DETAILED RESULTS

PHARMACISTS AND COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN CANADA

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PHARMACISTS ARE SEEN AS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT VACCINES AND ABLE TO ADMINISTER THEM.

65% SAY THEY ARE WILLING TO GET VACCINATED AT A PHARMACY. 43% WOULD PREFER IT.

74% THINK THEIR PROVINCE SHOULD ALLOW PHARMACIES TO ADMINISTER COVID-19 VACCINES.
The survey was conducted with 1,500 Canadian residents from November 13 to 18, 2020. A random sample of panelists were invited to complete the survey from a set of partner panels based on the Lucid exchange platform. These partners are typically double opt-in survey panels, blended to manage out potential skews in the data from a single source.

The margin of error for a comparable probability-based random sample of the same size is +/- 2.51%, 19 times out of 20.

The data were weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Canada’s population according to age, gender, educational attainment, and region. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.
KEY FINDINGS

1. Most Canadians agree that pharmacists are knowledgeable about vaccines, know how to safely administer vaccines, and that pharmacies are safe and private places to get vaccinated. Those who more strongly agree with these views are more likely to prefer to get vaccinated for COVID-19 at a pharmacy.

2. Moreover, those who are eager to get a COVID-19 vaccine are also more likely to believe that pharmacists are knowledgeable about vaccines and know how to administer them.

3. Canadians want decisions about how a COVID-19 vaccine is distributed tied to a health professional’s knowledge administering vaccines, convenience, access, and speed of distribution.

4. Vaccine hesitancy seems to have reduced from previous research we conducted. 8% say they will not get a vaccine under any circumstances, down 3-points since a survey we conducted in October. 1 in 3 will get the vaccine as soon as possible, while 48% say they will wait a bit before getting it.

5. There is little resistance to getting vaccinated at a pharmacy. 65% say they are willing to get vaccinated at a pharmacy, while only 15% say they are not. 91% of those who want to be vaccinated right away are willing to do so at a pharmacy.

6. Respondents are more likely to feel that pharmacies are more convenient and accessible than other places they can get vaccinated. Physicians’ offices are viewed to be safer by more, but more say there’s no difference between locations.

7. When asked where they’d prefer to be vaccinated for COVID-19, 43% would choose a pharmacy, 42% a physician’s office, and 14% a public health clinic.

8. 74% believe pharmacies should be allowed to administer COVID-19 vaccines.
When it comes to vaccinations and pharmacists, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Pharmacists know how to safely administer vaccines
  - Strongly agree: 34%
  - Agree: 47%
  - Disagree: 5%
  - Strongly disagree: 8%
  - Unsure: 11%

- A pharmacy is a safe place to get vaccinated
  - Strongly agree: 32%
  - Agree: 49%
  - Disagree: 6%
  - Strongly disagree: 3%
  - Unsure: 10%

- Pharmacists are knowledgeable about vaccines
  - Strongly agree: 32%
  - Agree: 50%
  - Disagree: 6%
  - Strongly disagree: 3%
  - Unsure: 10%

- A pharmacy is a private enough place to get a vaccine
  - Strongly agree: 31%
  - Agree: 48%
  - Disagree: 9%
  - Strongly disagree: 4%
  - Unsure: 8%
When a vaccine for COVID-19 is available and approved by Canadian health authorities, rank the following factors from most important to least important to you personally when it comes to deciding how to get people vaccinated?

1. That health professionals who administer the vaccine are knowledgeable about vaccinations
   - 42%
   - 17%
   - 18%
   - 23%

2. That vaccines are easy and convenient for people to get
   - 24%
   - 34%
   - 27%
   - 15%

3. That the system can vaccinate a lot of people in a short period of time
   - 22%
   - 26%
   - 25%
   - 27%

4. That people without a family doctor can easily get a vaccine
   - 12%
   - 23%
   - 30%
   - 35%
APPROACH TO GETTING VACCINE ONCE AVAILABLE

Assuming a COVID-19 vaccine is available next year and authorized by Canadian health authorities, which of the following describes how you would approach it?

- I would try to get vaccinated as soon as possible: 31%
- I would plan on getting vaccinated but might wait a bit to see how things go: 48%
- I don’t like the idea of being vaccinated for this virus so I would prefer not to but could be convinced: 12%
- I will not be vaccinated for COVID-19 under any circumstances: 8%
When a vaccine for COVID-19 is approved and available, are you willing or not to get vaccinated at a pharmacy in your area?

- 65% I am willing to get vaccinated at a pharmacy
- 22% I am not willing to get vaccinated at a pharmacy
- 13% I’m not sure at this point
Which location is better when it comes to...

- More accessible for people: 51% Pharmacy, 10% Doctor’s office, 16% Public health clinic, 23% No difference
- More convenient for you: 48% Pharmacy, 19% Doctor’s office, 9% Public health clinic, 24% No difference
- Uses better technology to book an appointment: 17% Pharmacy, 23% Doctor’s office, 14% Public health clinic, 46% No difference
- Is safer: 12% Pharmacy, 34% Doctor’s office, 12% Public health clinic, 41% No difference

Thinking about the possible places people can get vaccinated for COVID-19, which location do you think is better when it comes to...
If you had the choice of getting vaccinated for COVID-19 at the following locations, which would you choose?

- A pharmacy: 43%
- A physician or doctor’s office: 42%
- A public health clinic: 14%
If you could get vaccinated for COVID-19 at your community pharmacy, how likely are you to get vaccinated there?

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LIKELIHOOD TO GET VACCINATED AT COMMUNITY PHARMACY
SHOULD PHARMACISTS BE ABLE TO ADMINISTER COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN COMMUNITY PHARMACIES?

In your province, do you think pharmacists should be able to administer COVID-19 vaccinations in community pharmacies?

- Yes: 74%
- No: 19%
- Not sure: 7%

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