

Calderdale COVID-19 vaccination engagement – Under 50s (as of 07.04.21)

Out of 481 people who have completed the survey so far, 331 people said they were under 50. Emerging themes for people under 50 are consistent with the overall key themes which are below;

Overall key themes

- The majority of people have said that when the vaccine is made available to them that they will have it.
- People have said they will follow advice and guidance around hands, face, space after having the vaccine

Concerns around;

- Side effects/safety concerns – including allergic reactions and ill health
- The development of vaccines was too quick, meaning they cannot have been rigorously tested
- Long term impact on health and fertility
- For those at low risk of experiencing a significant impact of COVID-19, as they are young and healthy, do the benefits outweigh the risks?
- Understanding the vaccination – many people do not know how the vaccine works or what is in the vaccine.
- Efficacy of the vaccine and lack of evidence and lack of trust with the pharmaceutical companies and the government

Deeper dive of the survey additional to the key themes above for under 50s

Positive

- Of the 331 people of people who are under 50, approximately a third (115) of them said nothing would stop them from having the vaccine and when offered the vaccine they would have it.
- But they do want to know when they will be getting it.
- Doing their own research, reading and fact finding and gathering information
- Albeit very inquisitive and asking lots of questions all of which are in the Q&A, they are happy with the information they are receiving via the links that are being provided for more information, or via their trusted sources

Concerns

Reasons given when asked 'what might stop you from having the vaccine?'

- Some people mentioned that they hadn't really thought about it or that they weren't bothered or fussed about it and weren't in an 'at risk' category so didn't need it. Some also said if it became mandatory or they needed it to travel they would then have it.
- A number of people said if my GP/NHS said it wasn't safe or other trusted sources such as local Iman/religious leaders-scholar saying it wasn't safe or not allowed
- People also commented on conflicting information or fake news being confusing and making them unsure
- There were a few comments around if work said we don't need it, it's not safe or not fit for purpose
- Other comments – some people think they just don't it; others liken it's like the flu vaccine and not everyone needs it, if they was pregnant, that they had not caught COVID over the last 12 months and also some said if they had ready had COVID

Are you planning to have the COVID vaccine when it is made available to you?

- Yes 245 (74%) - under 50s less likely want to have (of the remainder 150 who are over 50 that said yes - 142 (95%))
- No 46 - mix of ages
- Unsure 40 – mix of ages

Once you've had the vaccine, you'll be asked to keep following advice about hand-washing, wearing face-coverings, social distancing and so on afterwards. Would you be willing to do this?

- Yes – 284 (86%) - under 50s less likely to adhere to advice and guidance (of the remainder 150 who are over 50 that said yes - 144 (96%))
- No - 27
- Unsure - 20

Where would you prefer to get your vaccinations? Has remained consistent throughout

GP surgery – 151

No preference - 144

Town centre pharmacy - 5

Other (please specify) - 31

Those that ticked other said;

- Not having it or undecided whether to have it or not
- Work
- Local mosques
- None or n/a

Which sources do you trust to get information about the COVID-19 vaccine? Please tick all that apply. Has remained consistent throughout

- GP or other medical professional - 263
- Family and friends - 201
- Faith leaders – 137
- NHS website – 127
- Police – 5

Those that said other:

- None
- Family and friends
- Do not trust what is being said about the vaccine
- Not sure who can give the correct answers to why I do not trust the safety of the vaccine
- Mosque
- Calderdale College
- WHO

Anecdotal feedback

The anecdotal feedback is based on various sources,

- More suspicion around the COVID pandemic and what some believe are ulterior motives behind the vaccine programme or a scam. Which would make sense with all the questions and doing their own research and reading up on the vaccine as mentioned above
- Still hearing concerns about fertility

- Some have had COVID or have Long COVID so feel unsure and want to think longer or liaise with a GP first.
- And the barriers presented by work – don't know what these are people have given this as a reason why they would not want it – need to do more to find out

Validity: a small number of people not believing that COVID-19 is real or stating that they do not believe in vaccines – one pocket include people in their 30s and 40s in Brighouse area.

Fertility: continuing reports of concern and vaccine hesitancy due to pregnancy or worries about the effect on fertility. This feedback came from women from various backgrounds, but particularly from their women in 30s and younger and from young Asian women.

Additional data from the survey if needed

What is your gender?

- Male 177
- Female 154

Age ranges

- 16 to 29 – 96
- 30 to 39 – 110
- 40 to 49 - 100

Have you been told you are clinically vulnerable?		
Answer Choice	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Yes	10.6%	35
2 No	86.7%	287
3 I don't know	2.7%	9
<i>answered</i>		331
<i>skipped</i>		0

Which ward do you live in?		
Answer Choice	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Brighouse	0.0%	0
2 Calder	3.6%	12
3 Elland	0.0%	0
4 Greetland and Stainland	0.6%	2
5 Hipperholme and Lightcliffe	0.9%	3
6 Illingworth and Mixenden	1.5%	5
7 Luddendenfoot	0.0%	0

8	Northowram and Shelf	0.3%	1
9	Ovenden	0.3%	1
10	Park	38.7%	128
11	Rastrick	0.0%	0
12	Ryburn	0.6%	2
13	Skircoat	7.6%	25
14	Sowerby Bridge	1.2%	4
15	Todmorden	25.4%	84
16	Town	4.2%	14
17	Warley	10.9%	36
18	Don't know	0.3%	1
19	Prefer not to say	3.9%	13
		answered	331
		skipped	0

Do you belong to any religion?			
Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Buddhism	0.0%	0
2	Hinduism	0.3%	1
3	Judaism	0.0%	0
4	No religion	7.3%	24
5	Prefer not to say	2.7%	9
6	Christianity (all denominations)	9.1%	30
7	Islam	80.7%	267
8	Sikhism	0.0%	0
9	Other (please tell us):	0.0%	0
		answered	331
		skipped	0

What is your ethnic group?			
Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Prefer not to say	3.3%	11
2	Asian or Asian British:	0.0%	0
3	Indian	0.6%	2
4	Pakistani	73.0%	241

5	Bangladeshi	3.6%	12
6	Chinese	0.3%	1
7	Other Asian background	0.3%	1
8	Black or Black British	0.0%	0
9	Caribbean	0.0%	0
10	African	0.0%	0
11	Other Black background	0.0%	0
12	Mixed or multiple ethnic groups:	0.0%	0
13	White and Black Caribbean	0.0%	0
14	White and Black African	0.0%	0
15	White and Asian	0.3%	1
16	Other mixed background	0.0%	0
17	White:	0.0%	0
18	English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	14.5%	48
19	Irish	0.0%	0
20	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.0%	0
21	Other White background	0.6%	2
22	Other ethnic groups:	0.0%	0
23	Arab	0.0%	0
24	Other Ethnic group (please tell us):	3.3%	11
		answered	330
		skipped	1

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Do you consider yourself to have a disability, or long term illness?

Answer Choice	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Yes	17.5%	58
2 No	81.3%	269

3	Prefer not to say	1.2%	4
		<i>answered</i>	331
		<i>skipped</i>	0

Are you a carer? (Do you provide unpaid care to someone who is older, has a long term condition, is disabled or has other support needs?)

Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	31.1%	103
2	No	68.0%	225
3	Prefer not to say	0.9%	3
		<i>answered</i>	331
		<i>skipped</i>	0