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Interviewee 3. Researcher at BC Children's Hospital Research Institute (2022)

Interviewee 4. Researcher at BC Children's Hospital Research Institute (2022)

Interviewee 5. Associate Professor of Teaching at UBC Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology, & Therapeutics (2022).

Interviewee 6. Parent residing in the lower mainland (2022).

Interviewee 7. Parent residing in the lower mainland (2022).

Interviewee 8. Parent residing in the lower mainland (2022).

Interviewee 9. Parent residing in Vancouver Island (2022).

Appendix 1 – Glossary

Anti-vaxxer - An informal and emotionally-loaded term with strong negative connotations describing someone who is opposed to vaccinations, often vocally.

Agency - A fundamental dimension of social perception and health psychology, agency focuses on the self. In terms of vaccinations, individuals who prioritize agency evaluate their personal risks and benefits of receiving the COVID-19 vaccines (e.g. lowering risks of severe COVID-19, securing a vaccine passport to visit restaurants). Agency is directly related to communion.

Big Tech - The most dominant technology companies in the global marketplace accessibly via social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube. Misinformation can be widely shared through these above platforms if incentivized.

Big Pharma - Major multinational pharmaceutical companies collectively as an industry (e.g. Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer) built on profit-driven models, rather than people-driven.

Calculation - The individual engagement in extensive information searching, and objective evaluation of risks of infection versus vaccination. One of the “Five C’s” that determine vaccine hesitancy and uptake.

Confidence - The level of trust in effectiveness and safety, the systems which regulate and deliver vaccines, and the motives of those who establish and implement vaccine policies. One of the “Five C’s” that determine vaccine hesitancy and uptake.

Collective Responsibility - The extent to which an individual is willing to protect others by personally receiving vaccinations, to contribute to herd immunity. One of the “Five C’s” that determine vaccine hesitancy and uptake.

Complacency - The perception that risks of vaccine-preventable diseases are low, rendering vaccines non-urgent and unnecessary. One of the “Five C’s” that determine vaccine hesitancy and uptake.

Communion - A fundamental dimension of social perception and health psychology, communion focuses on the collective. In terms of vaccinations, individuals who prioritize communion evaluate their community’s risks and benefits (e.g. protecting vulnerable people such as family members on immunosuppressive drugs). Communion is directly related to agency.

Convenience - The availability and accessibility of vaccines. One of the “Five C’s” that determine vaccine hesitancy and uptake.

Disinformation - Information intended to mislead, bias, or deceive.

Epistemic trust - The ability to evaluate and appraise incoming information in a social context as accurate, reliable, and personally relevant, in order for the information to be incorporated into personal schemas and knowledge domains.

Health Canada - The federal level of government in Canada that approves vaccines, and provides resources and supports Canadians in maintaining and improve health, while respecting personal choices and circumstances that arise.

Herd Immunity - Or community immunity. Herd immunity protects the whole community by reducing disease spread and transmission, when a sufficient proportion of a community (or herd) develops immunity. It is critical in a COVID-19 context because many vulnerable individuals rely on herd immunity to be protected.

Immunization - The process of acquiring immunity to a pathogen, often following vaccination. Often used interchangeably with “vaccination”, although it is more specific to the physiological responses to developing immunity.

Infodemic - Defined according to the WHO, an infodemic is an excess of information with false or misleading information through online and print media, circulating overtop a disease outbreak. It encourages risk-taking behaviours that jeopardize individual and community health.

Misinformation - False or misleading information.

Open Science - The movement to make scientific research and its dissemination accessible to members of the public and all other researchers in the field. Open science is concept of creating transparent and accessible knowledge networks, creating increased transparency, participation, cooperation, accountability, and reproducibility for research.

Provincial Health Officer (PHO) - Outlined in the Public Health Act of BC, the PHO is the senior public health official for BC responsible for monitoring the provincial populational health, and providing independent advice to the ministers and public officials on public health issues.

Scientism - The philosophical view that only science can render truth about the universe, rather than viewing ‘science’ as a study of nature and the knowledge obtained through this study.

Tri-Council of Research - Composed of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Tri-Council of Research are three federal bodies that fund ongoing research in Canada.

Vaccination - The process of giving or receiving a vaccine. A vaccine can be administered through a needle, a nasal spray, or other formats. There are currently six Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines.

