

QUARANTINE COMPLIANCE: OVER ONE MILLION CANADIANS KNOW SOMEONE THAT DID NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH THE RULES ON QUARANTINING AFTER TRAVEL; QUEBECERS WERE MOST LIKELY TO KNOW SOMEONE THAT DID NOT FULLY COMPLY

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INTRODUCTION: IT IS NOT EASY TO GET CANADIANS TO COMPLY WITH QUARANTINE RULES

Yesterday (January 21) Quebec Premier Legault said he wants all travelers returning to Quebec to quarantine at a hotel for two weeks immediately after arriving from the airport. He wants the quarantine rooms to be “monitored,” and would mandate the stay to be for two weeks and adds that travelers would be liable to pay for the duration of the hotel stay for 14 days. A Leger-ACS survey (January 15-17, 2021) reveals that of the approximate 30% of Quebecers saying they know someone that has quarantined after travel some one in five know someone that hasn’t complied fully with the quarantine rules. The latter figure is the highest for any province in Canada.

Getting Canadians to comply with COVID-19 quarantine rules has not been simple. The Leger-ACS survey reveals that of the 43% of Canadians that say they know someone that had been required to quarantine some 10% said they know someone that did not fully comply with the quarantine rules. While that 10% may seem like a small percentage it nonetheless may represent as many as one million people if not more.

SOME 43% OF CANADIANS KNOW SOMEONE THAT HAS HAD TO QUARANTINE OWING TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF CANADA

The Government of Canada requires that persons traveling from outside of Canada quarantine at home or at a designated center for 14 days. Do you know someone that has quarantined?

	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	French	English	Others	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	43%	54%	43%	35%	28%	47%	45%	57%	31%	48%	46%	41%	42%
No	57%	46%	57%	65%	72%	53%	55%	43%	69%	52%	54%	59%	58%

AMONGST THOSE KNOWING SOMEONE THAT QUARANTINED JUST OVER ONE IN TEN SAY THEY DID NOT FULLY RESPECT THE RULES WITH QUEBEC REPORTING THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE KNOWING SOMEONE THAT VIOLATED THE RULES

To your knowledge has the person(s) fully respected the quarantine rules?									
	Total	Man	Woman	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	88%	87%	90%	92%	80%	89%	88%	95%	88%
No	12%	13%	10%	8%	20%	11%	12%	5%	12%

MANY CANADIANS KNOW SOMEONE THAT HAS VIOLATED QUARANTINE RULES

- 43% of 30 million Canadians over the age of 18 equals approximately 13 million people....and in Quebec 31% of 7.2 million which is about 2.2 million of which 20% say they knew someone that did not fully comply with the quarantine rules
- 12% of 13 million people implies a maximum number of 1.5 million people... But it is very possible that the 12% know some of the same people that did not respect the quarantine hence reducing the maximum. That said, the poll confirms that well over one million Canadians say that they knew someone that did not fully comply with the quarantine rules and in Quebec as many as 400 000 people claim they know someone that did not comply

A MAJORITY OF CANADIANS STRONGLY SUPPORT MAKING QUARANTINE VIOLATION A CRIMINAL OFFENSE

Make infringements on the 14 days quarantine rule a criminal offense for persons returning here or coming to Canada from abroad - In regard to travel outside of Canada over the next 90 days (three months), do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose that violations of the 14-day quarantine rule be considered as a criminal offense for people returning to Canada from abroad or coming to Canada from abroad?

TOTAL SUPPORT	81%
Strongly support	53%
Somewhat support	28%
TOTAL OPPOSE	19%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	6%

METHODOLOGY

- These findings arise from a survey conducted via web panel by Leger in partnership with the Association for Canadian Studies between January 15 and January 17, 2021 with 1516 Canadians 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.

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