# Topline

KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor October 2021



#### **METHODOLOGY**

This KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted October 14-24, 2021, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,519 adults ages 18 and older (including interviews from 309 Hispanic adults and 305 non-Hispanic Black adults), living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Phone numbers used for this study were randomly generated from cell phone and landline sampling frames, with an overlapping frame design, and disproportionate stratification aimed at reaching Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black respondents as well as those living in areas with high rates of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy. Stratification was based on incidence of the race/ethnicity subgroups and vaccine hesitancy within each frame. High hesitancy was defined as living in the top 25% of counties as far as the share of the population not intending to get vaccinated based on the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey. The sample also included 87 respondents reached by calling back respondents that had previously completed an interview on the KFF Tracking poll at least nine months ago. Another 46 interviews were completed with respondents who had previously completed an interview on the SSRS Omnibus poll (and other RDD polls) and identified as Hispanic (including 23 in Spanish) or non-Hispanic Black (n=62). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (168) and cell phone (1,351, including 1,038 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Glen Mills, PA. To efficiently obtain a sample of lower-income and non-White respondents, the sample also included an oversample of prepaid (pay-as-you-go) telephone numbers (25% of the cell phone sample consisted of prepaid numbers) Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group (MSG). For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2019 U.S. American Community Survey (ACS), on gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, and region, within race-groups, along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the July-December 2020 National Health Interview Survey The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample, and design modifications, namely, the oversampling of potentially undocumented respondents and of prepaid cell phone numbers, as well as the likelihood of non-response for the recontacted sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other public opinion poll. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the Transparency Initiative of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

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Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	1,519	± 3 percentage points
COVID-19 Vaccination Status		
Have gotten at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine	1,090	± 4 percentage points
Have not gotten the COVID-19 vaccine	406	± 6 percentage points
Race/Ethnicity		
White, non-Hispanic	794	± 4 percentage points
Black, non-Hispanic	305	± 7 percentage points
Hispanic	309	± 7 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	460	± 6 percentage points
Republicans	341	± 7 percentage points
Independents	475	± 6 percentage points
Child Age Groups		
Parents or guardians of children under 18	393	± 6 percentage points
Parents or guardians of children ages 12-17	202	± 9 percentage points
Parents or guardians of children ages 5-11	219	± 9 percentage points

## Notes for reading the topline:

- Percentages may not always add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (\*).
- "Vol." indicates a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice
- Questions are presented in the order asked; question numbers may not be sequential.

All trends shown in this document come from KFF Health Tracking Polls or KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitors.

AGE. What is your age?

AGE2. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

#### **RECAGE2 VARIABLE**

	10/21
18-29	5
30-49	30
50-64	26
65+	25
Don't know/Refused (NET)	14

HISPANIC. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

	10/21
Yes	16
No	83
Don't know	*
Refused	*

RACE. What is your race? Are you white, Black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a Black Hispanic? CODE AS WHITE (1) OR BLACK (2). IF RESPONDENTS REFUSED TO PICK WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC, RECORD HISPANIC AS "OTHER," CODE 97)

## Race/Hispanic Combo Table

## Based on total

	10/21
White, non-Hispanic	61
Total non-White	39
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	16
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	5
Undesignated	1

NATIVITY. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

## Based on Hispanic adults

	10/21
U.S.	51
Puerto Rico	2
Another country	46
Don't know	*
Refused	1
	n=309

Q1. Thinking about what is said in the news, in your view is the seriousness of coronavirus (generally exaggerated), generally correct, or is it (generally underestimated)? (rotate text in parentheses)

	Generally exaggerated	Generally correct	Generally underestimated	Don't know	Refused	
10/21	39	36	19	5	1	n=1,519
9/21	32	40	21	6	1	n=1,519
7/21	30	43	20	6	1	n=1,517
6/21	34	45	16	4	1	n=1,888
5/21	36	40	21	3	*	n=1,526
4/21	34	44	19	3	*	n=2,097
3/21	32	42	22	3	*	n=1,826
2/21	31	41	27	1	*	n=1,874
1/21	28	47	22	3	1	n=1,563
12/20	35	36	25	3	1	n=1,676

Q3. Do you think (INSERT) is holding back economic growth in your area, or not? (scramble a-b)

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	_
a. The spread of COVID-19					
10/21	57	39	3	*	
b. Government restrictions on businesses aimed at					
slowing the spread of COVID-19					
10/21	55	41	3	*	

Q5. How much have you personally returned to activities that you engaged in before the pandemic: (have you basically returned to normal), are you doing some but not all the activities you did before the pandemic, or (are you doing very few of the activities you did before the pandemic)? (rotate text in parentheses)

	10/21
Basically returned to normal	43
Doing some but not all the activities you did before the pandemic	35
Doing very few of the activities you did before the pandemic	15
Never changed activity level during pandemic (Vol.)	6
Don't know	*
Refused	*

# ROTATE Q7 AND Q8

Q7. Which comes closer to your view about traveling for the holidays this year: you are planning to travel, you will not be traveling because of concerns about the pandemic, or you don't normally travel for the holidays and are not planning to this year?

	10/21
Planning to travel	28
Will not be traveling because of concerns about the pandemic	15
Don't normally travel for the holidays and are not planning to this year	56
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q8. Which comes closer to your view about attending holiday gatherings with more than 10 people: you are planning to attend large holiday gatherings this year, you will not be attending gatherings because of concerns about the pandemic, or you don't normally attend holiday gatherings and are not planning to this year?

