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Survey, data collection tool

1. Household information	
1A	Including yourself, how many people live in your household?
	Min=1
	Max=20
1B	Including yourself, how many people aged 18 or over live with you?
	Min=1
	Max=20
1C	Including yourself, how many children aged 12–17 live with you?
	Min=0
	Max=20
1D	How many children aged 5–11 live with you?
	Min=0
	Max=20
1E	What is your age?
	Min=14
	Max=121
1F	What is your gender?
	Female
	Male
	I prefer not to answer
	Or please specify _____
1G	In which province or territory do you reside?
	Alberta
	British Columbia
	Prince Edward Island
	Manitoba
	New Brunswick
	Nova Scotia
	Nunavut
	Ontario
	Quebec
	Saskatchewan



	Newfoundland and Labrador
	Northwest Territories
	Yukon
1H	In which category does your total household income, before taxes and deductions, fall for the year ending December 31, 2021?
	Less than \$30,000
	\$30,000 to less than \$60,000
	\$60,000 to less than \$90,000
	\$90,000 to less than \$120,000
	\$120,000 to less than \$150,000
	\$150,000 or more
2. Education	
2A	What is the highest certificate, diploma or degree you have obtained?
	Less than a high school diploma or equivalent
	High school diploma or high school equivalency certificate
	Trade certificate or diploma
	College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma
	University certificate or diploma below bachelor level
	Bachelor's degree
	University certificate, diploma or degree above bachelor level
3. Marital status and family	
3A	I live:
	Alone
	As a couple
	As a family
4. Sociocultural and sociodemographic information	
4A	Are you First Nation, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)?
	Yes, First Nations (North American Indian)
	Yes, Métis
	Yes, Inuk (Inuit)
	No, not First Nation, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)
4B	Do you consider yourself: (Please select all that apply)
	Arab
	Southeast Asian (e.g. Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai)
	West Asian (e.g. Iranian, Afghan)
	Caucasian
	Chinese
	Korean
	Japanese
	Latin American
	African American



	Filipino		
	South Asian (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)		
	Other (<i>with an option to specify</i>)		
5. Immigration and citizenship			
5A	Where were you born?		
	Born in Canada		
	Born outside Canada		
5B	Are you a Canadian citizen?		
	Yes, a Canadian citizen by birth		
	Yes, a Canadian citizen by naturalization		
	No		
	5Bi	Are you a permanent resident?	
		Yes	
		No	
6. Language			
6A	What is your mother tongue (first language learned)?		
	French		
	English		
	French and English		
	Indigenous languages		
	Mandarin		
	Cantonese		
	Punjabi		
	Arabic		
	Or please specify _____		
6B	In which of Canada's official languages do you feel most comfortable communicating?		
	French		
	English		
	French and English		
	Neither French nor English		
7. Health			
7A	Have you ever been diagnosed with COVID-19?		
	No		
	Yes	7Ai	Have you had any symptoms of COVID-19?
			No
		Yes	
		7Aii	Were you hospitalized?
			No
	Yes		
7B	Which of the following health conditions do you have?		
	Obesity		



	Heart and/or vascular disease		
	Diabetes		
	Liver disease		
	Chronic kidney disease		
	Alzheimer's disease		
	Immunocompromised or immunosuppressed		
	Chronic lung disease (e.g. asthma, COPD)		
	I have none of these health conditions		
8. Vaccination			
8A	Have you been vaccinated against COVID-19?		
	Yes	8Ai	How many doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have you received so far?
			One dose
			Two doses
			Three doses
			Four doses
		8Aii	How many months has it been since your last dose?
			Less than 1 month
			Between 2 and 5 months
			More than 6 months
		8Aiii	What are the main reasons for you having gotten vaccinated? (Please select all that apply)
			Vaccination is mandated by my workplace
			Vaccination passport
			I want to protect myself against serious illness
			Return to normal life
			I want to protect others
			Leisure (e.g. travel, movies, restaurants, etc.)
			Or please specify _____
		8Aiv	How likely are you to get vaccinated according to the full-vaccine regimen recommended for you?
			Very likely
Somewhat likely	[Text field]		
Unlikely			
Very unlikely			
No	8Aai	What are the main reasons for you not having gotten vaccinated against COVID-19? (Please select all that apply)	
		The vaccine is not recommended for me	
		I do not have the necessary information to make a decision	
		I know too many people who have had side effects	
		I'm afraid	
		I am not at a great risk of contracting COVID-19	
		If I get COVID-19, I will not be very sick	
		We do not know the long-term side effects	



