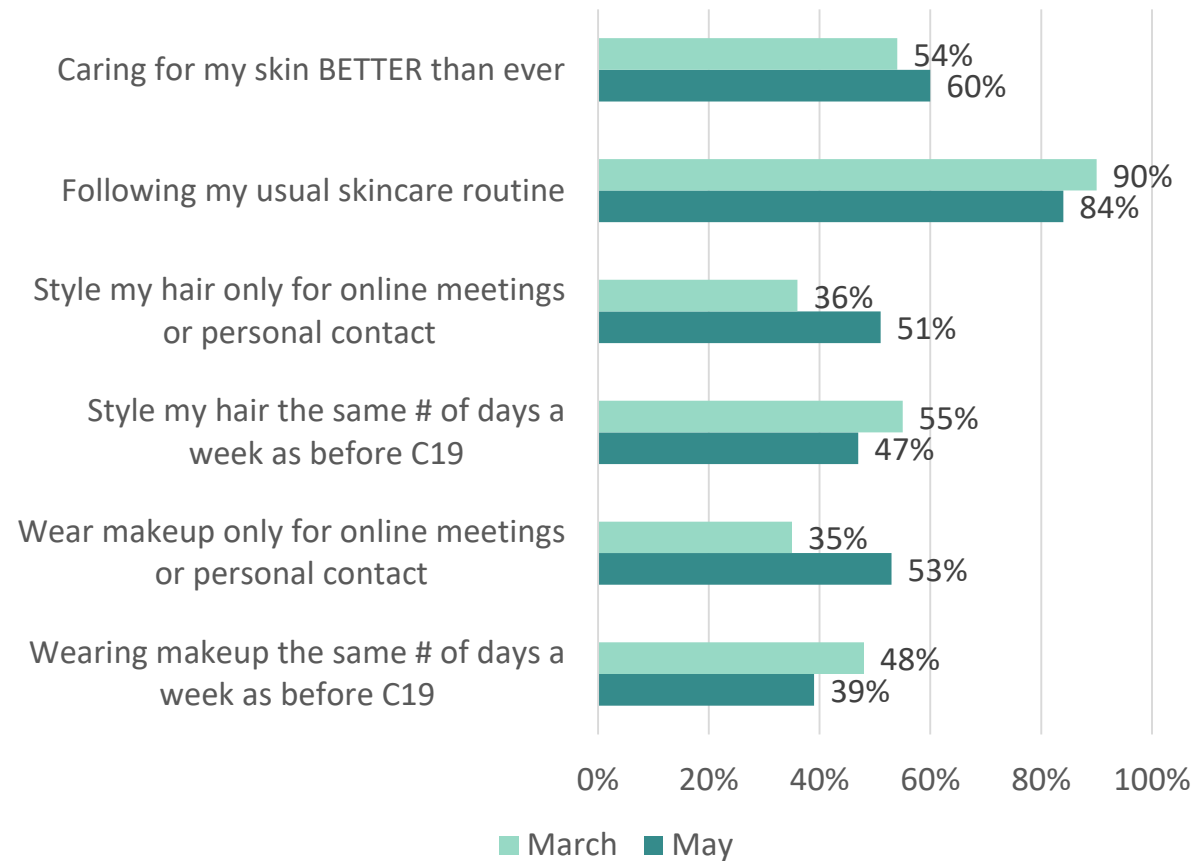
**17%** Work hours reduced  
**22%** Laid off/lost job

**49%** I am fearful for my own safety  
**32%** I know someone who has the virus  
**2%** Someone in my home has the virus

