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Content	<p>The Covid-19 pandemic hit every country and in Indonesia, social distancing was announced and continued as large-scale social restrictions in several regions. Previous studies have linked individuals with the knowledge to tendencies of taking preventive actions in a pandemic. Healthcare providers are expected to find strategic measures to attract community attention to the pandemic. This sparked our initiative to launch online seminars to promote comprehension of the community. The study aimed to understand information-seeking behavior characteristics during the pandemic in Indonesia. Nine online seminars were conducted in April and May 2020. Sociodemographic data of the participants were gathered through online registration forms. Pretest scores, post-test scores, and feedback survey data were also collected in each online seminars through online forms. A total of 737 participants signed online consent to participate in the study. Most participants were female (78.02%), were 20-29 years old (47.76%), and had attended at least three years of higher education after high school (87.92%). Most of the participants acquired online seminars information from WhatsApp application (55.52%) especially in the 30-39 age group (66.95%). The overall post-test score (83.39) was significantly ($p = 0.000$) higher than pretest score (72.75). The productive age groups with additional higher education may actively seek further knowledge regarding the pandemic for their ability and openness to an online and mobile lifestyle. The serial online seminars were significantly promoting people comprehension in pandemic and may be a valuable option in facing unavoidable pandemic in the future.</p>