

# Physician Feedback on Vaccination Privileges and Restriction Changes

June 8, 2021



# Methodology and Response

- Provincial public health and government officials have proposed loosening public health restrictions, to replace the current orders which expire on June 12, 2021. Final decisions about changes will be based on feedback to gauge the support and openness to what is proposed, along with continued monitoring of public health surveillance indicators.
- Doctors Manitoba created an abbreviated version of the provincial EngageMB survey on pandemic restrictions to seek physicians' views on the matter.
- **518 responses** were received between June 7 and 8, 2021

# Physician Vaccination Status

**Over 99% of doctors have been vaccinated.**

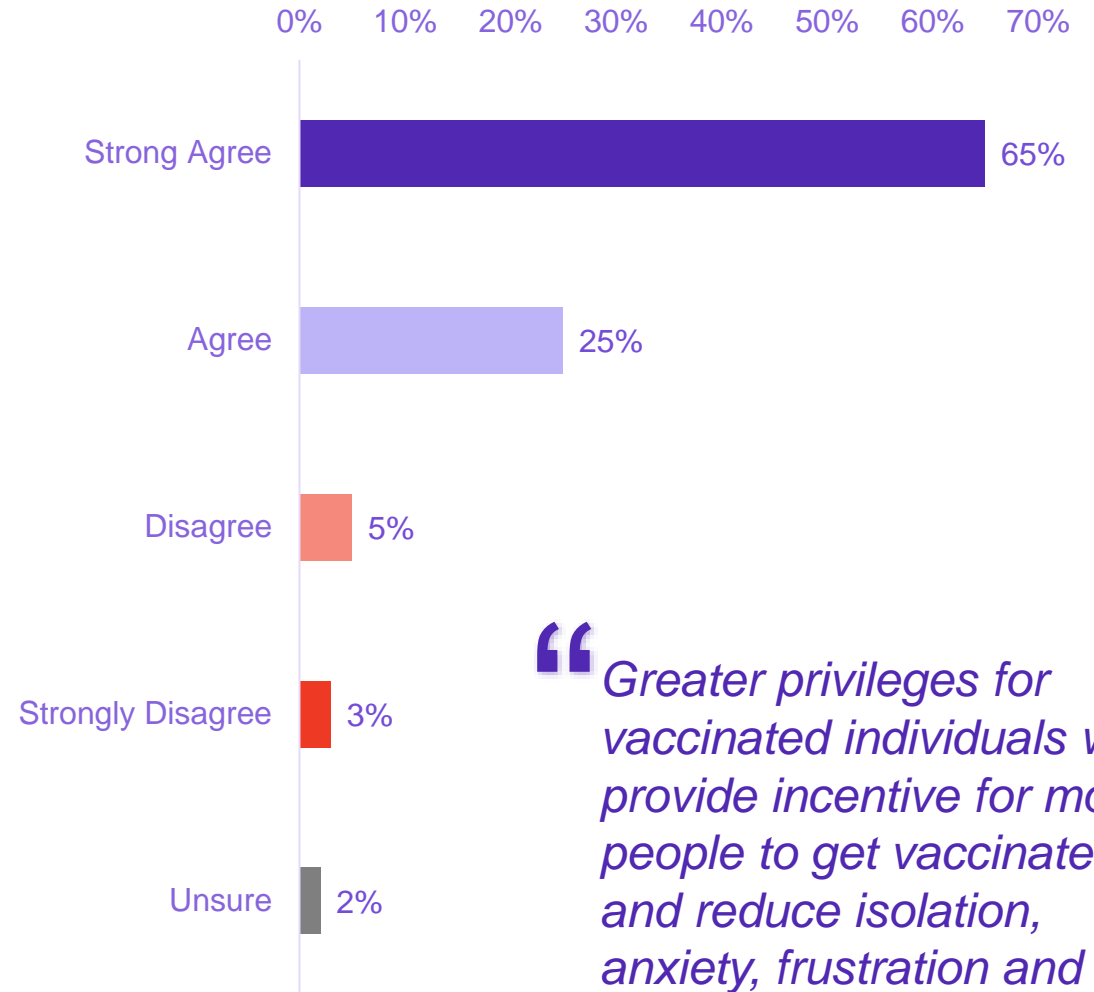
→ 92.0% have received both doses.

→ 7.4% have received one dose and will soon get their second.

