

VACCINES AND BORDERS

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Nearly seven in ten Canadians do not trust persons that are unvaccinated; Albertans and Quebecers are somewhat more likely to trust persons that are unvaccinated

Unvaccinated Persons - To what extent do you trust each of the following:										
October 8-10, 2021 Leger for ACS	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
TOTAL YES	31%	38%	38%	20%	24%	37%	27%	33%	46%	18%
A lot	8%	11%	9%	5%	8%	11%	6%	11%	13%	4%
Somewhat	23%	26%	29%	15%	17%	27%	21%	22%	33%	14%
TOTAL NO	69%	62%	62%	80%	76%	63%	73%	67%	54%	82%
Not a lot	34%	35%	35%	33%	40%	28%	36%	30%	29%	43%
Not at all	35%	27%	27%	47%	36%	34%	36%	37%	25%	38%

Three in four Canadians know someone that is refusing to get vaccinated

Do you know someone who is refusing to get vaccinated? - Please answer yes or no to the following questions:

October 8-10, 2021 Leger for ACS	Total	Man	Woman	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	74%	70%	77%	71%	77%	73%
No	26%	30%	23%	29%	23%	27%

Of those who know someone that refuses to get vaccinated some two in three don't trust persons that are not vaccinated' 78% of those who don't know anyone that refuses to get vaccinated do not trust persons who refuse to get vaccinated

Please answer yes or no to the following questions:

Unvaccinated Persons - To what extent do you trust each of the following: October 8-10, 2021 Leger for ACS	Do you know someone who is refusing to get vaccinated?		Total
	Yes	No	
A lot	9.2%	4.7%	8.0%
Somewhat	24.8%	17.2%	22.8%
Not a lot	34.0%	35.5%	34.4%
Not at all	31.9%	42.6%	34.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Some seven in ten Canadians believe that there are legitimate medical exemptions for not getting vaccinated

Do you think that there are legitimate medical exemptions for not getting vaccinated? - Please answer yes or no to the following questions:

October 8-10, 2021 Leger for ACS	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	74%	80%	75%	70%	77%	75%	75%	77%	75%	67%
No	26%	20%	25%	30%	23%	25%	25%	23%	25%	33%

Some eight in ten Canadians do not believe that there are legitimate religious exemptions for not getting vaccinated

Do you think that there are legitimate religious exemptions for not getting vaccinated? - Please answer yes or no to the following questions:

October 8-10, 2021 Leger for ACS	Total	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	21%	27%	23%	14%
No	79%	73%	77%	86%

Nearly eight in ten Canadians think that people who claim medical or religious reasons for not getting vaccinated are lying

Do you think that most people saying they have religious or medical reasons for not getting vaccinated are telling the truth?							
October 8-10, 2021 Leger for ACS	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	French	English	Others
Yes	22%	31%	23%	15%	19%	23%	24%
No	78%	69%	77%	85%	81%	77%	76%

Amongst those who believe that there are legitimate medical exemptions most believe it is connected to allergic reactions

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Please give an example of what a legitimate medical exemption is.

Allergy to vaccine ingredients / severe reaction / adverse effects / allergy	48.2%
Medical/chronic problem (that could be worsened after taking the vaccine)	10.0%
Don't know / refusal	8.7%
Compromised immune system / auto immune disorder	8.1%
Heart disease/condition/inflammation	5.8%
Cancer treatment / cancer	3.7%
Professional/doctor contraindication	3.0%
Lung diseases (asthma, etc.) / respiratory disease / breathing issues	2.4%
Blood clots/disorder/disease	2.4%
Vaccine interaction with other medications	1.8%
Other	1.6%
Pregnancy	1.1%
Freedom of choice / personal choice	1.1%
Old persons / people with terminal illness	1.0%
Nothing / none	1.0%

Sixty percent of Canadians say they will get a booster as soon as one become available with seniors most likely to say they'll do so

When a booster shot against COVID-19 becomes available to the population and is free, do you intend to get one?

October 8-10, 2021 Leger for ACS	Total	Man	Woman	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +
Yes - As soon as it's available to me	59%	61%	57%	43%	51%	50%	55%	64%	79%
Maybe - I want to see how things evolve	31%	27%	34%	48%	37%	31%	32%	28%	18%
No - I'll never get a booster shot	11%	13%	9%	9%	12%	19%	13%	8%	4%

Of those Canadians that firmly refuse to get a booster shot some two in three say they don't think it is necessary

Please tell us why you will not get the booster shot?

