



**The Rockefeller Foundation's Covid-19 Vaccine Access and Confidence Survey  
Conducted by HIT Strategies  
Topline Survey Results**

**METHODOLOGY**

HIT Strategies conducted the survey on behalf of The Rockefeller Foundation between January 29, 2021 through February 4, 2021. A total of 2,517 non-white BIPOC adults (18 years of age or older) responded: 503 from Baltimore, MD; 500 from Chicago, IL; 505 from Houston, TX; 503 from Oakland, CA; and 506 from Newark, NJ. 77 percent responded by landline or cell and 23 percent responded online. The length of the interview was 13 minutes.

**INTRODUCTION**

We are conducting a survey to help us better understand how people in our community feel about Covid-19 vaccination. Your participation is voluntary but important to the success of this research and the efforts of local community-based organizations working on this issue. All of your answers are confidential and will be combined with the answers from everyone who answers the survey. This survey will take approximately 13-minutes to complete.

## COVID-19 VACCINE

Next, we'd like for you to answer some questions about Covid-19 and the Covid-19 vaccine.

### 1. Do you know anyone who has taken the Covid-19 vaccine?

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Yes	53%	55%	53%	53%	59%	43%
No	47%	45%	47%	47%	41%	57%

### 2. When the Covid-19 vaccine is available to you, will you...

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Total will NOT get the vaccine	28%	28%	28%	26%	16%	34%
Total will get the vaccine	72%	72%	72%	74%	84%	66%
Definitely NOT get the vaccine	13%	13%	12%	15%	7%	15%
Probably NOT get the vaccine	15%	15%	16%	11%	9%	18%
Probably get the vaccine	30%	28%	32%	31%	27%	30%
Definitely get the vaccine	43%	44%	40%	43%	57%	37%

**3. Please rate your attitudes and beliefs about the Covid-19 vaccine and vaccines in general. Rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means strongly disagree and 5 means strongly agree.**

	Total		Chicago		Houston		Baltimore		Oakland		Newark	
	Total agree	Total disagree	Total agree	Total disagree	Total agree	Total disagree	Total agree	Total disagree	Total agree	Total disagree	Total agree	Total disagree
The Covid-19 vaccine is effective against the coronavirus	56%	14%	54%	15%	57%	13%	57%	16%	66%	12%	55%	17%
I worry about how quickly the Covid-19 vaccine was developed compared to other vaccines	59%	24%	57%	25%	61%	23%	6%	24%	33%	50%	62%	22%
I worry about the unknown effects of the Covid-19 vaccine in the future	68%	20%	65%	21%	71%	18%	70%	18%	25%	62%	71%	16%
There is not enough information on how the Covid-19 vaccine may interact with other health conditions	65%	17%	63%	17%	66%	17%	69%	17%	22%	57%	70%	17%
People who have already had coronavirus still need the Covid-19 vaccine	66%	17%	64%	17%	68%	17%	64%	16%	69%	11%	65%	18%
The Covid-19 vaccine is safe	49%	19%	48%	20%	48%	20%	50%	15%	61%	15%	48%	20%

Being exposed to coronavirus is safer than getting the Covid-19 vaccine	20%	61%	19%	66%	21%	58%	20%	61%	22%	63%	26%	56%
Authorities promote vaccination for financial gain, not for people's health	32%	43%	31%	43%	33%	42%	35%	44%	31%	48%	39%	40%
I would take the Covid-19 vaccine to protect my love ones	75%	14%	74%	16%	76%	13%	76%	14%	85%	10%	71%	16%
Taking the Covid-19 vaccine is the only way for schools to reopen	58%	27%	58%	27%	55%	28%	58%	27%	69%	19%	57%	27%
Taking the Covid-19 vaccine is the only way for businesses to open up	57%	27%	58%	25%	55%	29%	54%	26%	64%	23%	56%	28%
Taking the Covid-19 vaccine is the only way I can be with my friends and family	51%	33%	52%	35%	49%	32%	51%	35%	59%	27%	52%	35%
Drug companies are more concerned with profit than the public good	55%	23%	57%	22%	52%	25%	54%	25%	53%	22%	58%	21%