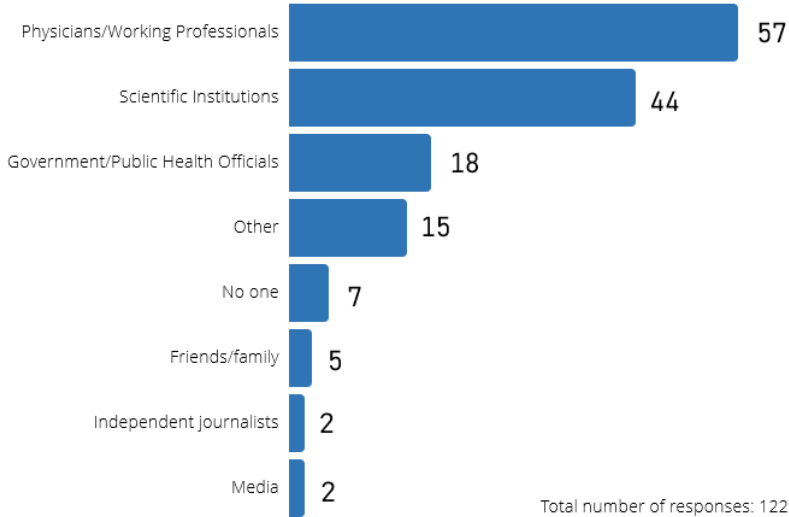
Appendix 2 – Research Ethics

To ensure our research was conducted ethically, members of our group completed the TCPS applied research guidelines from the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2), consulted with the UBC Centre for Community Engaged Learning, and adopted several principles when creating and disseminating surveys, including Informed Consent, Confidentiality and Anonymity, and Feedback and Transparency.

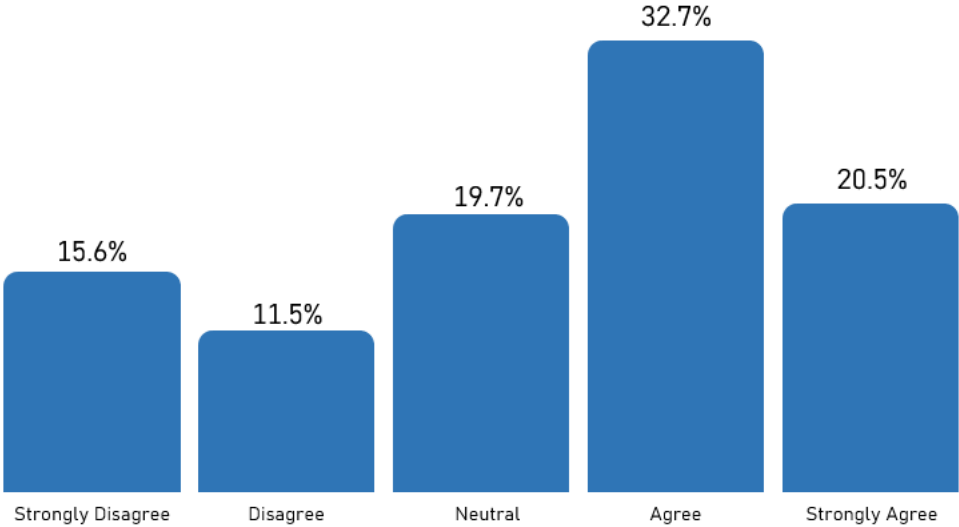


Appendix 3 – Survey Results

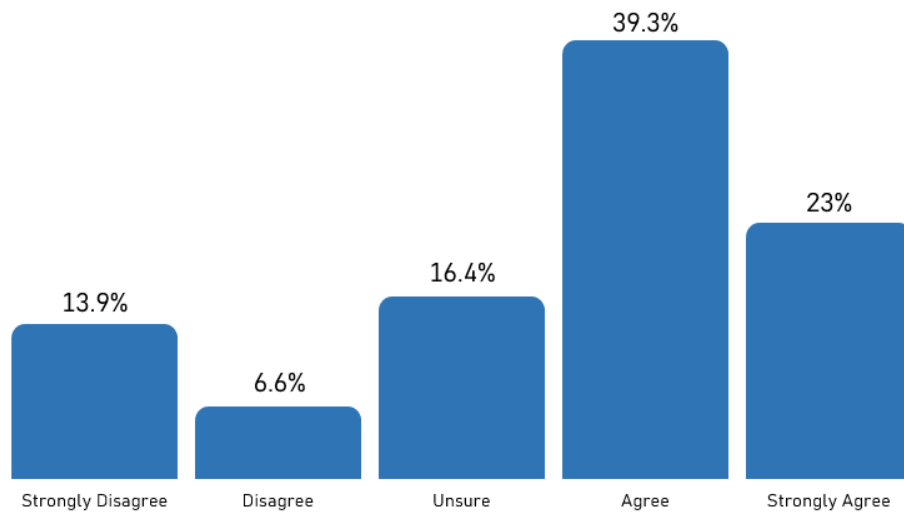
Who do you trust the most for information regarding COVID-19 Vaccines?



Do you believe vaccine producers are interested in your health?



Do you trust pharmaceutical companies to provide safe and effective vaccines?



Have logistical factors (i.e., distance, clinic hours, time needed to get to clinic, wait at the clinic, or other costs) caused a delay for you or your child when getting vaccinated?

