

# ARE UNVACCINATED RETAIL WORKERS AT RISK OF LOSING EMPLOYMENT?

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An August 2021 survey by KPMG found that 62 per cent of Canadian small- and medium-sized businesses are making or plan to make COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for their employees. How do Canadians feel about working and shopping in stores where there are unvaccinated employees and customers? It is an issue that is the object of attention and consideration by many retailers. It is clear that most people asked would prefer to work alongside and serve customers who have been fully vaccinated, according to a text in Retail Insider adding that “ It’s something that retailers are going to need to address because it’s not going to go away” .[Majority of Retailers in Canada Want Staff and Customers to be Vaccinated which Could Dictate Mandatory Mandates: Poll \(retail-insider.com\)](https://www.retail-insider.com/majority-of-retailers-in-canada-want-staff-and-customers-to-be-vaccinated-which-could-dictate-mandatory-mandates-poll)

A September 2021 Leger survey conducted for the Association for Canadian Studies reveals that 50% of Canadians believe that retail establishments should post external signs (i.e store front) indicating that all their employees are fully vaccinated. Persons under the age of 35 and Quebecers are very divided over the issue. The results point to potentially for retailers going forward. Another question asking whether certain health providers (i.e. nurse, dentist, optometrist,etc) must tell their patients if they are not vaccinated revealed that some 62% felt that such as admission should be required. The findings point to a growing number of precarious situations for unvaccinated Canadians.

## INTRODUCTION: THE GROWING PRECARIOUSNESS FOR UNVACCINATED CANADIANS

Half of Canadians believe that retail establishments should post external signs (i.e store front) indicating that all their employees are fully vaccinated. Persons under the age of 35 and Quebecers are very divided over whether retail establishments should indicate that their employees are fully vaccinated

**Do you think retail establishments should post external signs (i.e store front) indicating that all their employees are fully vaccinated?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>18-34</b>	<b>35-54</b>	<b>55+</b>	<b>QC</b>	<b>ROC</b>
Yes	50%	38%	43%	65%	43%	52%
No	31%	39%	40%	18%	42%	28%
I don't know	17%	20%	16%	15%	13%	18%
I prefer not to answer	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%

People's party of Canada supporters are overwhelmingly opposed to the idea that retail establishments should indicate that their employees are fully vaccinated

**Do you think retail establishments should post external signs (i.e store front) indicating that all their employees are fully vaccinated?**

	PLC	PCC	NPD	BQ	GPC	PPC
Yes	66%	46%	58%	52%	38%	6%
No	19%	34%	24%	38%	40%	86%
I don't know	13%	19%	18%	9%	22%	6%
I prefer not to answer	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%

Some 62% of Canadians agree that certain health providers (i.e. nurse, dentist, optometrist, etc) must tell their patients if they are not vaccinated

**Which of the following two statements comes closer to your opinion?**

	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	QC	ROC
Health professionals (i.e. nurse, dentist, optometrist,etc) must tell their patients if they are not vaccinated	62%	53%	53%	77%	56%	65%
Health professionals (i.e. nurse, dentist, optometrist,etc) should not be required to tell patients if they are vaccinated	27%	37%	35%	14%	36%	25%
I don't know	10%	10%	12%	9%	9%	11%

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