# Support for Fully Vaccinated Privileges

**90% of physicians agree** that fully vaccinated individuals should be allowed to resume specific activities, such as:

- Traveling
- Attending large events or facilities
- Visiting loved ones

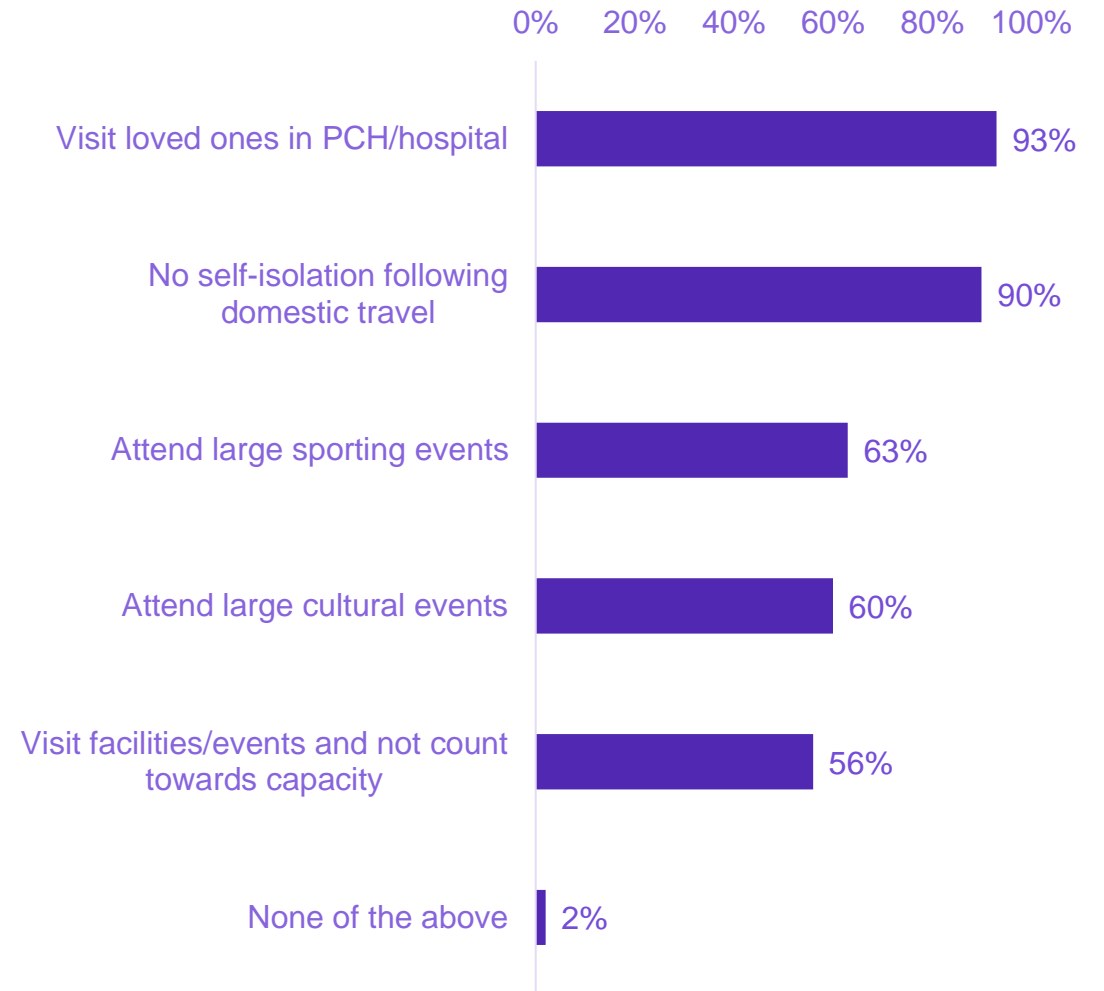


“Greater privileges for vaccinated individuals will provide incentive for more people to get vaccinated and reduce isolation, anxiety, frustration and restriction fatigue.”

# Fully Vaccinated Privileges

Physician support for different types of activities for the fully vaccinated vary:

