

Methodology:

Results are based on an online survey conducted from August 19 to August 21, 2021, among 800 adults in British Columbia. The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region in British Columbia. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.5 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

As you may know, there have been some discussions about the possibility of creating “Vaccine Passports”, which would essentially be “Proof of Vaccination” certificates for people who have been inoculated against COVID-19. All things considered, do you think it is a good idea to ultimately rely on “Vaccine Passports” in each of the following situations? –

For travel to other countries – 77% (+4)

For travel to other Canadian provinces – 69% (+5)

To be able to go to live sporting events as a spectator – 67% (+5)

To be able to go to live concerts as a spectator – 66% (+4)

To be able to visit a gym or fitness facility – 63% (+1)

To be able to work at an office – 63% (+5)

To be able to go to the theatre or cinema – 62% (+6)

For travel inside your own province – 61% (+1)

Support for “Vaccine Passports” Rises in British Columbia

Only 21% of the province’s residents would be willing to attend a live sporting event as spectators right now.

Vancouver, BC [August 26, 2021] – Favourable views on the idea of a “Vaccine Passport” have increased in British Columbia over the past five months, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative provincial sample, 67% of British Columbians think it is a good idea to rely on a “Vaccine Passport” to be able to go to live sporting events as spectators, up five points since a similar Research Co. poll [conducted in March 2021](#).

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Two thirds of British Columbians (66%, +4) are supportive of a “Vaccine Passport” to be able to go to live concerts—including 74% of respondents aged 55 and over.

More than three in five British Columbians endorse the concept of a “Vaccine Passport” to be able to visit a gym or fitness facility (63%, +1), to be able to work at an office (also 63%, +5) and to be able to go to the theatre or cinema (62%, +6).

While 61% of British Columbians (+1) are in favour of relying on a “Vaccine Passport” for travel inside their own province, support for the idea is higher for travel to other Canadian provinces (69%, +5) and for travel to other countries (77%, +4).

British Columbians are not particularly eager to embark on a wide range of activities as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Fewer than three-in-ten of the province’s residents say they are willing to visit a gym or fitness facility (28%), a music venue (23%) or a live sporting event (20%) in their municipality right now.

“In spite of the high vaccination rates in British Columbia, residents of the province are not particularly prepared to attend crowded spaces,” says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. “Only 29% of those aged 18-to-34 are willing to go to a concert or dance right now.”

Just over a third of British Columbians would be willing to ride on the bus (37%), ride on SkyTrain (also 37%) or visit a Community Centre (34%) at this stage.



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More than half of British Columbians are currently willing to visit a library (53%), a barbershop or salon (54%), a restaurant, pub or bar where they can only eat indoors (56%) or a restaurant, pub or bar where they can eat outside (like a patio) (70%).

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