	10/21
Planning to attend large holiday gatherings this year	48
You will not be attending gatherings because of concerns about the pandemic	22
Don't normally attend holiday gatherings and are not planning to this year	27
Don't know	3
Refused	1

CHILD. Are you the parent or guardian of any child under the age of 18 living in your household?

	10/21
Yes	28
No	72
Don't know/Refused (NET)	*
Don't know	*
Refused	*

CHILDAGE2. How many of your children are (INSERT ITEM)?

Based on those who are a parent or guardian of child under 18

	At least one			Don't		
	0/None	child (NET)	1	2 or more	know/Refused	
a. under the age of 5						_
10/21	64	35	21	13	1	n=393
b. between the ages of 5 and 11						
10/21	42	57	36	21	1	n=393
c. between the ages of 12 and 17						
10/21	49	50	33	17	1	n=393

Q9. Are any of your children ages 5 and over currently enrolled in in-person school?

Based on those who have a child ages 5 or older

	10/21
Yes	86
No	13
Child is/children are homeschooled (Vol.)	1
Child is/Children are attending school virtually (Vol.)	-
Don't know	-
Refused	-
	n=327

Q10. How worried, if at all, are you that (INSERT ITEM) will get seriously sick from the coronavirus? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

Item b based on those who are a parent or guardian of child under 18

							They/ a		
							family		
							member		
							has		
				Not			already		
	Very/			too/Not			gotten	5 /	
	Somewhat	.,		at all			sick from	Don't	
	worried	Very	Somewhat	worried	Not too	Not at all	coronavir	know/	
	(NET)	worried	worried	(NET)	worried	worried	us (Vol.)	Refused	
a. You, personally									
10/21	33	10	23	64	30	34	3	1	n=1,519
09/21	38	12	26	58	28	30	4	*	n=1,519
07/21	34	12	22	65	33	32	-	1	n=1,517
06/21	23	8	15	74	33	41	-	2	n=1,888
05/21	30	13	17	67	27	41	-	2	n=1,526
b. your child									
10/21	45	24	21	54	22	32	2	-	n=393
09/21	57	27	30	41	18	23	2	*	n=414
06/21	37	21	16	62	26	36	1	*	n=453
05/21	49	31	18	50	21	29	1	-	n=357
c. someone else in									
your family									
10/21	55	22	33	43	20	23	2	*	n=1,519
09/21	62	30	33	35	19	16	2	1	n=1,519
06/21	47	19	28	51	24	26	2	*	n=1,888
05/21	56	28	28	43	23	20	1	*	n=1,526

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VACC1. Have you personally received the COVID-19 vaccine, or not? IF YES ASK: Did you receive a single-dose vaccine, the first of two doses, or have you gotten both doses of a two-dose vaccine?

					Got fully vaccinated				
			Yes, got	Yes, got	plus a				
			first dose	both doses	booster	No, have			
		Yes, got	of two-	of a two-	shot/addit	not gotten			
		one-dose	dose	dose	ional dose	the	Don't		
	Yes (NET)	vaccine	vaccine	vaccine	(Vol.)	vaccine	know	Refused	
10/21	72	5	6	59	1	27	*	1	n=1,519
09/21 <sup>1</sup>	72	6	6	60	1	25	*	3	n=1,519
07/21	67	6	4	57	-	31	*	1	n=1,517
06/21	65	5	5	56	-	33	*	1	n=1,888
05/21	62	7	6	49	-	37	*	1	n=1,526
4/21	56	6	13	37	-	43	*	1	n=2,097
3/21	32	4	13	15	-	68	-	*	n=1,862
2/21 <sup>2</sup>	18	-	9	9	-	82	-	*	n=1,874
1/213	6	-	-	-	-	94	*	*	n=1,563

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Beginning in September 2021 a voluntary response option for "Got fully vaccinated plus a booster shot/additional dose" was offered.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> February 2021 question wording: "Have you personally received the COVID-19 vaccine, or not? IF YES ASK: Did you receive a single dose or have you received both doses of the vaccine?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> January 2021 question wording: "Have you personally received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, or not?"

Q11. Did you receive your first COVID-19 vaccine dose more than 6 months ago or in the last 6 months?

Based on those who got at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

	10/21
More than six months ago	53
In the last six months	46
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	n=1.090

VACHES. As you may know, an FDA-authorized vaccine for COVID-19 is now available for free to all adults in the U.S. Do you think you will...? (READ LIST) (rotate 1-4,4-1)

Based on those who have not gotten the COVID-19 vaccine

			Wait until		Only get				
			it has been		the vaccine				
			available		if you are				
			for a while		required to				
	As soon as		to see how		do so for				
	you	Get the	it is	Only if	work,				
	can/Wait	vaccine as	working	required/D	school, or	Definitely			
	and see	soon as	for other	efinitely	other	not get the	Don't		
	(NET)	you can	people	not (NET)	activities	vaccine	know	Refused	
10/21	23	6	17	75	14	61	1	*	n=406
9/21	33	6	27	63	14	49	3	1	n=379
7/21	41	10	31	56	9	46	2	1	n=482
6/21	40	9	32	58	9	46	2	1	n=572
5/21	42	10	32	56	20	36	1	1	n=500
4/214	55	20	35	43	14	29	2	*	n=893
3/21	69	44	25	29	10	19	2	*	n=1,103
2/21	72	46	27	26	8	18	1	*	n=1,481
1/21	77	44	34	21	7	14	1	*	n=1,454
12/205	73	34	39	24	9	15	2	*	n=1,676

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> January 2021-March 2021 question wording: "When an FDA approved vaccine for COVID-19 is available to you for free, do you think you will...?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> December 2020 question wording: "When a vaccine for COVID-19 is approved by the FDA and widely available to anyone who wants it, do you think you will...?"

