# CANADIAN OPINION ON THE CORONAVIRUS – N°21: ARE YOU WILLING TO VOLUNTEER IN A LONG TERM CARE FACILITY WITH SOME COVID-19 CASES?

#### COVID-19 SOCIAL IMPACTS NETWORK

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Web survey using computer-assisted Web interviewing (CAWI) technology.



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1,526 Canadians and 1,002 Americans, 18 years of age or older, randomly recruited from LEO's online panel.



Using data from the 2016 Census, results were weighted according to gender, age, mother tongue, region, education level and presence of children in the household in order to ensure a representative sample of the population.



No margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample (Web panel in this case). However for comparative purposes, a probability sample of 1,526 respondents would have a margin of error of ±2.51%, 19 times out of 20, while a probability sample of 1,002 would have a margin of error of ±3.1%, 19 times out of 20.

The research results presented here are in full compliance with the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements.



## THREE IN FOUR CANADIANS UNWILLING TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME IN A SENIORS' RESIDENCE (SENIOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, CHSLD, ETC.) WHERE THERE ARE SOME REPORTED CASES OF COVID-19?

Would you be willing to volunteer your time in a seniors' residence (senior health care facilities, CHSLD, etc.) where there are some reported cases of COVID-19?

|                        | Total | Men | Women |
|------------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| TOTAL WILLING          | 21%   | 24% | 18%   |
| Very willing           | 4%    | 4%  | 4%    |
| Somewhat willing       | 17%   | 20% | 14%   |
| TOTAL NOT WILLING      | 75%   | 72% | 78%   |
| Not very willing       | 24%   | 25% | 24%   |
| Not at all willing     | 50%   | 47% | 54%   |
| I prefer not to answer | 4%    | 4%  | 4%    |
|                        |       |     |       |



#### YOUNGEST COHORT MOST LIKELY TO VOLUNTEER

|                           | Would you be willing to volunteer your time in a seniors' residence (senior health care facilities, CHSLD, etc.) where there are some reported cases of COVID-19? |       |       |       |       |       |      |  |  |
|---------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--|--|
|                           | Total   | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 + |  |  |
| TOTAL<br>WILLING          | 21%   | 35%   | 22%   | 25%   | 19%   | 21%   | 13%  |  |  |
| Very willing              | 4%  | 4%    | 6%    | 5%    | 4%    | 6%    | 1%   |  |  |
| Somewhat willing          | 17%   | 31%   | 16%   | 20%   | 15%   | 15%   | 12%  |  |  |
| TOTAL<br>NOT<br>WILLING   | 75%   | 62%   | 76%   | 69%   | 78%   | 75%   | 83%  |  |  |
| Not very<br>willing       | 24%   | 33%   | 26%   | 19%   | 23%   | 25%   | 23%  |  |  |
| Not at all willing        | 50%   | 29%   | 50%   | 49%   | 55%   | 50%   | 60%  |  |  |
| I prefer not<br>to answer | 4%  | 3%    | 2%    | 7%    | 4%    | 4%    | 4%   |  |  |



#### ATLANTIC CANADIANS MOST LIKELY TO VOLUNTEER

|                      | Would you be willing to volunteer your time in a seniors' residence (senior health care facilities, CHSLD, etc.) where there are some reported cases of COVID-19? |     |     |       |     |     |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|---|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|--|--|--|--|
|                      | Atl.  | QC  | ON  | MB/SK | AB  | ВС  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL<br>WILLING     | 28%   | 19% | 19% | 25%   | 23% | 25% |  |  |  |  |
| Very willing         | 12%   | 4%  | 3%  | 5%    | 2%  | 4%  |  |  |  |  |
| Somewhat willing     | 16%   | 15% | 16% | 20%   | 21% | 20% |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL NOT<br>WILLING | 71%   | 76% | 76% | 71%   | 74% | 72% |  |  |  |  |
| Not very willing     | 25%   | 20% | 25% | 26%   | 25% | 29% |  |  |  |  |
| Not at all willing   | 46%   | 56% | 52% | 45%   | 49% | 43% |  |  |  |  |



## MOST FEARFUL OF CONTRACTING THE VIRUS ARE LEAST LIKELY TO VOLUNTEER

| Are you personally afraid of contracting the COVID-19 | Would you be willing to volunteer your time in a seniors' residence (senior health care facilities, CHSLD, etc.) where there are some reported cases of COVID-19? |          |          |            |              |        |
|---|---|----------|----------|------------|--------------|--------|
| (Coronavirus)?  |   | Somewhat | Not very | Not at all | I prefer not |        |
|   | Very willing  | willing  | willing  | willing    | to answer    | Total  |
| Very afraid   | 5.1%  | 12.4%    | 15.0%    | 62.0%      | 5.6%         | 100.0% |
| Somewhat afraid                                       | 2.6%  | 15.8%    | 24.9%    | 53.1%      | 3.5%         | 100.0% |
| Not very afraid                                       | 3.0%  | 17.5%    | 31.3%    | 44.5%      | 3.7%         | 100.0% |
| Not afraid at all                                     | 10.7%   | 25.8%    | 17.4%    | 43.3%      | 2.8%         | 100.0% |
| Total   | 4.3%  | 17.0%    | 24.4%    | 50.4%      | 3.9%         | 100.0% |



