

Global YMCA Vaccination Survey

KEY FINDINGS

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- 5 Area Alliances
- 38 National YMCAs
- 41 Local YMCAs



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EVERY PERSON SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING THE COVID-19 VACCINES, FREE FROM MANIPULATION, FALSE INFORMATION AND FEAR-MONGERING.

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WORLD YMCA STATEMENT ABOUT VACCINATION

YMCAs around the world are very concerned and are reporting low vaccine turnout and reduced interest as vaccine hesitancy is on the rise.

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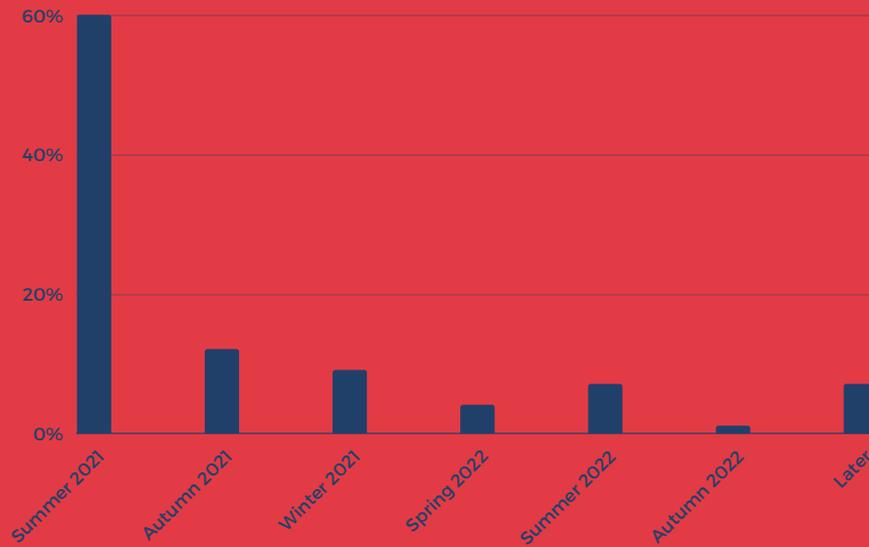
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Is your YMCA providing or planning to provide any of the following?

Vaccine hesitancy work / Vaccine education (including combating misinformation)	37 % No plans to provide	27 % Already providing	24 % Planning to provide	12 % Unsure at this time
Offering YMCA facilities as vaccination centers	45 % No plans to provide	32 % Planning to provide	17 % Already providing	6 % Unsure at this time
Advocacy and support for equitable distribution of vaccines	46 % No plans to provide	25 % Planning to provide	16 % Already providing	13 % Unsure at this time
COVID-19 testing	47 % No plans to provide	26 % Planning to provide	21 % Already providing	6 % Unsure at this time
Vaccine-related support services (transportation, online registration for those with no internet, etc.)	47 % No plans to provide	24 % Planning to provide	19 % Already providing	10 % Unsure at this time

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When do you estimate that the majority of your YMCA staff (who are willing to get vaccinated) will be able to receive their jobs?



Vaccine access equity is among the top concerns of YMCAs around the world

PHOTO: Boothbay Region YMCA, Maine, USA

Around 50% of respondent YMCAs are willing to or already engaged in providing COVID-19 vaccine-related support in their communities

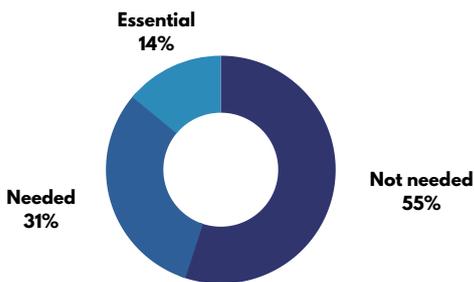
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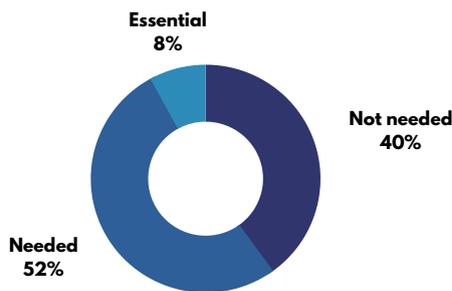
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Which of the following resources would be helpful for your YMCA to improve your support of the COVID-19 vaccination?

