

# COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Survey (CVCS)

## CYCLE 2 April–May 2021

### What is CVCS?

A survey that targets all Canadians 18 years of age and older currently taking place in the 10 provinces and 3 territories. CVCS has several cycles; the second cycle surveyed 10,678 adults in the 10 provinces between April 12 and May 12, 2021.

### Why is CVCS being conducted?

CVCS collects information on COVID-19 vaccination such as

- Intent to get vaccinated and reasons for non-vaccination
- Knowledge, attitudes and beliefs regarding COVID-19 vaccines and vaccines in general
- Trusted sources of information about COVID-19 vaccines

It may also help in the development of strategies to tackle vaccine hesitancy.

### What is vaccine hesitancy?

“A delay in acceptance or refusal of safe vaccines despite availability of vaccine services.”

[MacDonald & SAGE Working Group on Vaccine Hesitancy, 2015]

## CVCS in the 10 provinces

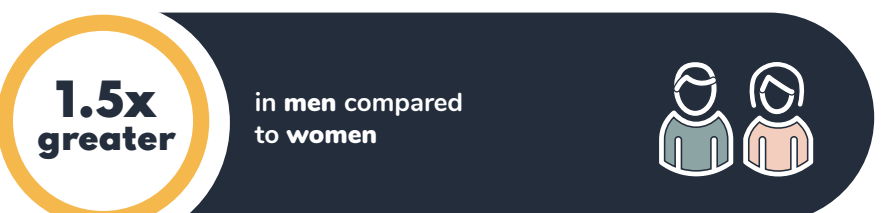
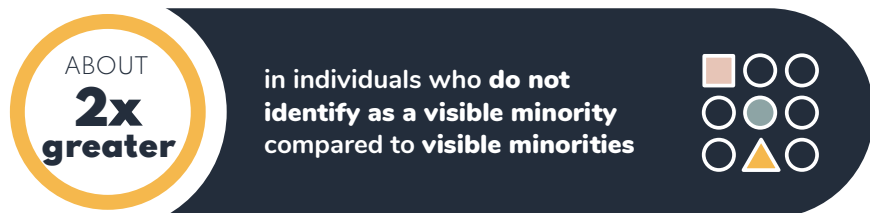
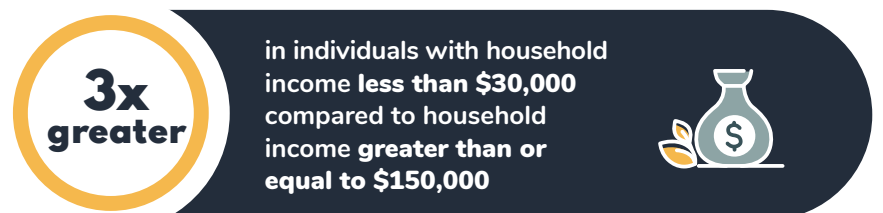
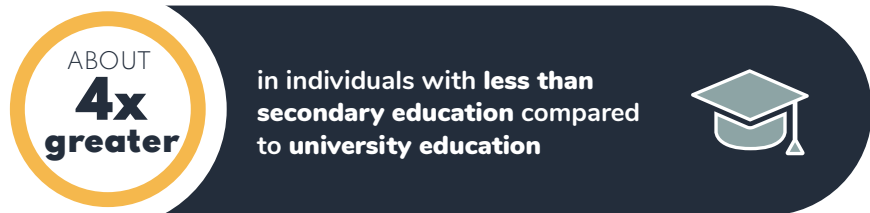
While a good proportion of adults in the 10 provinces have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, continued effort is needed to achieve higher [coverage rates](#).

### Intent to get vaccinated against COVID-19 at the time of the survey



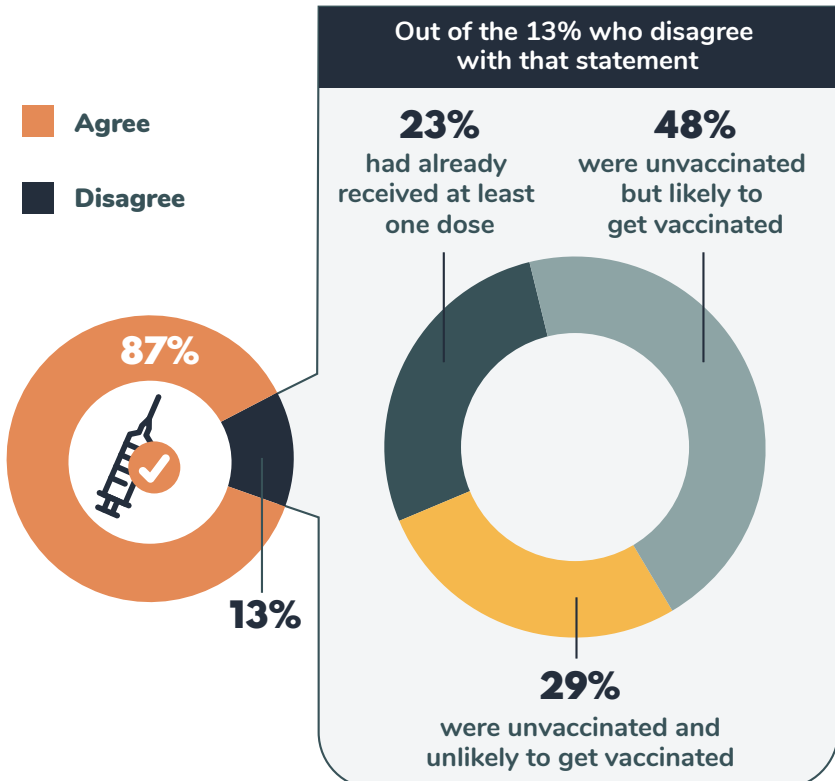
### Who do we need to reach?

