

What Matters Most To You - Easing Public Health Restrictions

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Number of Respondents: 33,904

Questions	Yes, very afraid	Somewhat afraid	Not very afraid	No, not afraid at all
Are you personally afraid of contracting COVID-19?	12%	33%	32%	23%
Are you afraid that someone close to you (friend, parent, grandparent) will contract COVID-19?	25%	38%	24%	13%

Base: All respondents (n=33,904)

Which of the following statements best reflects your view on the COVID-19 vaccines?

I have already received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine	86%
I have already booked an appointment to get the first dose of the vaccine	2%
I will get the vaccine, but I'm not in a rush to sign-up	2%
I'm not sure if I will get the vaccine	4%
I will not get vaccinated against COVID-19	5%

Base: All respondents

Which of the following best reflects your view on getting a second dose of COVID-19 vaccine?

I have already received my second dose	22%
I have already booked an appointment to get a second dose of the vaccine	26%
I will sign up for a second dose as soon as I am eligible	51%
I'm not sure if I will get a second dose	<1%
I will not get a second dose of the vaccine	<1%

Base: Respondents who have already received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (n=29,244)

To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the provincial government's current approach to providing the COVID-19 vaccine?

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	47%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	12%

Base: All respondents

Respondents who have or intend to be vaccinated against COVID-19

The following questions were asked of respondents that indicated they already have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, have booked an appointment to get the vaccine or intend to get the vaccine, but are not in a rush (n=30,864).

Public health officials are considering making changes to public health restrictions for people who have been fully vaccinated (those who received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine at least two weeks ago).

If you were permitted to do the following after being fully vaccinated, how much would it improve your quality of life?

	A lot	A little	Not at all	Not sure
Ability to travel within Canada without being required to self-isolate upon return to Manitoba	63%	23%	12%	2%
Ability to attend large sporting events (Jets, Bombers)	40%	28%	30%	2%
Ability to attend large cultural events (festivals, concerts)	46%	33%	19%	2%
Ability to visit facilities or attend events and not count towards capacity	58%	29%	11%	3%
Increased access to visit loved ones in personal care homes and hospitals	60%	22%	15%	3%

Base: Respondents who have or intend to be vaccinated against COVID-19 (n=30,864).

What do you consider to be the highest priority changes that public health officials should consider for those who have been fully vaccinated (those who received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine at least two weeks ago)?

Please pick the top two options that matter most to you.

The top two activities as indicated in the table below include the ability to travel within Canada without being required to self-isolate upon return to Manitoba and increased access to visit loved ones in personal care homes and hospitals.

	% of Respondents
Ability to travel within Canada without being required to self-isolate upon return to Manitoba	63%
Increased access to visit loved ones in personal care homes and hospitals	45%
Ability to visit facilities or attend events and not count towards capacity	42%
Ability to attend large cultural events (festivals, concerts)	20%
Ability to attend large sporting events (Jets, Bombers)	17%

Base: Respondents who have or intend to be vaccinated against COVID-19

Respondents who are not sure or do not intend to be vaccinated against COVID-19

The following questions were asked of respondents that indicated they are not sure if they will get the vaccine or do not intend to get vaccinated against COVID-19 (n=3,040).

Public health officials are considering making changes to public health restrictions for people who have been fully vaccinated (those who received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine at least two weeks ago).

If the following changes were made only for fully vaccinated people, how likely would you be to book your vaccination?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Not sure
Ability to travel within Canada without being required to self-isolate upon return to Manitoba	4%	5%	7%	75%	9%
Ability to attend large sporting events (Jets, Bombers)	4%	3%	6%	81%	6%
Ability to attend large cultural events (festivals, concerts)	4%	5%	7%	78%	7%
Ability to visit facilities or attend events and not count towards capacity	5%	5%	7%	76%	8%
Increased access to visit loved ones in personal care homes and hospitals	5%	6%	8%	72%	9%

Base: Respondents who are not sure or do not intend to be vaccinated against COVID-19 (n=3,040).