<b>Q3. Please rate your attitudes and beliefs about the Covid-19 vaccine and vaccines in general. Rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means strongly disagree and 5 means strongly agree.</b>	Total Strongly Agree	Chicago Strongly Agree	Houston Strongly Agree	Baltimore Strongly Agree	Oakland Strongly Agree	Newark Strongly Agree
The Covid-19 vaccine is effective against the coronavirus	30%	29%	32%	26%	38%	33%
I worry about how quickly the Covid-19 vaccine was developed compared to other vaccines	36%	33%	36%	40%	30%	41%
I worry about the unknown effects of the Covid-19 vaccine in the future	42%	38%	43%	49%	37%	51%
There is not enough information on how the Covid-19 vaccine may interact with other health conditions	38%	36%	38%	48%	29%	48%
People who have already had coronavirus still need the Covid-19 vaccine	46%	45%	46%	48%	51%	45%
The Covid-19 vaccine is safe	24%	22%	25%	22%	33%	25%
Being exposed to coronavirus is safer than getting the Covid-19 vaccine	12%	8%	15%	11%	14%	17%

Authorities promote vaccination for financial gain, not for people's health	16%	14%	17%	17%	16%	21%
I would take the Covid-19 vaccine to protect my love ones	58%	58%	56%	62%	72%	57%
Taking the Covid-19 vaccine is the only way for schools to reopen	37%	38%	34%	38%	46%	35%
Taking the Covid-19 vaccine is the only way for businesses to open up	34%	34%	34%	33%	41%	34%
Taking the Covid-19 vaccine is the only way I can be with my friends and family	31%	30%	31%	29%	38%	33%
Drug companies are more concerned with profit than the public good	31%	28%	32%	34%	32%	38%

The following questions are about the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine.

**1. Do you have a Covid-19 vaccination site that is easily accessible to your home?**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Yes	37%	37%	33%	43%	41%	48%
No	31%	32%	32%	26%	27%	26%
Don't know	32%	31%	35%	30%	32%	26%

**2. How confident are you, if at all, that the Covid-19 vaccines in the U.S. are being distributed in a way that is fair?**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Very confident	14%	12%	17%	12%	13%	17%
Somewhat confident	41%	44%	38%	41%	39%	42%
Not too confident	30%	30%	31%	28%	32%	28%
Not confident at all	15%	15%	14%	18%	16%	13%

**3. Do you feel you have enough information or not about the following...?**

	Total			Chicago			Houston			Baltimore			Oakland			Newark		
	Have enough	Not enough	Don't know	Have enough	Not enough	Don't know	Have enough	Not enough	Don't know	Have enough	Not enough	Don't know	Have enough	Not enough	Don't know	Have enough	Not enough	Don't know
Where you will be able to get the Covid-19 vaccine	37%	54%	9%	35%	57%	8%	36%	53%	11%	41%	50%	8%	38%	56%	6%	45%	48%	8%
How your state is deciding who gets priority for the Covid-19 vaccine	41%	52%	8%	41%	52%	8%	39%	53%	9%	45%	46%	9%	44%	51%	5%	40%	52%	8%
When people like you will be able to get the Covid-19 vaccine	32%	57%	11%	35%	57%	11%	30%	57%	13%	38%	54%	8%	33%	59%	7%	34%	57%	9%

**4. How much do you trust (INSERT ITEM) to provide reliable information about a Covid-19 vaccine? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? IF NECESSARY: Do you trust him/them a great deal, a fair amount, not much or not at all to provide reliable information about a Covid-19 vaccine?**