## Based on total

	Received at least one	Received at least		Wait until it has been available for a while to see how		Only get the vaccine if you are required to do so for			
	dose/Get it as soon as you can (NET)	one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine	Get vaccine as soon as you can	it is working for other people	Only if required/ Definitely not (NET)	work, school, or other activities	Definitely not get the vaccine	Don't know/ Refused	
10/21	73	72	2	5	20	4	16	2	n=1,519
9/21	74	72	2	7	16	4	12	4	n=1,519
7/21	70	67	3	10	17	3	14	3	n=1,517
6/21	68	65	3	10	19	6	14	2	n=1,888
5/21	66	62	4	12	20	7	13	2	n=1,526
4/21	64	56	9	15	19	6	13	2	n=2,097
3/21	61	32	30	17	20	7	13	2	n=1,862
2/21	55	18	37	22	22	7	15	1	n=1,874
1/21	47	6	41	31	20	7	13	1	n=1,563
12/20	34		34	39	24	9	15	3	n=1,676

Q12. How likely do you think it is that you will get the COVID-19 vaccine before the end of 2021?

Based on those who will get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible, wait and see, or only if required

	10/21	9/21	7/21
Very/Somewhat likely (NET)	41	44	50
Very likely	19	20	25
Somewhat likely	22	24	25
Somewhat/Very unlikely (NET)	58	55	49
Somewhat unlikely	20	19	21
Very unlikely	38	36	29
Don't know	*	1	1
Refused	1	*	-
	n=160	n=175	n=245
	10/21	9/21	7/21
Very/Somewhat likely (NET)	15	21	25
Very likely	7	10	13
Somewhat likely	8	11	13
Somewhat/Very unlikely (NET)	22	26	25
Somewhat unlikely	7	9	10
Very unlikely	14	17	15
Definitely not get the vaccine	61	49	46
Don't know/Refused	2	5	3
	n=406	n=379	n=482

Q13. Which comes closer to your view: Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 (is a personal choice) OR Getting vaccinated (is part of everyone's responsibility to protect the health of others)? (rotate text in parentheses)

	10/21	9/21	3/21	2/21	1/21	12/20
Getting vaccinated is a personal choice	53	49	46	45	44	49
Getting vaccinated is part of everyone's						
responsibility to protect the health of others	45	49	53	52	51	49
Both (Vol.) <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	2	3	2
Neither (Vol.)	-	-	-	*	*	*
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	1
Refused	1	*	*	*	*	*
	n=1,519	n=1,519	n=1,862	n=1,874	n=1,563	n=1,676

VACBOOST1. Have you personally received a booster or additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine after you were already fully vaccinated, or not? This could include receiving a 3rd dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or receiving another vaccine after getting the one-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

Asked of those who are fully vaccinated and did not previously offer they already received a booster/additional dose

	10/21	9/21
Yes, received an additional dose	10	4
No, did not receive an additional does	90	95
Don't know	-	1
Refused	*	*
	n=993	n=1,013

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## Based on total

	10/21	9/21
Fully vaccinated (NET)	65	66
Fully vaccinated and received a booster or additional dose	7	3
Fully vaccinated, did not receive a booster or additional dose	59	63
Fully vaccinated and don't know/refused to say if they received a booster or		
additional dose	*	1
Partially vaccinated	6	6
Unvaccinated	27	25
Don't know/Refused	2	3
	n=1,519	n=1,519

Q14. As far as you know, are you currently eligible to get a COVID-19 booster dose, are you not currently eligible, or are you not sure?

\*\*Based on those who are fully vaccinated and have not gotten a booster dose\*\*

	10/21
Yes, eligible	31
No, not eligible	24
Don't know	44
Refused	-
	n=870

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> March 2021 KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor response options were modified and "Both (Vol.) and Neither (Vol.)" were excluded from this wave.

Based on those who are fully vaccinated

	10/21
Received a booster or additional dose	10
Did not receive a booster or additional dose	90
Yes, eligible for a booster dose	28
No, not eligible for a booster dose	22
Not sure if eligible or not	40
	n=993

VACBOOST2. IF FULLY VACCINATED AND SAID THEY ARE ELIGIBLE: When the FDA and the CDC recommend a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for vaccinated people like you, do you think you will definitely get it, probably get it, probably not get it, or will you definitely not get a booster dose?

IF FULLY VACCINATED AND SAID THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE: Do you think you will definitely get a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, probably get it, probably not get it, or will you definitely not get a booster dose? (rotate 1-4/4-1)

Based on those who are fully vaccinated and have not gotten a booster dose

	10/21	9/217
Definitely/Probably get a booster dose (NET)	74	85
Definitely get a booster dose	47	58
Probably get a booster dose	26	28
Probably/Definitely not get a booster dose (NET)	23	13
Probably not get a booster dose	13	8
Definitely not get a booster dose	10	5
Don't know	3	1
Refused	*	*
	n=870	n=964

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> September 2021 question wording: "If the FDA and the CDC recommend a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for vaccinated people like you, do you think you will definitely get it, probably get it, probably not get it, or will you definitely not get a booster dose?". September 2021 question did not include different text for those who were eligible.