October 8-10, 2021 Leger for ACS	Total	18-34	35-54	55+
I don't think a booster shot is necessary in general	63%	74%	61%	52%
I feel like I've already built-up immunity to COVID from the first round of vaccination	20%	26%	14%	30%
I had adverse side effects the first time I got the vaccine	7%	6%	9%	2%
I only got vaccinated in the first place because it was required for work/school	15%	20%	12%	14%
I still ended up contracting COVID even though I was vaccinated, so this isn't going to help	7%	7%	7%	6%
Something else	36%	25%	37%	48%

Those less inclined to get a booster are most likely to question it's effectiveness

Please tell us why you will not get the booster shot?

When a booster shot against COVID-19 becomes available to the population and is free, do you intend to get one? October 8-10, 2021 Leger for ACS	Do you believe the COVID-19 vaccine is effective in preventing you from getting the virus?	
	Yes	No
Yes - As soon as it's available to me	70.3%	30.5%
Maybe - I want to see how things evolve	27.0%	39.5%
No - I'll never get a booster shot	2.6%	30.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Americans most likely to have been tested for COVID-19 while canadians are least likely

Have you ever been tested for COVID-19?

	CAN	USA	MEX	Total
Yes	40.9%	53.4%	49.3%	48.1%
No	59.1%	46.6%	50.7%	51.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Americans put the bar a fair bit lower than do Mexicans and Canadians when it comes to estimating percentage needed for herd immunity

What percentage of the population do you think needs to be vaccinated to reach herd immunity?

	CAN	USA	MEX	Total
60%	2.6%	5.8%	4.6%	4.4%
70%	5.7%	14.9%	8.6%	10.4%
80%	20.1%	24.5%	19.5%	22.0%
90%	56.6%	29.5%	57.9%	44.5%
I don't know	15.0%	25.2%	9.4%	18.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Canadians more concerned about border opening with US; americans more concerned about border opening with Mexico than with Canada

Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried or not worried at all about the following?

	Canadians on Border being opened with the United States	Americans on Border being open with Canada	Americans on Border being open with Mexico	Mexicans worried about border being opened with the United States
Total Worried	63.3%	28.9%	52.2%	49.6%
Very worried	31.9%	11.1%	28.6%	20.5%
Somewhat worried	31.4%	17.8%	23.6%	29.1%
Not very worried	17.2%	27.4%	17.0%	25.1%
Not worried at all	14.8%	33.1%	20.8%	20.1%
I don't know	3.0%	8.2%	7.5%	2.9%
I prefer not to answer	1.7%	2.3%	2.5%	2.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Shared mitigation measures across North America not a priority for border reopening

Conditions for Border Reopening 3 COUNTRIES

	CAN	USA	MEX	Total
Significant reduction in case counts	17.4%	19.9%	29.2%	20.7%
Certain percentage of persons vaccinated	18.1%	18.0%	26.7%	19.6%
Shared mitigation measures	8.6%	11.6%	10.4%	10.3%

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Americans somewhat more likely than Canadians to report having travelled outside their country

I traveled outside my country since March 2020?

	Total
CAN	6.5%
USA	10.6%
MEX	8.6%

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Canadians that have travelled outside of Canada are less worried about borders being opened with the USA

Border being open with USA

Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried or not worried at all about the following?

	Canada Have you traveled outside your country since March 2020?	
	Yes	No
Total Worried	45.7%	64.6%
Very worried	15.4%	33.1%
Somewhat worried	30.3%	31.5%
Not very worried	23.6%	16.8%
Not worried at all	27.7%	13.9%
I don't know	2.6%	3.0%
I prefer not to answer	0.5%	1.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

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Americans are much more likely to think that vaccine passports are a rights infringement

With which of the following statements below do you agree?

	CAN	USA	MEX
"Vaccine passports" infringe on personal rights and privacy and should not be required	19.7%	35.5%	14.6%
"Vaccine passports" are necessary for public safety even though they infringe on personal rights or privacy	34.1%	32.2%	41.8%
"Vaccine passports" do not infringe on personal rights or privacy and should be required	46.1%	32.2%	43.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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