

Today we have a few questions about life in Canada these days.

QC1.

Base=All

Single choice grid

First, how concerned are you about each of the following...?

[rows]

[T] You personally becoming sick from the coronavirus

[T] Friends or family becoming sick

Spending time with unvaccinated people over the holidays

[columns]

Very concerned

Moderately concerned

Not that concerned

Not at all concerned

QC2.

Base = Exclude Not at all concerned

Single choice

As you may know, a new variant of COVID-19 has been identified – called Omicron. Thinking about this variant and how it compares to the previous Delta variant, are you...

More worried about Omicron than Delta

Feeling about the same

Less worried than Omicron than Delta

Don't know/Can't say

QC3.

Base=All

Single choice

Have you been vaccinated against COVID19?

Yes, one dose

Yes, two doses

Yes, three doses

No vaccination

QC4.

Base=All

Multi choice

Do you know anyone in your social circle who is unvaccinated?

Yes, close friend/family member

Yes, extended friend circle

[Exclusive] No

QC5.

Base=Exclude No in QC4

Single choice

How likely are you to ask someone who is unvaccinated about this, and to encourage them to get vaccinated?

A close friend/family member

Someone from your extended friend circle

Very likely

Likely

Unlikely

Not likely at all

QC6.

Base=If one or two doses

Single choice

And will you get a third vaccination when it is offered to you – a “booster” shot?

Yes, as soon as I can

Yes, eventually

No

QC7.

Base=All

Single choice

Thinking about delivery of vaccinations in your province, including booster shots and newly approved vaccines for children, do you think your government is doing a good job or poor job?

Very good job

Good job

Bad job

Very bad job

Don't know/Can't say

QC8.

Base=All

Single choice grid

Do you think the following are doing a good or bad job handling the Covid-19 pandemic overall?

[rows – randomize]

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Your provincial premier
The chief public health officer in your province
National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI)
The Public Health Agency of Canada
The federal government generally

[columns]

Very good job
Good job
Bad job
Very bad job
Don't know/Can't say

QC9.

Base=All

Single choice

Some communities are continuing restrictions aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19, such as limiting group sizes in businesses or public places or making it mandatory to wear a mask. In other communities, restrictions have been lifted.

Thinking about your community, where you live, do these restrictions – or the lack of them:

Go too far/too strict
Don't go far enough/should be stricter
Are about right

QC10.

Base=All

Single choice

Will you do any of the following over the holidays? Please select all that apply.

[randomize]

Go to a place of worship
Have a family dinner
Attend a workplace party
Visit relatives/friends locally
Visit relatives/friends in another community or out of province
None of these [Anchor, exclusive]

QC11.

Base=All those who say they will do something

Single choice

As you may know, a new variant of COVID-19 has been identified – called Omicron was identified over the last few weeks and is now present in Canada. This is causing some people to change their Christmas plans.

Thinking about what your plans for the holidays had been a few weeks ago, and what they are today, has anything changed? Please select all that apply:

Cancelled some plans

Adjusted or downgraded plans

No changes to my plans compared to a few weeks ago

TEXT SCREEN

Now briefly, a few questions about rapid antigen tests (RATs).

As a bit of background - These tests are used to quickly assess whether someone is positive for COVID-19. In many provinces, governments have limited the use of RATs to long-term care, airports, hospitals, and other higher-risk spaces, and have often used them only on those individuals who are showing symptoms that may be COVID-19.

QC12.

Base=All

Single choice

First, have you used a rapid antigen test since the pandemic began?

Yes, a number of times

A few times

Once

No, have not

QC13.

Base=Exclude no in QC12

Multi choice

What best describes your rapid antigen test(s)

Self-tested

Tested at a lab

Both

QC14.

Base=All

Single choice

At any time have you wanted to take a rapid antigen test but been unable to access or afford one?

- Yes, a number of times
- A few times
- Once
- No, have not

Some people say limiting the use of these tests is the best way to ensure they're used efficiently. Other people say the tests are underutilized, and should be available to everyone, either cheaply, or for free.

Rapid Test Usage in Canada <i>Data courtesy Health Canada</i>		
Province/Territory	Tests Received	Used Percentage
Newfoundland and Labrador	389,832	7%
Prince Edward Island	821,688	44%
Nova Scotia	4,623,657	25%
New Brunswick	4,367,240	7%
Quebec	11,697,662	3%
Ontario	31,847,555	30%
Manitoba	2,730,098	No information provided
Saskatchewan	9,616,341	5%
Alberta	11,270,904	16%
British Columbia	3,200,306	10%
Yukon	36,448	0%
Northwest Territories	183,480	11%
Nunavut	54,736	No information provided

QC15.

Base=All

Single choice

Overall, which strategy do you think is best for your own province:

- Utilize RATs sparingly, conserving them for at risk areas and individuals
- Make RATs available to everyone for free
- Not sure/Can't say

QC16.

Base=All

Single choice

Based on what you have read, seen or heard, do you think your province has done a good job or a poor job of distributing rapid antigen tests where they are needed?

Very good job
Good job
Poor job
Very poor job
Not sure/Can't say

QC17.

Base=All

Single choice grid

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The government should be pushing Canadians to use rapid tests to help stop COVID-19 from spreading

I trust Canadians to self-quarantine if they tested positive with a RAT at home

I'd be comfortable using a rapid test at home

The worst of COVID-19 is over now