Based on those who are fully vaccinated

	10/21	9/21
Received a booster or additional dose	10	4
Did not receive a booster or additional dose	90	95
Definitely/Probably get a booster dose (NET)	66	81
Definitely get a booster dose	43	55
Probably get a booster dose	24	26
Probably/Definitely not get a booster dose (NET)	20	12
Probably not get a booster dose	12	8
Definitely not get a booster dose	9	5
Don't know/Refused	3	1
Don't know/Refused	*	1
	n=993	n=1,013

Q15. How much have you heard about a new COVID-19 pill developed by the pharmaceutical company Merck? (READ LIST)

	10/21
A lot/Some/A little (NET)	51
A lot/ Some (Sub-Net)	26
A lot	9
Some	17
A little	24
Nothing at all	49
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	n=1,519

Q16. As far as you know, is this new pill something people can take to prevent getting infected with COVID-19, or something people can take after they get infected to reduce symptoms?

Base on those who heard at least a little about the COVID-19 pill

	10/21
Prevent infection with COVID-19	19
Reduces symptoms after infection	51
Don't know	28
Refused	1
	n=820

## Q15/Q16 Combo table

## Based on total

	10/21
Heard A lot/Some/A little	51
Prevents infection with COVID-19	10
Reduces symptoms after infection	26
Don't know/Refused	15
Nothing at all	49
Don't know/Refused	1

Q17. Does the potential availability of this new pill make you more likely or less likely to get vaccinated for COVID-19, or doesn't it make much difference?

Based on those who are unvaccinated and heard at least a little about COVID-19 pill

	10/21
More likely	5
Less likely	6
Doesn't make a difference	89
Don't know	*
Refused	-
	n=184

## Q15/Q17 Combo table

Based on those who are unvaccinated

	10/21
Heard A lot/Some/A little(NET)	51
Vaccinated	37
Not vaccinated (Sub-Net)	12
More likely to get vaccinated	1
Less likely to get vaccinated	1
Doesn't make a difference	11
Don't know/Refused	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Nothing at all	49
Don't know/Refused	1

Q18. In general, do you think (INSERT ITEM) to get vaccinated for COVID-19 unless they have a medical exemption, or not? (scramble a-g; rotate b and c together)

	Yes, should require vaccination	No, should not require vaccination	Don't know	Refused	
a. Colleges and universities should require					
students					
10/21	50	47	2	1	n=1,519
9/21	55	43	1	*	n=1,519
6/21	58	40	2	*	n=1,888
<ul> <li>b. K through 12 schools should require students who are eligible</li> </ul>					
10/21	49	47	4	*	n=1,519
9/218	52	46	2	*	n=1,519
6/21	52	45	2	*	n=1,888
c. K through 12 schools should require teachers and other staff					
10/21	56	42	2	*	n=1,519
9/21	58	40	1	*	n=1,519
<ul> <li>d. Hospitals and other health care facilities should require their workers</li> </ul>					
10/21	60	39	1	*	n=1,519
9/21	62	36	1	*	n=1,519
e. The federal government should require its employees					
10/21	52	46	2	*	n=1,519
9/21	55	43	1	*	n=1,519
f. State and local governments should require their employees					
10/21	50	48	1	*	n=1,519
9/21	54	44	2	*	n=1,519

## ROTATE Q19 AND Q20

Q19. Do you support or oppose the federal government requiring larger employers to make sure their workers get vaccinated for COVID-19 or require that unvaccinated workers get tested at least weekly?

	10/21	9/21
Support	57	58
Oppose	40	39
Don't know	2	2
Refused	1	1
	n=1,519	n=1,519

Q20. Do you support or oppose the federal government requiring larger employers to give their workers paid time off to get a COVID-19 vaccine and recover from any side effects?

	10/21	9/21
Support	77	78
Oppose	20	20
Don't know	2	2
Refused	1	*
	n=1,519	n=1,519

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> September 2021: "who are eligible" added to item text

	10/21
Employed (NET)	59
Employed full-time	49
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed (NET)	6
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	4
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	5
Retired	19
On disability and can't work	6
A homemaker or stay at home parent	4
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

SELFEMPLOY. Are you currently self-employed, or not?

Based on those who are employed

	10/21
Yes, self-employed	21
No, not self-employed	79
Don't know/Refused	*
	n=844

# EMPLOY/SELFEMPLOY Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
Employed (NET)	59
Work for an employer	46
Self-employed	12
Don't know/Refused	*
Not employed (NET)	40
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	4
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	5
Retired	19
On disability and can't work	6
A homemaker or stay at home parent	4
Don't know/Refused	1

WFH. Are you currently working from your home, do you work in a location outside your home, or do you work both from home and a location outside your home?

Based on those who are employed

	10/21
Working from home	12
Working in a location outside my home	64
Combination of both	23
Don't know/Refused (NET)	*
Don't know	*
Refused	*
	n=844

Q21. Has your employer required you to get a COVID-19 vaccine, or not?