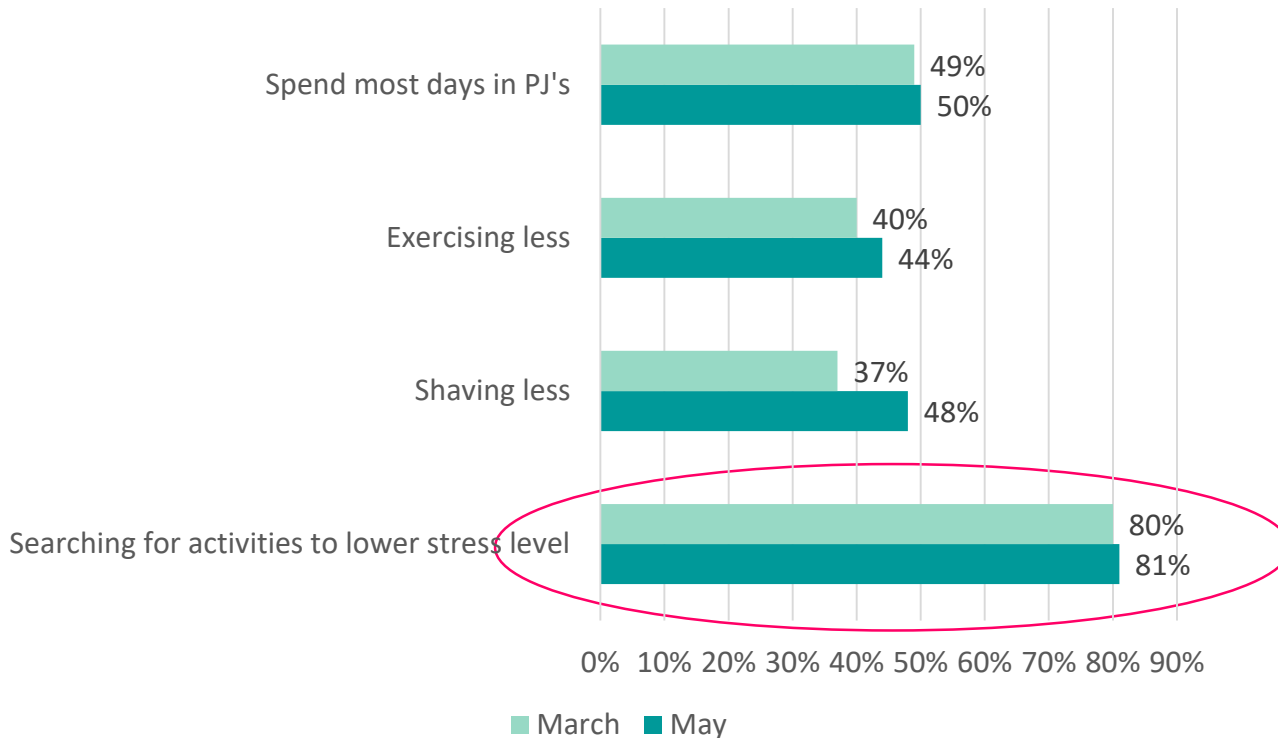




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## How she's trying to de-stress and pamper herself (now):

- 63%** face mask
- 62%** paint my own nails
- 55%** deep condition my hair
- 50%** take long baths
- 46%** use foot/hand conditioning or exfoliating treatment
- 40%** give myself a facial



Does taking care of your hair and beauty needs reduce stress for you?

**March: 66% yes**

**May: 80% yes**

# The Ups and Downs of Her Beauty Spend



## Beauty

*March*

More: **12%**

Same: **43%**

Less: **45%**

*May*

More: **20%**

Same: **40%**

Less: **39%**

## Personal Care

*March*

More: **16%**

Same: **57%**

Less: **27%**

*May*

More: **18%**

Same: **57%**

Less: **25%**



## Win

Buying at brand-specific beauty retailers up from 40% in March to 47% in May

## Could Struggle

Of the 32% who said they had subscription beauty box services right before Covid-19, 36% have since cancelled them.



### Online Brands



### Subscription Boxes



# What's New & Exciting

## Spending More Time Now:

	<i>March</i>	<i>May</i>
Shopping for online beauty:	<b>27%</b>	<b>34%</b>
Watching beauty tutorials:	<b>26%</b>	<b>29%</b>
Visiting beauty brand social pages:	<b>28%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Reading reviews & consumer claims:	<b>30%</b>	<b>34%</b>
Noticing emails from beauty brands:	<b>41%</b>	<b>43%</b>
Opening up those emails:	<b>57%</b>	<b>61%</b>



Prior to C19 had PROFESSIONALLY done:

Hair color: **44%**

Mani-pedi: **40%**

Since C19 have done yourself:

Colored my own hair: **37%**

Did my own nails: **65%**

**15%** colored their own hair for the first time since C19.

**90%** said their DIY color turned out good to great.

**27%** of new DIY hair colorers said they **WILL** continue to color own hair after C19, with **45%** saying they might continue.





# What She Wants from YOU



## When buying:

**90%** free delivery of products

**42%** regimen kits for specific beauty needs

**45%** self-curated beauty boxes

**36%** DIY customized look kits

**35%** subscription refills for basic personal care products

## When you communicate with her:

**#1** Special deals and offers

**#2** Free samples

Must be authentic!

# Her Beauty Outlook

## Buying Habits, Assuming 8 More Weeks...

- 47%** be more price-sensitive when beauty shopping online
- 39%** use up that I have before buying a replacement product
- 35%** use all of the sample beauty products I've accumulated
- 35%** decrease spending out of concern for personal finances
- 22%** overstock supplies in case there is another shortage



## After this crisis is over...

- 73%** somewhat to very likely to continue to buy beauty products **ONLINE ONLY** when their area's shelter at home mandates are lifted.
- 43%** said they will cautiously visit stores **ONLY** when they see data that the rates of infection continue to decline.
- 20%** believe their beauty regimen will be more relaxed than it was previously.

# Planning for Recovery – Your Takeaways



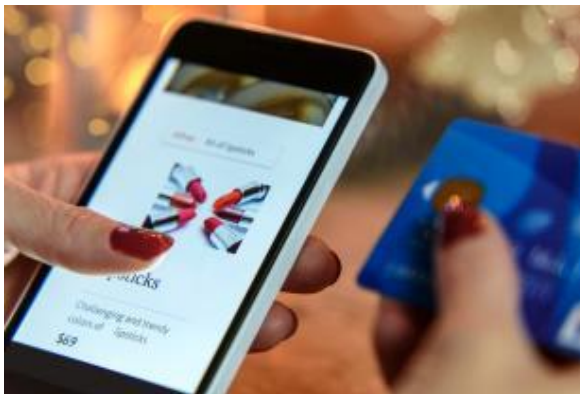
**She'll continue to shop online**



**Skincare will remain top of mind**



**DIY – we're more adaptable**



**Personalization is everything**



**Frivolous spending is out – value is in**

# About The Benchmarking Company

**T**he Benchmarking Company (TBC) is a bi-coastal consumer research firm that with a proven track record in cosmetics, skincare, beauty devices, men's personal care, body care, hair care, nail care, fragrance and wellness/personal care. Our company is laser-focused on providing two important aspects of marketing intelligence: quantitative and qualitative consumer research that arms brands with forward-thinking need-to-know information about its customers and prospects, and in-home beauty and personal care product testing to garner 5-star consumer claims that are vital for marketing market success. Using renowned proprietary methodologies, our unique approach to research delivers results that promote growth in market share, bolsters sell-in and sell-through and mitigates legal and regulatory risk for our customers.

- Proprietary panel of > 250K female and male vetted beauty and personal care buyers
- Annual PinkReport™ deep dive research studies
- Beauty by the Numbers™ infographics series
- Established in 2006
- Worked with 100+ brands
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- Gathered 4 million+ consumer opinions





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