	Total		Chicago		Houston		Baltimore		Oakland		Newark	
	Great deal/fair amount	Not much/not at all	Great deal/fair amount	Not much/not at all	Great deal/fair amount	Not much/not at all	Great deal/fair amount	Not much/not at all	Great deal/fair amount	Not much/not at all	Great deal/fair amount	Not much/not at all
Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	76%	24%	80%	20%	73%	27%	78%	22%	77%	23%	72%	28%
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	70%	30%	71%	29%	71%	29%	68%	32%	69%	31%	62%	38%
Your doctor or other health care provider	82%	18%	87%	13%	79%	21%	83%	17%	80%	20%	79%	21%
State and local government officials	63%	37%	64%	36%	61%	39%	67%	33%	62%	38%	62%	38%
Your religious leaders	50%	50%	52%	48%	45%	55%	62%	38%	42%	58%	54%	46%
Your friends and family	72%	28%	72%	28%	72%	28%	80%	20%	72%	28%	62%	38%
The news media	51%	49%	52%	48%	48%	52%	55%	45%	56%	46%	50%	50%



Next, we'd like to ask you some questions about what would motivate you to take the Covid-19 vaccine.

**5. Which of the following would motivate you to take the Covid-19 vaccine? (Please select the top 3)**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Having more information about the vaccine	41%	42%	40%	40%	36%	41%
Flexibility on the types of documentation required to receive the vaccine	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	5%
Safe transportation to get the vaccine	8%	8%	6%	9%	8%	11%
A vaccine delivery site close to my home	24%	23%	24%	26%	24%	21%
Support with childcare	6%	5%	8%	5%	6%	6%
Assurance that I don't lose income due to missed work (for appointment or vaccine side effects)	12%	14%	12%	9%	12%	12%
Assurance that the vaccine is free of charge	25%	26%	26%	22%	24%	21%
Seeing a person I trust get the vaccine	19%	21%	19%	16%	18%	18%
More time to understand if the vaccine works	32%	32%	35%	29%	23%	32%
Having someone accompany me to get the vaccine	10%	9%	11%	10%	9%	11%
Having someone who can answer my questions	20%	18%	22%	26%	19%	19%
Assurance that my personal information is not used for other purposes	15%	14%	13%	18%	13%	18%
Other, please specify	13%	12%	12%	16%	15%	16%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

The last few questions are for statistical purposes only.

### 6. Do you think of yourself as...?

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Male	47%	46%	50%	44%	48%	47%
Female	52%	53%	50%	55%	51%	52%
Transgender man/trans man/female-to-male (FTM)	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Transgender woman/trans woman/male-to-female (MTF)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Genderqueer/gender nonconforming neither exclusively male nor female	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Additional gender category (or other); please specify	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Decline to answer	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

### 7. Do you think of yourself as...?

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Straight or heterosexual	83%	83%	82%	83%	80%	87%
Lesbian or gay	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Bisexual	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	2%
Queer, pansexual, and/or questioning	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	1%
Other, please specify	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	3%	6%	3%
Decline to answer	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%

### 8. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
1-11 <sup>th</sup> grade	10%	10%	11%	9%	8%	12%
High school graduate	24%	22%	27%	24%	19%	26%
Some college – up to 2 years/ AA degree	26%	27%	25%	24%	25%	25%
College graduate/ bachelors degree/ BA/ BS	26%	27%	24%	25%	33%	27%
Postgraduate degree	12%	12%	11%	15%	14%	8%
REF	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%

**9. Are you married, unmarried living with a partner, single, separated, divorced or widowed?**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Married	35%	33%	38%	32%	39%	30%
Unmarried with partner	11%	10%	12%	10%	8%	10%
Single	37%	41%	33%	35%	38%	37%
Separated/divorced	10%	8%	10%	11%	9%	12%
Widowed	6%	6%	4%	8%	6%	9%
REF	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%

**10. How many people, including yourself, live in your household?**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
1	20%	20%	18%	28%	19%	23%
2	26%	25%	26%	28%	31%	24%
3	20%	22%	19%	22%	16%	20%
4	17%	18%	19%	12%	17%	16%
5	9%	10%	9%	5%	9%	10%
6 or greater	7%	5%	9%	4%	7%	7%