Based on those who are employed but not self-employed

	10/21	9/21	6/21
Yes	25	19	9
No	73	79	91
Employer only required vaccination to go into the office/work onsite (Vol.)9	*	1	-
Don't know	*	1	*
Refused	1	*	-
	N=656	n=709	n=825

Q22. Do you want YOUR employer to require you and other employees to get a COVID-19 vaccine, or not?

Based on those whose employer did not require them to get vaccinated

	10/21	9/21	6/21
Yes, want employer to require COVID-19 vaccine	29	35	31
No, do not want employer to require COVID-19 vaccine	69	63	67
Employer already requires employees to be vaccinated (Vol.)	-	*	-
Don't know	2	1	2
Refused	*	1	*
	n=484	n=545	n=750

## Q21/Q22 Combo table

Based on those who are employed but not self-employed

10/21	9/21
25	19
73	79
21	28
51	50
-	*
1	1
*	1
1	1
n=656	n=709
	25 73 21 51 - 1 *

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> In the September 2021 Wave, added "Employer only required vaccination to go into the office/work onsite (Vol.)" as response option.

Q23. If your employer required you to either get the COVID-19 vaccine or get tested weekly, what would you be most likely to do (READ LIST)?

Based on those who have not gotten a COVID-19 vaccine and are employed but not self-employed

	10/21	9/21
Get the vaccine	11	12
Get tested weekly	46	56
Leave your job	37	30
Something else (Vol.)	6	1
Don't know	*	*
Refused	-	*
	n=179	n=185

Q24. What if your employer did not offer the weekly testing option, would you be more likely to get the vaccine or more likely to leave your job?

Based on those who are unvaccinated and would get tested weekly if required by employer

Insufficient sample size to report

## Q23/Q24 Combo table

Based on those who are unvaccinated and employed but not self-employed

	10/21
Get the vaccine	11
Get tested weekly	46
Would get the vaccine	6
Would leave their job	35
Something else	1
Don't know/Refused	3
Leave your job	37
Something else (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	*
	n=179

Q25. If your employer requires you to get the COVID-19 vaccine, how likely are you to apply for an exemption?

Based on those who are unvaccinated and employed but not self-employed

	10/21
Very/Somewhat likely	59
Very likely	44
Somewhat likely	15
Not too likely/Not likely at all	38
Not too likely	5
Not likely at all	32
Don't know/Refused	3
	n=179

Q26. What type of exemption will you apply for? A medical exemption, a religious exemption, or another kind of exemption?

Based on those who are very or somewhat likely to apply for an exemption

	10/21
Medical exemption	28
Religious exemption	46
Another kind of exemption	8
Personal choice/right to choose	3
Will apply for both/multiple types of exemption (Vol)	7
Don't know/Refused	8
	n=103

## Q25/Q26 Combo table

Based on those who are unvaccinated and employed but not self-employed

	10/21
Very/Somewhat likely to apply for exemption	59
Medical exemption	16
Religious exemption	27
Another kind of exemption	5
Personal choice/right to choose	2
Will apply for both/multiple types of exemption (Vol)	4
Don't know/Refused	5
Not too likely/Not likely at all to apply for exemption	38
Don't know/Refused	3
	n=179

## Q27. Have you, yourself left a job because an employer required you to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Based on those who have not gotten a COVID-19 vaccine

	10/21
Yes	5
No	95
Don't know	-
Refused	-
	n=406

# VACC1/Q27 Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
Gotten a COVID-19 vaccine	72
Did not get a COVID-19 vaccine	27
Yes, have left job	1
No, have not left job	25
Don't know/Refused	-
Don't know/Refused	2

Q27b. Has someone you know left a job because an employer required them to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

	10/21
Yes	24
No	75
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	n=1.519

COVIDPTO. As far as you know, does your employer offer you paid time off to (INSERT ITEM), do they not offer paid time off, or are you not sure?

Based on those who are employed and not self-employed

	Yes, they offer paid time off for this	No, they do not offer paid time off for this	Not sure	Refused	
a. Get a COVID-19 vaccine					
10/21	29	32	39	*	n=656
9/21	33	31	35	*	n=709
7/21	40	27	32	*	n=664
b. Recover from vaccine side effects					
10/21	32	29	39	*	n=656
9/21	35	31	34	*	n=709
7/21	39	25	36	*	n=664

VACC1KID. Next, thinking about your (oldest/youngest) child between the ages of 12-17, have they received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, or not?

Based on those who are a parent or guardian of a child ages 12-17

	10/21	9/21	7/21	6/2110	5/21
Yes	46	48	41	34	24
No	53	49	58	63	75
Don't know	-	-	-	*	-
Refused/Web blank	1	3	*	3	2
	n=202	n=222	n=728	n=239	n=190

KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor (October 14-24, 2021)

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  May 2021 and June 2021 question text asked: "Your oldest child between the ages of 12 and 17"

VACHESKID2. As you may know, the FDA recently authorized the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for use in children ages 12 and up. Thinking about your (oldest/youngest) child between the ages of 12-17, do you think you will...? (rotate 1-4/4-1)

Based on those who are a parent or guardian of a child ages 12-17 who has not gotten the COVID-19 vaccine

	10/21	9/21	7/21	6/2111	5/21
Get them vaccinated right away	7	8	10	12	24
Wait a while to see how it is working	21	30	39	28	28
Only get your child vaccinated if their school requires it	9	9	16	16	19
Definitely not get them vaccinated	59	43	34	39	26
Don't know	2	7	1	5	3
Refused	2	3	*	-	1
	n=102	n=108	n=405	n=145	n=1.35

