



British Columbia DA's Response to the CDAA Survey: Covid-19 Vaccine

- 154 British Columbia dental assistants responded to our survey
- 84.24% of respondents indicated they would take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- 15.58% of respondents indicated they would NOT take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- **Of those that indicated they would NOT be getting the Covid-19 vaccine**, British Columbia dental assistants reported their primary reason for their decision was that they did not believe the vaccine to be safe (37.04%); do not believe in the efficacy of the vaccine (29.63%); fear of the vaccine (14.81%); have a pre-existing condition that prevents them from receiving the vaccine (14.81%).
- In addition, British Columbia dental assistants expressed their concerns regarding: the speed in which the vaccine has been brought to market; the lack of information around the longer-term side effects of taking the vaccine; the vaccine not being studied in the context of its impact on individuals with pre-existing autoimmune disorders; the vagueness of the vaccine's success rates, especially with regard to the emerging disease variants.
- It was noted by one British Columbia dental assistant that despite their concerns they would take the vaccine only if it is mandated to maintain employment.



Alberta DA's Response to the CDAA Survey: Covid-19 Vaccine

- 211 Alberta dental assistants responded to our survey
- 78.67% of respondents indicated they would take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- 21.33% of respondents indicated they would NOT take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- **Of those that indicated they would NOT be getting the Covid-19 vaccine,** Alberta dental assistants reported their primary reason for their decision was that they do not believe in the efficacy of the vaccine (47.37%); did not believe the vaccine to be safe (36.84%); have a pre-existing condition that prevents them from receiving the vaccine (19.30%); fear of the vaccine (14.04%).
- In addition, Alberta dental assistants expressed their concerns regarding: the speed in which the vaccine has been brought to market; the lack of information around the longer-term side effects of taking the vaccine; the vagueness of the vaccine's success rates; believe they are young, healthy with strong immune systems and have seen individuals recover from the disease; concerned about which of the vaccines (Pfizer or Moderna, etc.) they will actually be receiving.
- It was also noted by some Alberta dental assistants that they will "most likely" take the vaccine when it has been "properly tested" or if it is required to maintain employment.



Saskatchewan DA's Response to the CDAA Survey: Covid-19 Vaccine

- 713 Saskatchewan dental assistants responded to our survey
- 75.95% of respondents indicated they would take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- 24.05% of respondents indicated they would NOT take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- **Of those that indicated they would NOT be getting the Covid-19 vaccine**, Saskatchewan dental assistants reported their primary reason for their decision was that they do not believe the vaccine to be safe (31.14%); do not believe in the efficacy of the vaccine (24.22%); have a pre-existing condition that prevents them from receiving the vaccine (16.96%); fear of the vaccine (13.15%).
- In addition, Saskatchewan dental assistants expressed their concerns regarding: the speed in which the vaccine has been brought to market; the lack of information around the longer-term side effects of taking the vaccine.
- It was also noted by some Saskatchewan dental assistants that they are undecided about whether or not to take the vaccine and will wait to see the side effects over the longer term before deciding to be inoculated. Also, several dental assistants noted they would not take the vaccine as they were trying to conceive, are pregnant or breast feeding.
- Three dental assistants noted that they were concerned about the long term effects the vaccine could have on their fertility and the future fertility of their children. In particular, one dental assistant indicated that her “doctor said if you are in your child-bearing years DO NOT get it. I want children one day. I’m only 23. I won’t get it. Period.”



Manitoba DA's Response to the CDAA Survey: Covid-19 Vaccine

- 305 Manitoba dental assistants responded to our survey
- 80.98% of respondents indicated they would take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- 19.02% of respondents indicated they would NOT take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- **Of those that indicated they would NOT be getting the Covid-19 vaccine**, Manitoba dental assistants reported their primary reason for their decision was that they do not believe the vaccine to be safe (44.44%); do not believe in the efficacy of the vaccine (36.51%); fear of the vaccine (30.16%); have a pre-existing condition that prevents them from receiving the vaccine (9.52%).
- In addition, Manitoba dental assistants expressed their concerns over the lack of information around the longer-term side effects and potential complications of taking the vaccine.
- It was also noted by some Manitoba dental assistants that they are undecided about whether or not to take the vaccine and will wait to see the side effects over the longer term, before deciding to be inoculated.