The odds of **NOT INTENDING** to get vaccinated were

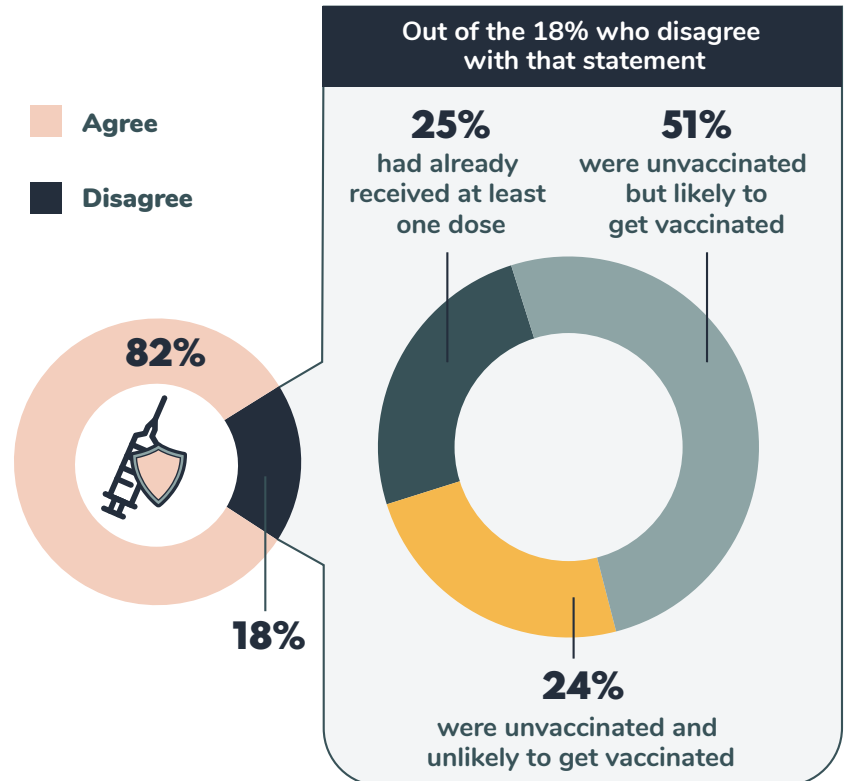


### Intent to get vaccinated by perceptions of COVID-19 vaccines

#### COVID-19 VACCINES ARE EFFECTIVE



#### COVID-19 VACCINES ARE SAFE



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## What beliefs may hold people back from getting vaccinated?

Out of the population of the 10 provinces, the following percentage **strongly or somewhat agree** with these statements

Physical distancing, frequent handwashing and wearing a mask are enough to protect me from COVID-19