## VACC1KID/VACHESKID2

	10/21	9/21	7/21	6/21	5/21
Child is vaccinated/ Get them vaccinated right away (NET)	50	52	47	42	41
Child is vaccinated	46	48	41	34	24
Get them vaccinated right away	4	4	6	8	18
Wait a while to see how it is working	11	15	23	18	21
Only get child vaccinated if their school requires it	5	4	9	10	14
Definitely not get them vaccinated	31	21	20	25	20
Don't know/Refused/Web blank	3	8	1	6	4
	n=202	n=222	n=728	n=239	n=190

VACHESKID511. Now, thinking about your (oldest/youngest) child between the ages of 5 and 11, once there is a COVID-19 vaccine authorized and available for your child's age group, do you think you will...? (rotate 1-4/4-1)

Based on those who are a parent or guardian of a child ages 5-11

	10/21	9/21	7/21
Get them vaccinated right away	27	34	26
Wait a while to see how it is working	33	32	40
Only get your child vaccinated if their school requires it	5	7	9
Definitely not get them vaccinated	30	24	25
Don't know	4	3	*
Refused/Web blank	2	1	*
	n=219	n=217	n=674

KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor (October 14-24, 2021)

 $<sup>^{11}</sup>$  May 2021 and June 2021 question text asked: "Your oldest child between the ages of 12 and 17"  $\,$ 

Q28. Thinking about your (IF CHILDAGE2\_b=2: youngest/oldest) child between the ages of 5 and 11, how concerned are you, if at all, that (INSERT FIRST ITEM)? (READ FOR FIRST ITEM AND IF NECESSARY FOR NEXT ITEMS: Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?) Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned? (scramble a-h)

Based on those who are parent or guardian of a child ages 5-11

	Very/ Somewhat concerned (NET)	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too/Not at all concerned (NET)	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Your child might experience serious side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine							*	242
10/21 b. Your child might be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine even if you don't want them to	71	48	22	29	11	18	•	n=219
10/21 c. You won't be able to get the vaccine for your child from a place you	53	37	16	46	12	34	1	n=219
trust 10/21 d. You might need to take time off work to bring your child to get vaccinated or to care for them if they experience side effects	25	18	7	75	13	62	*	n=219
10/21 e. You might have to pay an out-of-pocket cost to get the COVID-19 vaccine for your child	35	23	13	64	14	50	1	n=219
10/21 f. The COVID-19 vaccine may negatively impact your child's fertility in the future	25	14	11	75	11	63	*	n=219
10/21 g. Not enough is known about the long-term effects of the COVID-19	66	46	20	33	7	26	1	n=219
vaccine in children 10/21 h. You will have difficulty traveling to a place to get your child vaccinated	76	56	20	24	11	13	*	n=219
10/21	19	9	10	81	13	68	*	n=219

VACHESKIDLT5. Thinking about your (oldest/youngest) child under the age of 5, once there is a COVID-19 vaccine authorized and available for your child's age group, do you think you will...? (rotate 1-4/4-1)

Based on those who are a parent or guardian of a child under age 5

	10/21	9/21	7/21
Get them vaccinated right away	20	23	20
Wait a while to see how it is working	35	33	40
Only get your child vaccinated if their school requires it	7	7	10
Definitely not get them vaccinated	35	35	30
Don't know	2	2	-
Refused/Web blank	1	1	*
	n=145	n=155	n=523

Q37. Will any of your children be trick-or-treating for Halloween this year, or not?

Based on those who are the parent or guardian of a child under age 18

	10/21
Yes	56
No	40
Don't know	4
Refused	4

Q38. Will your children not be trick-or-treating this Halloween because of concerns about COVID-19 or for some other reason?

Based on those who are the parent or guardian of a child under age 18 who will not be trick-or-treating

	10/21
Concerns about COVID-19	33
Some other reason	66
Don't know/Refused	1

#### Q37/Q38 Combo table

Based on those who are the parent or guardian of a child under age 18

	10/21
Yes, will be trick-or-treating	56
No, will not be trick-or-treating	40
Concerns about COVID-19	13
Some other reason	26
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know/Refused	4

Q30. Next, I'm going to read you some things people have said about the COVID-19 vaccine that may or may not be true. Have you heard anyone say or have you read anywhere that (INSERT ITEM)? IF YES ASK: And to the best of your knowledge is that true or false, or do you not know whether it is true or false? (scramble a-h)

Table I

Based on total

	Yes, true/Yes, don't know true or false (NET)	Yes, true	Yes, don't know if true or false	Yes, false	No, have not heard or read this	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Ivermectin is a safe and							
effective treatment for COVID- 19							
10/21	28	14	14	18	50	5	n=1,519
b. Deaths due to the COVID-19							
vaccine are being intentionally							
hidden by the government							
10/21	35	18	17	13	49	2	n=1,519
c. The COVID-19 vaccines have							
been shown to cause infertility							
10/21	31	8	23	23	44	2	n=1,519
4/21	21	4	17	10	68	2	n=2,097
1/21	17	3	9	5	81	1	n=1,563
d. The government is							
exaggerating the number of							
COVID-19 deaths by counting							
deaths due to other factors as coronavirus deaths							
10/21	60	38	22	21	19	1	n=1 E10
e. You can get COVID-19 from	60	38	22	21	19	1	n=1,519
the vaccine							
10/21	25	14	10	22	52	1	n=1,519
4/21	24	11	13	17	5 <u>9</u>	*	n=2,097
f. Pregnant women should not	24	11	13	17	33		11-2,037
get the COVID-19 vaccine							
10/21	39	17	22	17	41	3	n=1,519
g. The COVID-19 vaccines	33	17	22	17	71	3	,6_5
contain a microchip							
10/21	24	7	17	47	28	1	n=1,519
h. The COVID-19 vaccines can							
change your DNA							
10/21	21	8	13	27	52	1	n=1,519
4/21	17	5	12	18	64	2	n=2,097
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Table II

