

VACCINE MANDATE POLL February 2022

- CLIENT:** Family First New Zealand
- POLL DATES:** Wednesday 16 to Thursday 17 February 2022. The median response was collected on Thu 17 February 2022.
- TARGET POPULATION:** Eligible New Zealand voters.
- SAMPLE POPULATION:** Eligible New Zealand voters who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone or via Internet panel.
- SAMPLE SIZE:** 1,000 respondents agreed to participate, 500 through phone dialling and 500 through an Internet panel.
- SAMPLE SELECTION:** A random selection of 5,000 nationwide phone numbers and a random selection from the Internet panel.
- WEIGHTING:** The results are weighted to reflect the overall voting adult population in terms of gender, age, and area.
- SAMPLE ERROR:** Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.1%, at the 95% confidence level.
- CODE COMPLIANCE:** This poll was conducted in accordance with the Research Association New Zealand Code of Practice and the International Chamber of Commerce/European Society for Opinion and Market Research Code on Market and Social Research.

Do you support or oppose an employer being able to sack a staff member, purely because the staff member has not had a Covid-19 vaccine?

		Count	Col %
Employer should be able to sack unvaccinated staff	Support	385	39%
	Oppose	379	38%
	Unsure/refuse	233	23%
	Total	998	100%

39% (-11% from November) of respondents support an employer being able to sack unvaccinated staff members, with 38% (+7%) opposed. A large 23% are undecided

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Employer should be able to sack unvaccinated staff	Support	33%	45%
	Oppose	43%	32%
	Unsure/refuse	23%	23%
	Total	100%	100%

A plurality of men support employers being able to sack unvaccinated staff and a plurality of women oppose.

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Employer should be able to sack unvaccinated staff	Support	30%	35%	56%
	Oppose	41%	43%	27%
	Unsure/refuse	29%	22%	17%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

Increased support for the measure by age.

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Employer should be able to sack unvaccinated staff	Support	37%	47%	32%
	Oppose	38%	33%	45%
	Unsure/refuse	26%	19%	23%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

		2020 Party Vote					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Other	Did not vote
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Employer should be able to sack unvaccinated staff	Support	38%	42%	20%	51%	43%	27%
	Oppose	44%	31%	60%	15%	57%	49%
	Unsure/refuse	18%	27%	20%	34%	0%	25%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Net support by 2020 party vote is:

- Greens +36%
- Labour +11%
- National -6%
- ACT – 40%

		Vaccine status			
		Triple vaccinated	Double vaccinated	Single vaccinated	Unvaccinated
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Employer should be able to sack unvaccinated staff	Support	52%	21%	26%	0%
	Oppose	25%	52%	47%	94%
	Unsure/refuse	23%	28%	27%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

52% of those triple vaccinated support employers being able to sack unvaccinated staff. Only a minority of double or single vaccinated respondents support such a measure.

Do you think employees who do not wish to have a Covid-19 vaccine should be able to keep their job, if they instead agree to have a regular rapid antigen Covid-19 test?

		Count	Col %
Unvaccinated employee can keep job if they test regularly	Support	608	61%
	Oppose	234	23%
	Unsure/refuse	156	16%
	Total	998	100%

61% (+3%) of respondents support unvaccinated employees being able to keep their jobs if they agreed to have a regular rapid antigen Covid-19 test.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Unvaccinated employee can keep job if they test regularly	Support	61%	60%
	Oppose	21%	26%
	Unsure/refuse	17%	14%
	Total	100%	100%

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Unvaccinated employee can keep job if they test regularly	Support	64%	63%	54%
	Oppose	19%	23%	31%
	Unsure/refuse	17%	14%	15%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Unvaccinated employee can keep job if they test regularly	Support	60%	59%	67%
	Oppose	23%	26%	21%
	Unsure/refuse	17%	15%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

		2020 Party Vote					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Other	Did not vote
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Unvaccinated employee can keep job if they test regularly	Support	70%	58%	74%	42%	71%	66%
	Oppose	19%	24%	19%	37%	29%	14%
	Unsure/refuse	11%	18%	6%	21%	0%	21%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Net support by 2020 party vote is:

- ACT +55%
- National +51%
- Labour +34%
- Greens +5%
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		Vaccine status			
		Triple vaccinated	Double vaccinated	Single vaccinated	Unvaccinated
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Unvaccinated employee can keep job if they test regularly	Support	55%	66%	74%	93%
	Oppose	32%	11%	26%	7%
	Unsure/refuse	13%	23%	0%	0%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

What is your Covid-19 vaccine status. Are you double vaccinated, single vaccinated or unvaccinated?

		Count	Col %
Vaccine status	Triple vaccinated	597	60%
	Double vaccinated	307	31%
	Single vaccinated	15	1%
	Unvaccinated	65	6%
	Refuse	14	1%
	Total	998	100%

60% of respondents say they are triple vaccinated with only 6% unvaccinated.

Noting you have had at least two vaccinations shots, I'd like to read out a list of potential reasons why you got vaccinated, and for each one please tell me if that reason was not at all a factor in getting vaccinated, a slight factor, a moderate factor, a large factor or the main factor.

		Count	Col %
Protect personal health	Not at all a factor	44	5%
	A small factor	59	7%
	a moderate factor	158	18%
	A large factor	338	37%
	The main factor	302	33%
Protect health of others	Not at all a factor	44	5%
	A small factor	48	5%
	a moderate factor	122	14%
	A large factor	391	44%
	The main factor	289	32%
Due to vaccine pass requirements	Not at all a factor	155	17%
	A small factor	180	20%
	a moderate factor	243	27%
	A large factor	214	24%
	The main factor	109	12%
Due to vaccine mandate job requirements	Not at all a factor	438	49%
	A small factor	73	8%
	a moderate factor	113	13%
	A large factor	155	17%
	The main factor	123	14%

This question was only asked of those double or triple vaccinated.