## IMMIGRANTS SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO VOLUNTEER THAN NON-IMMIGRANTS

|                          | Would you be willing to volunteer your time in a seniors' residence (senior health care facilities, CHSLD, etc.) where there are some reported cases of COVID-19? |   |       |       |       |        |  |
|--------------------------|---|---|-------|-------|-------|--------|--|
| Were you born in Canada? | Very willing  | Somewhat Not very Not at all I prefer not willing willing willing to answer |       |       |       |        |  |
| Yes                      | 4.4%  | 16.5%   | 24.2% | 51.0% | 4.0%  | 100.0% |  |
| No                       | 3.4%  | 19.7%   | 25.8% | 48.1% | 3.0%  | 100.0% |  |
| I don't know             |   |   |       |       |       |        |  |
| I prefer not to answer   | 33.3%   | 33.3%   |       |       | 33.3% | 100.0% |  |
| Total                    | 4.3%  | 17.0%   | 24.4% | 50.4% | 3.9%  | 100.0% |  |



#### LOWEST INCOME CANADIANS MOST WILLING TO VOLUNTEER

| Among the following categories, which one best reflects the total | CGN3: Would you be willing to volunteer your time in a seniors' residence (senior health care facilities, CHSLD, etc.) where there are some reported cases of COVID-19? |          |          |            |                 |        |
|---|---|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| INCOME, before taxes, of all the                                  |   | Cases of |          |            |                 |        |
| members of your   |   | Somewhat | Not very | Not at all | I prefer not to |        |
| household in 2019?  | Very willing  | willing  | willing  | willing    | answer          | Total  |
| \$19,999 or less  | 4.3%  | 30.8%    | 16.2%    | 40.2%      | 8.5%            | 100.0% |
| Between \$20,000 and \$39,999                                     | 1.4%  | 19.3%    | 24.5%    | 50.5%      | 4.2%            | 100.0% |
| Between \$40,000 and \$59,999                                     | 6.5%  | 14.1%    | 25.1%    | 52.1%      | 2.3%            | 100.0% |
| Between \$60,000 and \$79,999                                     | 7.9%  | 17.6%    | 23.8%    | 46.3%      | 4.4%            | 100.0% |
| Between \$80,000 and \$99,999                                     | 3.2%  | 18.1%    | 23.4%    | 53.7%      | 1.6%            | 100.0% |
| \$100,000 or more   | 3.6%  | 13.8%    | 28.1%    | 53.2%      | 1.4%            | 100.0% |
| I prefer not to answer  | 1.9%  | 14.1%    | 22.4%    | 51.3%      | 10.3%           | 100.0% |
| Total   | 4.3%  | 17.0%    | 24.4%    | 50.5%      | 3.9%            | 100.0% |



### MONTREALERS AND TORONTONIANS LESS LIKELY THAN VANCOUVERITES TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME IN A SENIORS' RESIDENCE

|           | Would you be willing to volunteer your time in a seniors' residence (senior health care facilities, CHSLD, etc.) where there are some reported cases of COVID-19? |          |          |            |          |       |
|-----------|---|----------|----------|------------|----------|-------|
|           |   | -        |          |            | I prefer |       |
|           |   | Somewhat | Not very | Not at all | not to   |       |
|           | Very willing  | willing  | willing  | willing    | answer   | Total |
| Montréal  | 4.9%  | 11.1%    | 18.5%    | 60.5%      | 4.9%     | 100.0 |
|           |   |          |          |            |          | %     |
| Toronto   | 2.3%  | 15.9%    | 23.3%    | 54.7%      | 3.9%     | 100.0 |
|           |   |          |          |            |          | %     |
| Vancouver | 3.6%  | 24.5%    | 31.8%    | 38.2%      | 1.8%     | 100.0 |
|           |   |          |          |            |          | %     |

#### COVID-19 SOCIAL IMPACTS NETWORK

- The COVID-19 Social Impacts Network is a multidisciplinary group of some of the country's leading experts to help identify key issues, indicators and sociodemographics to generate evidence-based responses that address the social and economic dimensions of the COVID-19 crisis in Canada.
- Visit: <a href="https://acs-aec.ca/en/covid-19-social-impacts-network/">https://acs-aec.ca/en/covid-19-social-impacts-network/</a>
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