Based on total

	10/21
Believe or are unsure about 0 falsehoods	22
Believe or are unsure about 1 to 3 falsehoods	46
Believe or are unsure about 4 or more falsehoods	32
	n=1,519

Q31. How much do you trust information about COVID-19 that you see or hear on (INSERT ITEM)? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY: How much do you trust information about COVID-19 that you see or hear on (INSERT ITEM)? READ LIST (scramble a-m)

	A great deal/a fair amount (NET)	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much/ Not at all (NET)	Not much	Not at all	Depends (Vol.)	Don't get information from this source (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused
a. Your local TV news									
station									
10/21	47	13	33	43	23	20	*	8	2
b. NPR, National									
Public Radio									
10/21	32	14	19	45	15	30	*	19	3
c. Network news such									
as ABC, CBS, NBC									
10/21	45	14	31	46	22	24	1	7	1
d. Fox News									
10/21	29	9	21	57	23	34	*	11	2
e. CNN									
10/21	36	12	24	51	18	33	1	11	2
f. MSNBC									
10/21	33	10	23	51	20	31	*	13	3
g. One America News									
10/21	13	4	8	50	14	36	1	28	8
h. Newsmax									
10/21	13	4	9	51	15	35	*	28	8
i. Facebook									
10/21	9	3	6	75	24	51	1	13	2
j. Twitter									
10/21	6	2	4	64	16	48	1	27	3
k. YouTube									
10/21	13	2	10	67	25	42	2	16	2
I. Instagram		_						-	
10/21	5	2	4	67	18	49	1	24	3
m. TikTok	•	-	•	0,			-		•
10/21	6	1	4	65	13	52	*	26	3

# **READ TO ALL:** Moving on to another topic,

Q32. Do you think the U.S. government is currently doing enough or not doing enough to help provide COVID-19 vaccines to other countries?

	10/21
Doing enough	51
Not doing enough	29
Don't know	18
Refused	1

Q34. I would like you to think about the role the U.S. should play in distributing the COVID-19 vaccines to countries that need them. Do you think the U.S. should take the leading role in helping to provide vaccines to countries that need them, take a major role, but not the leading role, take a minor role, or take no role at all in distributing vaccines to other countries?

	10/21	5/21
Leading role/Major, but not leading (NET)	62	66
Leading role	21	27
Major role, but not leading	41	39
Minor role/No role at all (NET)	35	33
Minor role	21	19
No role at all	15	14
Don't know	2	1
Refused	*	*
	n=1,519	n=1,526

Q35. What if you heard that (INSERT ITEM)? Would this make you think the U.S. should take a leading role, a major role, a minor role or take no role at all in helping to provide vaccines to other countries? (scramble a-c)

Based on those who say the U.S. should take a "minor role" or "no role at all" in providing vaccines to other countries

	Leading role/ Major, but not leading (NET)	Leading role	Major role, but not leading	Minor role/No role at all (NET)	Minor role	No role at all	Don't know	Refus ed	
a. Providing vaccines to									
other countries will help									
the U.S. achieve levels of									
immunity necessary to									
curb the pandemic									
10/21	25	6	19	72	39	33	3	*	n=510
5/21	31	8	22	68	39	28	1	1	n=440
b. The U.S. has enough									
supply of COVID-19									
vaccines and can help									
other countries without									
hurting its own supply									
10/21	37	10	27	59	35	25	2	1	n=510
5/21	36	11	25	62	38	25	1	1	n=440
c. Helping other countries									
vaccinate their									
populations will reduce									
the risk of new									
coronavirus variants									
spreading to the U.S.	25	7	10	70	20	20	4	1	n=510
10/21	25	7	19	70	39	30	4	1	11=310

Q34/Q35 COMBO. I would like you to think about the role the U.S. should play in distributing the COVID-19 vaccines to countries that need them.

Do you think the U.S. should take the leading role in helping to provide vaccines to countries that need them, take a major role, but not the leading role, take a minor role, or take no role at all in distributing vaccines to other countries?

What if you heard that (INSERT ITEM)? Would this make you think the U.S. should take a leading role, a major role, a minor role or take no role at all in helping to provide vaccines to other countries? (scramble a-c)

# Based on total

	Leading role/ Major, but not leading (NET)	Leading role	Major role, but not leading	Minor role/No role at all (NET)	Minor role	No role at all	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Providing vaccines to								
other countries will help the								
U.S. achieve levels of								
immunity necessary to curb								
the pandemic								
10/21	71	23	47	26	14	12	4	n=1,519
5/21	76	30	46	22	13	9	2	n=1,526
b. The U.S. has enough supply of COVID-19 vaccines and can help other countries without hurting its own supply								
10/21	75	25	50	21	12	9	4	n=1,519
5/21	78	31	47	20	12	8	2	n=1,526
c. Helping other countries vaccinate their populations will reduce the risk of new coronavirus variants spreading to the U.S.								
10/21	71	24	47	25	14	11	4	n=1,519

MHEALTHCOVID. Do you feel that worry or stress related to coronavirus has had a negative impact on your mental health, or not? (IF YES ASK: Was that a major impact or a minor impact?)