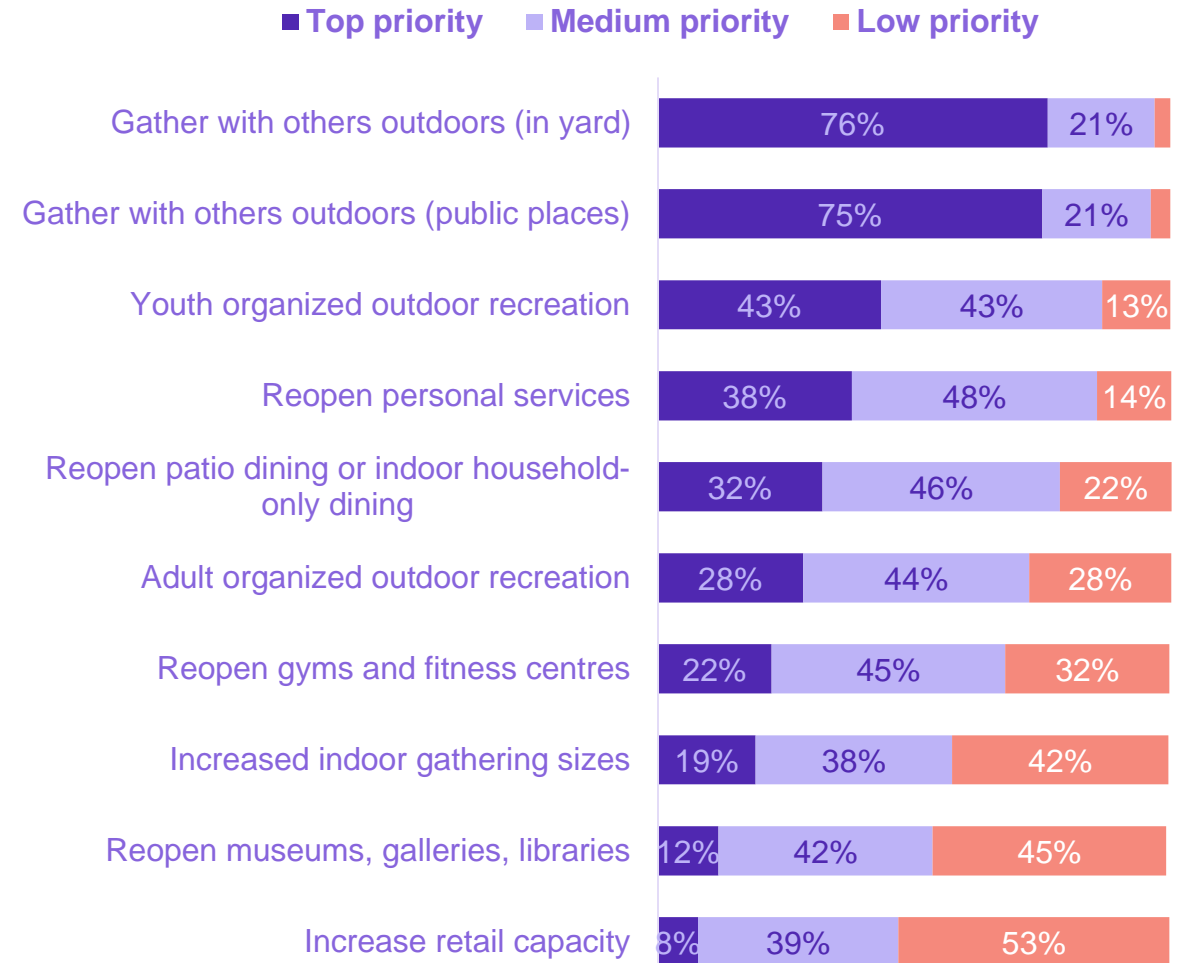
- Over 90% support visiting family in PCH/hospital and avoiding self-isolation following travel
- About 60% support attendance at sporting and cultural events



# Priorities for Easing Restrictions

Physicians identified the following as the top three priorities for easing restrictions, when appropriate to do so:

- Gathering with others outdoors (in yard/private property)
- Gathering with others outdoors (public places)
- Youth organized outdoor recreation



# Physician Advice on Restriction Changes

“Create a plan. Set a timeline. Give people hope.”

“No large events should be considered until a much higher level of vaccination rate in the province, we can not risk super spreader events given our lack of health care resources.”

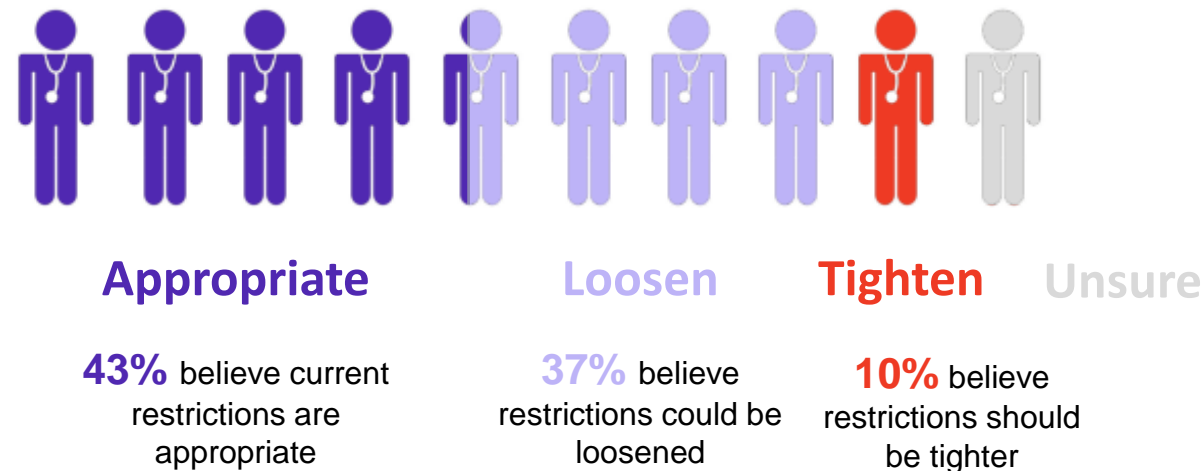
“With children in remote learning for so long, we need to prioritize outdoor recreation for youth and summer camps.”

“Outdoor visits are a safe next step.”

# Cautious Reopening Approach Supported

## Physician views on restrictions

Most physicians see existing restrictions as appropriate or believe some modest easing could be considered.



## Common concerns:

*“Stronger restrictions won’t work if the public have stopped complying.”*

*“Focus on better enforcement of the present restrictions.”*

*“The collateral harms of lockdown are becoming very apparent. Patients’ mental health and well-being are being negatively impacted.”*

*“Opening up should only be considered when case numbers are significantly reduced and health care facilities are no longer under strain.”*



# Questions?

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