**11. Do you have any of the following in your household? Please check all that apply**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
One child under 18	16%	15%	18%	15%	17%	17%
Multiple children under 18	18%	17%	21%	12%	15%	15%
Any adults over 18 who require support	11%	12%	10%	11%	9%	10%
None of the above	56%	57%	53%	62%	61%	57%
REF	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	4%

**12. Which one of the following best describes your work situation – are you employed, retired, disabled, unemployed, a student or a homemaker?**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Employed full-time	44%	43%	45%	43%	50%	41%
Employed part-time	13%	14%	13%	8%	9%	10%
Retired	15%	13%	13%	24%	16%	16%
Disabled	5%	6%	3%	8%	4%	10%
Unemployed	13%	14%	13%	10%	10%	12%
Student	4%	4%	5%	3%	6%	5%
Homemaker	4%	3%	6%	1%	4%	4%
REF	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%

**13. Last year, that is, in 2020 -- what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Was it...?**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Less than \$20,000	17%	20%	14%	14%	12%	21%
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12%	12%	12%	11%	8%	11%
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10%	9%	11%	9%	9%	11%
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7%	5%	9%	10%	8%	6%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13%	13%	14%	14%	11%	11%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	7%	7%	7%	8%	9%	6%
\$100,000 or more	13%	15%	12%	11%	18%	11%
Don't know	9%	9%	10%	9%	12%	12%
REF	11%	10%	11%	16%	12%	11%

These next few questions are just about the flu shot.

**14. Have you received the flu shot in the past 12 months?**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Yes	56%	57%	55%	64%	55%	46%
No	44%	43%	45%	36%	45%	54%

**15. Have you received the flu shot in the past 5 years?**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Yes	71%	70%	73%	74%	73%	63%
No	29%	30%	27%	26%	27%	37%

**16. How often do you usually get health care -- this can be any type of health care like going to the hospital or clinic, seeing a doctor using telehealth, etc.**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Less than once a year	20%	19%	23%	14%	18%	18%
1-3 times per year	48%	49%	49%	46%	49%	43%
4-6 times per year	15%	16%	14%	20%	15%	15%
More than 6 times per year	11%	12%	9%	14%	14%	19%
Don't know/REF	5%	5%	5%	7%	4%	5%

**17. Have you ever...?**

	Total		Chicago		Houston		Baltimore		Oakland		Newark	
	Yes	Not much/no	Yes	Not much/ no	Yes	Not much/ no	Yes	Not much/ no	Yes	Not much/ no	Yes	Not much/ no
Had trouble getting care when you needed it	20%	80%	21%	79%	19%	80%	18%	82%	1%	87%	20%	80%
Been treated with disrespect when getting health care	18%	82%	18%	82%	17%	82%	20%	80%	17%	83%	19%	81%
Left a care visit not understanding the purposes of the medicines prescribed provided to you	19%	81%	19%	81%	21%	79%	17%	83%	12%	88%	21%	79%

**18. 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?**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
Yes, I do	36%	34%	35%	44%	30%	38%
Yes, someone in my household does	37%	37%	37%	38%	27%	35%
No, I do not	64%	66%	65%	56%	70%	62%
No, no one in my household does	63%	63%	63%	62%	73%	65%

**19. 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, do you get your health insurance from somewhere else, or are you uninsured?**

	Total	Chicago	Houston	Baltimore	Oakland	Newark
A plan through your employer	34%	35%	32%	37%	46%	30%
A plan through your spouse's employer	8%	8%	8%	7%	8%	6%
A plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace	11%	10%	12%	10%	8%	10%
You are covered by Medicaid/Medicare	27%	31%	19%	33%	27%	35%
You get your health insurance from someplace else	7%	6%	8%	7%	6%	7%
Uninsured	14%	10%	21%	7%	6%	12%