	Yes (NET)	Yes – Major impact	Yes – Minor impact	No	I don't have worry or stress related to coronavirus	Don't know	Refused	
10/21	45	21	24	55	-	1	*	n=1,519
7/21	39	18	21	60	-	1	*	n=1,517
3/21	47	25	22	52	-	1	-	n=1,862
12/20	51	25	26	48	*	1	*	n=1,676
7/20	53	26	28	45	1	1	-	n=1,313
5/20	39	12	37	60	*	*	-	n=1,189
Early 4/20	45	19	26	54	*	1	-	n=1,226
3/20	32	14	18	67	-	1	*	n=1,216

TEST1. Have you or someone you know ever tested positive for coronavirus, or not? IF YES ASK: Was that you, someone else in your household, or someone else? [IF BOTH RESPONDENT AND SOMEONE ELSE IN HOUSEHOLD OR SOMEONE ELSE GOT TESTED CODE AS 1] [IF SOMEONE IN HOUSEHOLD AND SOMEONE ELSE GOT TESTED CODE AS 2]

	10/21
Yes (NET)	83
Yes, respondent tested positive	19
Yes, someone else in household tested positive	12
Yes, someone else tested positive	52
No	16
They or someone they know have a test with results pending (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused (NET)	*
Don't know	*
Refused	-

READ TO ALL: Now I have a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

MARITAL. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	10/21
Married	44
Living with a partner	9
Widowed	7
Divorced	11
Separated	2
Never been married	24
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

RGENDER. Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?

	10/21
Man	48
Woman	50
Some other way	1
Don't know	*
Refused	*

LGBT. Do you consider yourself to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender?

	10/21
Yes	7
No	91
	*
Don't know Refused	1

	10/21
1	23
2	49
3	17
4	7
5	1
6 or greater	1
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1

COVERAGE. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

	10/21
Covered by health insurance	88
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know	*
Refused	*

#### AGECOV VARIABLE

	10/21
Insured less than 65	86
Uninsured less than 65	14
	n = 1 112

COVTYPE. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/[INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]), or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF R SAYS THEY GOT INSURANCE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV, OBAMACARE, OR A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE/EXCHANGE, CODE AS 3].

#### Based on those who are insured

	10/21
Plan through your employer	35
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	10
Medicare	22
Medicaid	12
Somewhere else	5
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	2
	n=1,318

Based on those who are insured somewhere else

Insufficient sample size to report

CHRONICCOVID. Do you or anyone in your household have a serious health condition such as high blood pressure, heart disease, lung disease, cancer or diabetes, or not?

	10/21
Yes (NET)	43
Yes, I have a serious health condition	24
Yes, someone else in my household has a serious health condition	11
Yes, both myself and someone else in my household have a serious health condition	8
No one in household has serious health condition	55
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

# FLU. Do you normally get a flu vaccine each year, or not?

	10/21
Yes	52
No	47
Don't know/Refused (NET)	*
Don't know	*
Refused	*

# FLU2021A. Have you received a flu shot for the upcoming flu season?

	10/21
Yes	25
No	75
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	1
Refused	*

FLU2021B. Do you think you will definitely get a flu shot this year, probably get it, probably not get it, or will you definitely not get a flu shot this year?

Based on those who have not received the flu shot

	10/21
Definitely/Probably get a flu shot (NET)	49
Definitely get a flu shot	30
Probably get a flu shot	19
Probably not/Definitely not get a flu shot (NET)	50
Will probably not get a flu shot	16
Will definitely not get a flu shot	34
Don't know/Refused (NET)	2
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	n=1100

	10/21
Yes, born again or Evangelical	32
No, not born again or Evangelical	65
Don't know/Refused (NET)	3
Don't know	2
Refused	1

PARTY. In politics today, do you consider yourself a: (Republican), (Democrat), an Independent, or what? (rotate items in parentheses)

	10/21
Republican	25
Democrat	29
Independent	31
Or what/Other/None/No preference	10
Don't know	3
Refused	2

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (rotate items in parentheses in same order as PARTY)

Based on those who are not Republican or Democrat

	10/21
Republican	35
Democratic	30
Independent/Don't lean to either party (Vol.)	23
Other party (Vol.)	2
Don't know	6
Refused	5
	n=718

## Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN

	10/21
Republican/Lean Republican	41
Democrat/Lean Democrat	43
Pure Independent	12
Undesignated	4

# Five-Point Party ID

	10/21
Democrat	29
Independent Lean Democrat	14
Independent/Don't lean	11
Independent Lean Republican	16
Republican	25
Undesignated	6

	10/21
Liberal	23
Moderate	34
Conservative	35
Don't know/Refused	8

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ LIST) [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS graduate if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)]

	10/21
HS grad or less (NET)	38
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	5
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	30
Some college (NET)	30
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	18
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	12
College grad+ (NET)	31
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	16
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	13
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1

INCOME. Last year – that is, in 2020 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ LIST)

	10/21
Less than \$20,000	13
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	9
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	12
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5
\$100,000 or more	24
Don't know/Refused (NET)	11



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