I distrust COVID-19 vaccines because they were developed too quickly

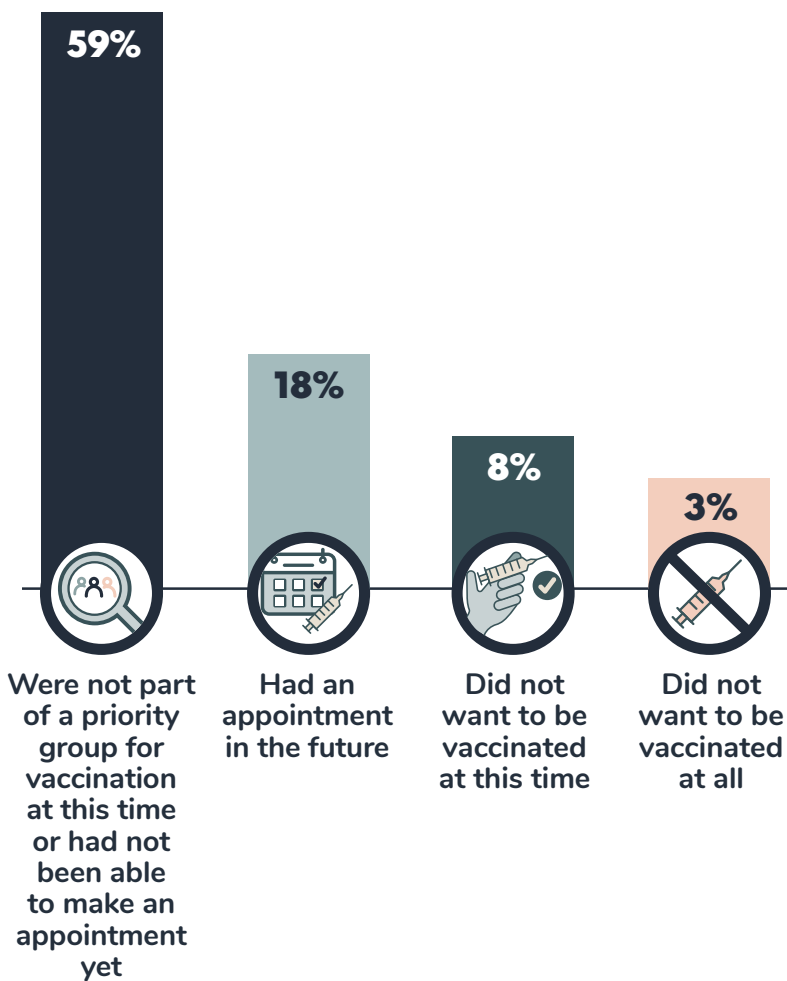


The severity of the pandemic has been overstated

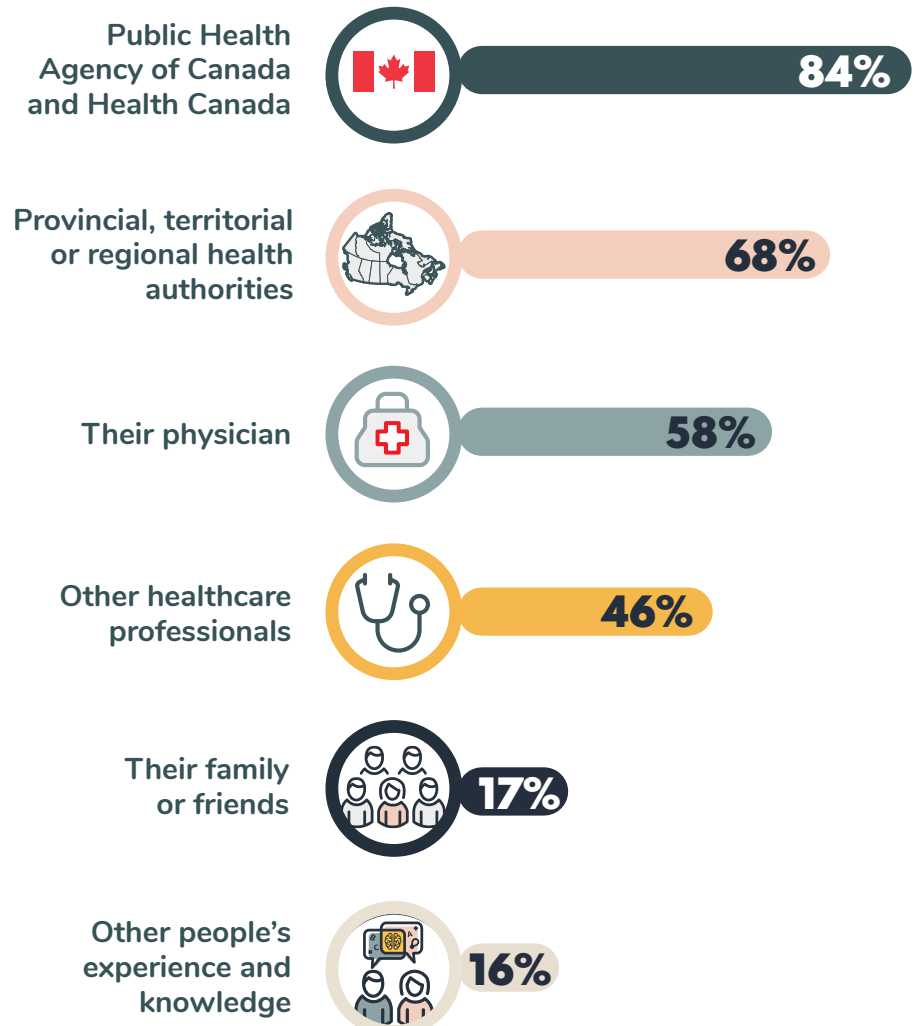


## What are the main reasons for non-vaccination?

Out of the population of the 10 provinces that was not vaccinated at the time of the survey



## What sources of information about COVID-19 vaccines do residents in the 10 provinces trust?



## Takeaway message

There are still barriers related to vaccination. Continued efforts to tackle vaccine hesitancy and to better understand the intent, beliefs, attitudes and knowledge related to COVID-19 vaccination are essential to achieve higher coverage rates and to protect all Canadians against COVID-19.

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