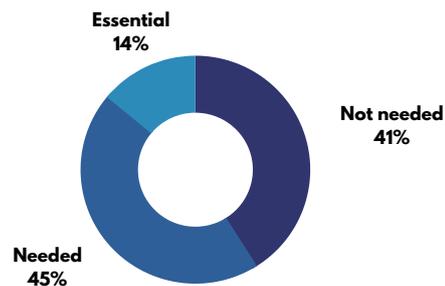
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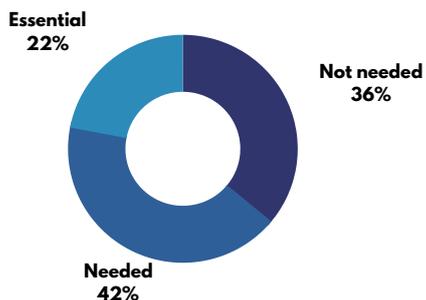
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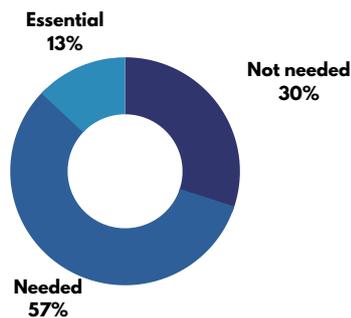
RECOMMENDATIONS



OFFICIAL INFORMATION FROM WHO OR RELATED



PRACTICES OF OTHER YMCAS



Key findings

In terms of what YMCAs are already providing, **the highest percentage of the respondents (27%) are doing vaccine hesitancy work** followed by COVID-19 testing (20%), with advocacy on the lowest spectrum at 16%. 17% are offering their facilities as vaccination centers or related, while 19% provide other vaccine-related support.

The highest interest is for YMCAs to provide their own facilities as vaccination centers (32% of the respondents), with very similar rates for all other activities (around 25%).

Around 45% of the respondents are not planning to get involved at all in the vaccine-related activities. A notable difference is on the vaccine hesitancy work, where only 37% are not interested in providing activities. **Vaccine hesitancy work is the only activity which exceeds 50% of respondent YMCAs already working on it or interested in it, making it the “most popular” YMCA activity regarding vaccines.**

In terms of needed resources, there is a considerable discrepancy of the responses. While 55% consider examples of procedures/policies as not needed, 13% consider them essential and 31% needed. Among all, **the highest need seems to be for practices of other YMCAs** (57% needed, 14% essential, 29% not needed) and official information regarding the vaccines (42% needed, 22% essential, 35% not needed).

60% of respondent YMCAs estimate that the majority of their staff will be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Summer 2021. An additional 12% estimate Autumn 2021, with the remaining further than Winter 2021.

Conclusions of narrative responses

- While some YMCAs consider that it is not their responsibility to support the vaccination campaign either because their national health system is very robust or because they see it as purely the health authorities responsibility, other YMCAs are working together with the local or national health authorities to support the vaccination campaign, mostly through awareness/information campaigns and in some cases for their own members/volunteers. Some YMCAs are also acting as vaccination centers, while others are testing centers or providing fast track testing to the community.
- In terms of what support would be needed to encourage YMCAs to offer more vaccination support, among the most mentioned were funding, a good partnership with the local/national health authorities, resources and information materials.

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**THE COVID-19 VACCINES CONSIDERED
SAFE BY THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND
APPROVED BY THE REGULATORY BODIES
SHOULD BE FREE, VOLUNTARY AND
EQUALLY ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERY PERSON
IN THE WORLD.**

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Conclusions of narrative responses

- YMCAs around the world are very concerned and are reporting low vaccine turnout and reduced interest as vaccine hesitancy is on the rise. Many are willing to organize community-level vaccination awareness campaigns to encourage people to get the vaccines.
- A general concern is related to vaccine equity, with a general interest of supporting any global, national or local campaign that would ensure a more equitable distribution.
- While most of the respondent YMCAs report that their staff have been mostly or fully vaccinated, others are reporting that either their staff are not convinced yet or that they don't have access to it.

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AS WE MOVE TOWARDS WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE THE END OF THE PANDEMIC, THE WORLD HAS MANY TOUGH CHOICES AND CHALLENGES AHEAD. THESE CHOICES MUST BE MADE WITH PEOPLE'S INTERESTS IN MIND, BENEFITING THE MANY, NOT THE FEW. IF THE VACCINE IS THE TICKET TO EXIT THE PANDEMIC, THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN IT SHOULD BE A HUMAN RIGHT FOR ALL.

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"As a global Movement serving over 65 million young people and 12,000 communities in 120 countries around the world, YMCA strongly believes that the COVID-19 vaccination is a moral right for every person on the planet who chooses to exercise it."

YMCA calls for COVID-19 vaccine to be freely and equally available to all

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