
COVID-19 AND ADHERENCE TO DIRECTIVE AROUND 'OUTSIDE VISITS': MANY QUEBECERS WILL NOT HEED PREMIER LEGAULT'S CALL TO AVOID VISITS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES

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INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

With the number of cases of COVID-19 climbing in Quebec over the past week and recording new daily, Quebec Premier Francois Legault has asked Quebecers to NOT visit their family or friends outside of their home during the month of October. Will Quebecers adhere to this directive? Nearly three in four say they will but the rest say they intend to make exceptions. And half of Quebecers said that they visited family and friends outside of your home and three in ten said that they had people in their homes that are not living with them.

These findings arise from a survey conducted via web panel by Leger in partnership with the Association for Canadian Studies between October 2nd to October 4th 2020 with 1523 Canadians (412 Quebecers) and while no margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample for comparative purposes the national sample would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.5\%$, 19 times out of 20.

SOME ONE IN FOUR QUEBECERS SAY THEY WILL REDUCE VISITS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OUTSIDE THEIR BUT NOT STOP OUTRIGHT WITH MEN LESS LIKELY THEN WOMEN TO DO SO

With the recent rise of cases of COVID-19, Quebec Premier Francois Legault has asked Quebecers to NOT visit their family or friends outside of their home for the month of October, which of the following best represents your point of view on this situation?			
October 2-4, 2020 (Quebec only)	Quebec	Man	Woman
I will completely obey this appeal by the Premier	72%	67%	76%
I will reduce such activity, but still visit with some family and friends outside my home	25%	28%	22%
I will not obey this as I think it is unfair	1%	2%	1%
I will not obey this because I think it is unrealistic	2%	3%	1%

YOUNGEST COHORT LEAST LIKELY TO FOLLOW THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT'S DIRECTIVE

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October 2-4, 2020 (Quebec only)	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +
I will completely obey this appeal by the Premier	53%	62%	55%	75%	83%	88%
I will reduce such activity, but still visit with some family and friends outside my home	46%	29%	39%	21%	17%	12%
I will not obey this as I think it is unfair	0%	4%	2%	2%	0%	0%

OVER THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28TH, HALF OF ALL QUEBECERS HAVE VISITED FAMILY AND FRIENDS OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES AND THREE IN TEN HAVE HAD PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES THAT DON'T LIVE WITH THEM

October 2-4, 2020	Over the past week have you done any of the following?					
	Canada	18-34	35-54	55+	QC	ROC
Visited family and friends outside of your home	54%	57%	53%	53%	50%	56%
Used public transit	13%	19%	13%	8%	12%	13%
Attended an indoor gathering with more than 6 people	14%	20%	15%	9%	13%	14%
Eaten at a restaurant	33%	39%	33%	30%	37%	32%
Had people at my home that we're not living with me	37%	42%	34%	37%	31%	39%
None of the above	3%	2%	2%	4%	0%	3%

NINE IN TEN QUEBECERS WILL NOT REPORT TO THE AUTHORITIES IF THEY SEE OR HEAR ABOUT FRIENDS OR FAMILY MEMBERS VISITING WITH OTHERS OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOMES

If you see or hear about friends or family members visiting with others outside of their homes will you report it to the authorities?			
October 2-4, 2020 (Quebec only)	Quebec	Man	Woman
Yes	10%	9%	11%
No	90%	91%	89%

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