	Main/large	Moderate	Small/none
Protect personal health	70%	18%	12%
Protect health of others	76%	14%	10%
Due to vaccine pass	36%	27%	37%
Due to vaccine mandate	31%	13%	57%

The results suggest that only 70% to 75% of those vaccinated did so primarily for health reasons. Around a third of those vaccinated said vaccine mandate or pass requirements was a large factor in their decision.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Protect personal health	Not at all a factor	7%	3%
	A small factor	8%	5%
	a moderate factor	16%	20%
	A large factor	37%	38%
	The main factor	32%	35%
Protect health of others	Not at all a factor	6%	3%
	A small factor	6%	5%
	a moderate factor	11%	16%
	A large factor	42%	46%
	The main factor	34%	30%
Due to vaccine pass requirements	Not at all a factor	20%	14%
	A small factor	20%	20%
	a moderate factor	24%	31%
	A large factor	24%	24%
	The main factor	12%	12%
Due to vaccine mandate job requirements	Not at all a factor	52%	45%
	A small factor	6%	11%
	a moderate factor	10%	16%
	A large factor	19%	16%
	The main factor	14%	13%

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Protect personal health	Not at all a factor	1%	10%	3%
	A small factor	7%	8%	5%
	a moderate factor	30%	15%	5%
	A large factor	39%	31%	43%
	The main factor	23%	36%	43%
Protect health of others	Not at all a factor	2%	10%	3%
	A small factor	7%	6%	3%
	a moderate factor	15%	15%	10%
	A large factor	50%	35%	48%
	The main factor	26%	35%	36%
Due to vaccine pass requirements	Not at all a factor	11%	18%	24%
	A small factor	16%	21%	25%
	a moderate factor	33%	25%	22%
	A large factor	29%	23%	18%
	The main factor	11%	14%	11%
Due to vaccine mandate job requirements	Not at all a factor	39%	42%	70%
	A small factor	5%	12%	7%
	a moderate factor	20%	9%	7%
	A large factor	26%	15%	9%
	The main factor	10%	22%	7%

The older the respondents, the more likely they got vaccinated for health reasons.

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Protect personal health	Not at all a factor	5%	7%	1%
	A small factor	6%	6%	10%
	a moderate factor	20%	13%	18%
	A large factor	33%	43%	41%
	The main factor	36%	31%	30%
Protect health of others	Not at all a factor	5%	5%	6%
	A small factor	5%	4%	8%
	a moderate factor	17%	9%	11%
	A large factor	38%	51%	48%
	The main factor	35%	31%	27%
Due to vaccine pass requirements	Not at all a factor	11%	26%	23%
	A small factor	19%	18%	26%
	a moderate factor	28%	26%	25%
	A large factor	25%	24%	20%
	The main factor	17%	6%	7%
Due to vaccine mandate job requirements	Not at all a factor	39%	58%	60%
	A small factor	7%	9%	8%
	a moderate factor	16%	8%	10%
	A large factor	21%	14%	10%
	The main factor	16%	10%	12%

Respondents in the three metro cities are more likely to have got vaccinated due to vaccine mandates and passes.

		2020 Party Vote					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Other	Did not vote
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Protect personal health	Not at all a factor	7%	5%	6%	0%	4%	6%
	A small factor	8%	5%	11%	0%	16%	12%
	a moderate factor	20%	18%	16%	9%	16%	23%
	A large factor	34%	35%	32%	53%	43%	32%
	The main factor	32%	38%	35%	38%	21%	26%
Protect health of others	Not at all a factor	5%	5%	2%	4%	4%	6%
	A small factor	6%	4%	2%	0%	7%	20%
	a moderate factor	16%	11%	31%	16%	17%	15%
	A large factor	40%	45%	55%	39%	17%	42%
	The main factor	32%	35%	10%	40%	55%	17%
Due to vaccine pass requirements	Not at all a factor	17%	12%	13%	26%	0%	32%
	A small factor	21%	17%	26%	43%	3%	21%
	a moderate factor	28%	24%	39%	24%	42%	29%
	A large factor	23%	29%	23%	7%	32%	12%
	The main factor	11%	18%	0%	0%	24%	6%
Due to vaccine mandate job requirements	Not at all a factor	52%	40%	63%	59%	51%	50%
	A small factor	7%	8%	10%	20%	0%	4%
	a moderate factor	10%	15%	7%	8%	14%	8%
	A large factor	15%	22%	6%	7%	31%	20%
	The main factor	16%	16%	14%	6%	4%	18%

		Vaccine status	
		Triple vaccinated	Double vaccinated
		Col %	Col %
Protect personal health	Not at all a factor	2%	10%
	A small factor	4%	12%
	a moderate factor	14%	24%
	A large factor	40%	33%
	The main factor	40%	21%
Protect health of others	Not at all a factor	2%	11%
	A small factor	5%	7%
	a moderate factor	12%	17%
	A large factor	44%	44%
	The main factor	38%	21%
Due to vaccine pass requirements	Not at all a factor	18%	15%
	A small factor	21%	19%
	a moderate factor	27%	28%
	A large factor	24%	24%
	The main factor	11%	15%
Due to vaccine mandate job requirements	Not at all a factor	49%	48%
	A small factor	8%	9%
	a moderate factor	10%	17%
	A large factor	18%	16%
	The main factor	16%	10%

80% of those triple vaccinated say they did so for health reasons while only 54% of those double vaccinated. This suggests not all double vaccinated will get a booster shot.

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