			I don't know who to believe			
			I don't know how, when or where to get vaccinated			
			I should be given a choice			
			There was a problem with the appointment			
			I didn't have time			
			I've already had COVID-19			
			I don't want to get vaccinated at this time			
			In general, I don't believe in vaccines			
			The vaccine I want is not available or has not been offered to me			
			I don't trust the vaccine offered to me			
			I don't trust the health system because of a bad experience			
			Cultural, philosophical or religious reasons			
			I'm pregnant or plan to become pregnant			
			I'm not sure that vaccines against COVID-19 are effective			
			Or please specify _____			
		8Aa	8Aa	In the future, how likely are you to get vaccinated according to the full-vaccine regimen recommended for you?		
				Very likely	8Aa	Why?
Somewhat likely	[Text field]					
Unlikely						
Very unlikely						
8B	What do you think is the most powerful message to convince or support you in your decision to get (or not get) the COVID-19 vaccine?					
	[Text field]					
9. Vaccination of children (aged 5–11)						
9A	Have your child(ren) (aged 5–11) been previously vaccinated against other diseases?					
	Yes					
	No					
	I do not have any children aged 5–11					
9B	Have your child(ren) (aged 5–11) been vaccinated against COVID-19?					
	Yes	9Bi	How many doses of COVID-19 vaccine have your child(ren) (aged 5–11) received so far?			
			One dose			
			Two doses			
			Three doses			
		9Bii	How many months has it been since their last dose?			
			Less than 1 month			
			Between 2 and 5 months			
		9Biii	How likely is it that you will have your child(ren) vaccinated according to the full-vaccine regimen recommended for them?			
			Very likely	9Biv	Why?	
			Somewhat likely		[Text field]	



			Unlikely			
			Very unlikely			
No (or not all)	9Bbi	What are the main reasons why you haven't had your child(ren) vaccinated against COVID-19? (Please select all that apply)				
		The vaccine is not recommended for them				
		I do not have the necessary information to make a decision				
		I know too many people who have had side effects				
		I'm afraid and/or my child(ren) are afraid				
		My child(ren) are not at great risk of contracting COVID-19				
		If they contract COVID-19, my child(ren) won't be very sick				
		We do not know the long-term side effects of the vaccine that was offered to me for them				
		I don't know who to believe				
		I don't know how, when or where to get my child(ren) vaccinated				
		I should be given a choice				
		There was a problem with the appointment				
		I didn't have time				
		They've already had COVID-19				
		I don't want my child(ren) to get vaccinated at this time				
		In general, I don't believe in vaccines				
		The vaccine I want for my child(ren) is not available or has not been offered to me				
		I don't trust the vaccine offered to me				
		I don't trust the health system because of a bad experience				
		Cultural, philosophical or religious reasons				
		I'm not sure that vaccines against COVID-19 are effective				
		In general, the risks associated with vaccines are greater than the benefits				
		Or please specify _____				
		9Bbii	In the future, how likely are you to have your child(ren) vaccinated according to the full-vaccine regimen recommended for them?			
			Very likely	9Bbiii	Why?	
			Somewhat likely		[Text field]	
			Unlikely			
			Very unlikely			

10. Beliefs	
10A	In general, vaccines are safe, despite the risks.
	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
10B	In general, COVID-19 vaccines are safe, despite the risks.
	Strongly agree
	Agree



	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
10C	I distrust COVID-19 vaccines because they were developed too quickly.
	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
10D	In general, vaccines are effective in protecting people against disease.
	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
10E	By getting the COVID-19 vaccine, I am protecting myself against severe forms of this disease.
	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
10F	Physical distancing, frequent hand washing and wearing a mask are effective methods of slowing the spread of COVID-19.
	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
10G	Physical distancing, frequent hand washing and wearing a mask are enough to protect me against COVID-19.
	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
10H	Only those at risk of becoming seriously ill due to COVID-19 need to be vaccinated.
	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
10I	By getting vaccinated against COVID-19, I'm helping to protect the health of others in my community.
	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
10J	I prefer to develop immunity to COVID-19 by catching the disease than through the vaccination.
	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree



10K	Those who have already had COVID-19 do not need to get vaccinated.
	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
11. Access to information	
11A	What source(s) do you trust to provide information against COVID-19? (Please select all that apply)
	Friends, family members or acquaintances (e.g. neighbours)
	My physician
	My pharmacist
	Other health care professionals (e.g. nurses)
	Community leaders (e.g. religious figures, school authorities, business leaders, etc.)
	Politicians
	Social media
	Alternative medicine professionals (e.g. naturopaths, homeopaths)
	Public health authorities
	Health scientists and researchers
	World Health Organization (WHO)
	Pharmaceutical companies
	Or please specify _____
11B	What method(s) do you use to validate information about COVID-19 found on the Internet? (Please select all that apply)
	Confirm with other sources
	Click on the link to read the full article
	Check the date of the information
	Check the number of likes or shares
	Research the author or source
	Read the comments or take note of the discussions on the subject
	Consult friends and family
	Check the credibility of the URL
	Or please specify _____



Survey invitation letter and distribution list

Hello [name of Executive Director],

My name is Jennifer Lacroix Harasym. I am a program manager at the Faculty of Medicine at University of Ottawa, within the [Francophone Affairs team](#).

We recently received funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada to conduct a study to better understand the vaccination status of French-speaking minority populations (including French-speaking immigrants), as well as the beliefs of these populations concerning COVID-19 vaccination. The data obtained through this study will be used to develop training programs for health care professionals working in French-speaking minority communities, to better equip them to discuss vaccination with their patients.

This information will be collected via an online survey. To reach as many French speakers as possible, we would be extremely grateful if you could circulate the survey among your networks. This could be done by sharing the survey link in a newsletter, on your website, via email, social media, or other means. Data will be collected until June 30, 2022.

If you agree, please reply to this email, we will then send you the necessary information. Daniel Hubert, Manager of Francophone Affairs at the Faculty of Medicine (copied) and I are available to answer any questions you may have.

Best regards,
Jennifer

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