



CDAA COVID-19 VACCINATIONS KEY SURVEY FINDINGS

The Canadian Dental Assistants Association (CDA) asked Dental Assistants (DAs) in Canada if they would take the Covid-19 (SARS-CoV-2) vaccine when it becomes available to them:

- Nationally 76.64% of respondents indicated that they would take the Covid-19 vaccine; 23.36% of respondents indicated that they would **NOT** take the Covid-19

Primary Concerns:

Of those who indicated they would not be taking the Covid-19 vaccine:

- 35.03% reported they do not believe the vaccine is safe
- 22.77% reported they are fearful in general
- 30.02% reported they do not believe in the efficacy of the vaccine
- 16.39% reported they have a pre-existing condition that prevents them from receiving the vaccine, based on current public health advisories (pregnant, nursing, anaphylaxis allergies)

Additional Concerns:

Beyond the selection of concerns listed above, those who indicated they would not be taking the Covid-19 vaccine also provided other reasons for their decision:

- 33.67% of dental assistants in 7 provinces (BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, NB, NS) reported they will not take the vaccine because they believe there is not enough information/research on the long-term side effects of taking the vaccine; a sub-set of these respondents (5%) noted that they are particularly concerned about potential negative side effects to their fertility/ability to conceive both now or in the longer term.
- 8.11% of respondents noted they are undecided on whether or not they would take the vaccine.
- 10.75% of respondents indicated they will wait to see how people react to getting the vaccine before they decide to be inoculated.



Provincial Data:

Among our respondents:

- Newfoundland & Labrador dental assistants were the most likely to get the vaccine when it is made available to them (92.31% of survey participants).
- 26.31% of Ontario dental assistants reported they would NOT take the Covid-19 vaccine when it is made available to them - the highest provincial percentage which is 2.95% higher than the overall national percentage reported by survey respondents.
- Across 5 provinces (BC, AB, SK, ON, NB), many respondents specifically noted their concerns about how quickly the vaccine was brought to market as a reason for not taking the vaccine.