All Respondents

The following questions were asked of all respondents.

Public health officials are also considering making changes to public health restrictions for all Manitobans. We want to know what matters most to you when it comes to easing restrictions.

If you were permitted to do the following, how much would it improve your quality of life?

	A lot	A little	Not at all	Not sure
Increased indoor gathering sizes (homes, places of worship, cultural and community events, support groups)	74%	17%	8%	1%
Increased capacity at retail locations	23%	45%	31%	1%
Ability to gather with friends and family outdoors on your private property	93%	6%	1%	<1%
Ability to gather with friends and family in outdoor public places	85%	12%	2%	<1%
Ability for youth to participate in organized outdoor recreation (sport games, practices)	42%	24%	31%	3%
Ability for adults to participate in organized outdoor recreation (sport games, practices)	36%	28%	33%	3%
Reopening of gyms and fitness centres	37%	24%	36%	2%
Reopening of restaurants for patio or household-only indoor dining	51%	33%	15%	1%
Reopening of personal services businesses (estheticians, barbers and stylists)	63%	29%	8%	1%
Reopening of museums, galleries and libraries	25%	38%	35%	3%

Base: All respondents

What do you consider to be the highest priority changes that public health officials should consider if public health indicators support easing of restrictions? Please pick the top three options that matter most to you.

The top three activities as indicated in the table below include the ability to gather with friends and family outdoors on your private property, ability to gather with friends and family in outdoor public places and increased indoor gathering sizes (homes, places of worship, cultural and community events, support groups).

	% of Respondents
Ability to gather with friends and family outdoors on your private property	84%
Ability to gather with friends and family in outdoor public places	51%
Increased indoor gathering sizes (homes, places of worship, cultural and community events, support groups)	49%
Reopening of personal services businesses (estheticians, barbers and stylists)	32%
Reopening of restaurants for patio or household-only indoor dining	22%
Ability for youth to participate in organized outdoor recreation (sport games, practices)	16%
Reopening of gyms and fitness centres	16%
Increased capacity at retail locations	6%
Ability for adults to participate in organized outdoor recreation (sport games, practices)	6%
Reopening of museums, galleries and libraries	2%

Base: All respondents

Do you have any additional comments on what matters most to you when considering easing public health order restrictions?

Feedback from respondents indicated that while some people feel strongly about the need to add more / keep current restrictions, others mentioned the desire to eliminate all public health order restrictions and fully open businesses.

Some participants commented that decisions on restrictions should be made by public health professionals and be based on data and statistics. Comments indicated that restrictions should not be province-wide and specific to each region. Concerns for mental / physical health were also frequently mentioned as a consideration when making decisions about public health restrictions. Participants indicated that they want clear information, access to current statistics as well as transparency in the re-opening plan.

Participants highlighted many themes related to public health order restrictions. A summary of participant feedback is below.

Gatherings

Feedback from respondents indicated that both public and private gatherings are important to them. Participants commented on the importance of being able to get together with family / friends in both public and private settings and to allow for increased size of groups at places of worship and events such as weddings, graduations and funerals.

Re-open businesses / sports and recreation

Participants commented that businesses and recreation facilities should be allowed to re-open / increase capacity. Sectors mentioned include restaurants, gyms / fitness facilities, personal services businesses and indoor and outdoor sports such as golf. Participants also indicated that restrictions should be loosened for children allowing them to play sports, attend day camp and other opportunities for socialization, including re-opening of schools.

Vaccination and public health restrictions

Participant comments in support of vaccination indicated that people who are fully immunized people should benefit from reduced restrictions, vaccine passports are a good idea and that the government should do whatever it takes to get people vaccinated as fast as possible. Participant comments also indicated that people who are not vaccinated should not be denied services or be penalized for not being vaccinated.

Travel restrictions

Feedback from respondents indicated that the restriction to self-isolate when entering Manitoba should be removed for inter-provincial travel and that all borders should be re-opened, allowing for travel outside of Canada.