Ontario DA's Response to the CDAA Survey: Covid-19 Vaccine

- 1855 Ontario dental assistants responded to our survey
- 73.69% of respondents indicated they would take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- 26.31% of respondents indicated they would NOT take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- **Of those that indicated they would NOT be getting the Covid-19 vaccine,** Ontario dental assistants reported their primary reason for their decision was that they do not believe the vaccine to be safe (35.96%); do not believe in the efficacy of the vaccine (31.50%); fear of the vaccine (24.67%); have a pre-existing condition that prevents them from receiving the vaccine (16.01%).
- In addition, many Ontario dental assistants expressed their concerns regarding: the speed in which the vaccine has been brought to market; the lack of information around the longer-term side effects of taking the vaccine.
- It was also noted by some Ontario dental assistants that they are undecided about whether or not to take the vaccine and will wait to see the side effects over the longer term before deciding to be inoculated. Also, several dental assistants noted they would not take the vaccine as they were trying to conceive, are pregnant or breast feeding.
- The issue of a potential for long-term negative impact the vaccine could have on fertility was raised by several dental assistants who noted that they would wait to see what the long term side effects are before receiving the inoculation.

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Quebec DA's Response to the **CDAА Survey: Covid-19 Vaccine**

- Only 3 Quebec dental assistants responded to our survey. All 3 reported they would take the vaccine.



New Brunswick DA's Response to the CDAA Survey: Covid-19 Vaccine

- 274 New Brunswick dental assistants responded to our survey
- 78.5% of respondents indicated they would take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- 21.25% of respondents indicated they would NOT take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- **Of those that indicated they would NOT be getting the Covid-19 vaccine**, New Brunswick dental assistants reported their primary reason for their decision was that they do not believe the vaccine to be safe (32.43%); fear of the vaccine (29.73%); do not believe in the efficacy of the vaccine (21.62%); have a pre-existing condition that prevents them from receiving the vaccine (21.62%).
- In addition, New Brunswick dental assistants expressed their concerns regarding: the speed in which the vaccine has been brought to market; the lack of information around the longer-term side effects of taking the vaccine.
- The issue of a potential for long-term negative impact the vaccine could have on fertility was raised by several dental assistants who noted that they would wait to see what the long-term side effects are or if there is further data on its impacts on fertility before receiving the inoculation. Also, one dental assistant noted that she had been advised by public health not to take the vaccine if she is planning to conceive in the next two years.



Nova Scotia DA's Response to the CDAA Survey: Covid-19 Vaccine

- 321 Nova Scotian dental assistants responded to our survey
- 82.55% of respondents indicated they would take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- 17.45% of respondents indicated they would NOT take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- **Of those that indicated they would NOT be getting the Covid-19 vaccine,** Nova Scotia dental assistants reported their primary reason for their decision was fear of the vaccine (34.00%); that they do not believe the vaccine to be safe (33.00%); do not believe in the efficacy of the vaccine (28.00%); have a pre-existing condition that prevents them from receiving the vaccine (17.00%).
- In addition, many Nova Scotia dental assistants expressed their concerns regarding: the lack of information around the longer-term side effects of taking the vaccine. Also, several dental assistants noted they are undecided about whether or not to take the vaccine and will wait to see the side effects over the longer term before deciding to be inoculated.



Newfoundland & Labrador DA's Response to the CDAA Survey: Covid-19 Vaccine

- 26 Newfoundland dental assistants responded to our survey
- 92.31% of respondents indicated they would take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- 7.69% of respondents indicated they would NOT take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them.
- **Of those that indicated they would NOT be getting the Covid-19 vaccine**, Newfoundland dental assistants reported their primary reason for their decision was that they do not believe the vaccine to be safe (20.00%); fear of the vaccine (20.00%).
- In addition, a Newfoundland dental assistant expressed her concern that she did not have paid sick leave in the event that she has an adverse reaction to the vaccine.

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Nunavut DA's Response to the **CDAA Survey: Covid-19 Vaccine**

- Only 3 Nunavut dental assistants responded to our survey. All 3 indicated they would take the vaccine.