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**AMERICANS ON COVID-19 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS:
YES FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS, NO FOR RESTAURANT CUSTOMERS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
MAJORITY SUPPORT MASKING UP INDOORS AND AT SCHOOLS**

As both the government and the private sector grapple with how to persuade unvaccinated people to get a COVID-19 vaccine, six in ten Americans (60 percent) support requiring health care workers to receive a COVID-19 vaccine while 35 percent oppose it, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today.

Democrats, 91 – 7 percent, and independents, 58 – 37 percent, support requiring health care workers to get a COVID-19 vaccine, and Republicans oppose requiring it 58 – 35 percent.

Americans express different levels of support for other specific requirements to receive a COVID-19 vaccine:

- For government employees, 53 percent support while 42 percent oppose;
- For universities requiring their students, 48 percent support while 49 percent oppose;
- For businesses requiring their employees, 45 percent support while 50 percent oppose.

When it comes to requiring proof of a COVID-19 vaccination:

- For passengers on airlines, 52 percent support while 45 percent oppose;
- For attendees of large sports and entertainment events, 49 percent support while 47 percent oppose;
- For customers of restaurants, 37 percent support while 59 percent oppose.

“There are varying opinions on who should be required to prove they have had the vaccine. Yes on proof of vaccination for those who fly, a toss-up for people attending large events, and a no for people going to restaurants,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

DELTA VARIANT & VACCINES

A majority of Americans, 58 – 39 percent, say they are concerned about the strain of COVID-19 called the Delta variant.

Roughly 7 in 10 Americans (72 percent) say they have either received a COVID-19 vaccine or plan to receive it, while 21 percent say they do not plan to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. The numbers are largely unchanged from a May 27th survey, when 23 percent said they did not plan to receive a COVID-19 vaccine and 72 percent said they had already received it or planned to receive it.

Among those who say they are not planning on receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, 51 percent say the main reason they are hesitant is because they don't think receiving a COVID-19 vaccine is safe, while 41 percent say they are mainly hesitant because they don't think it is necessary to receive a vaccine.

“As far as getting the vaccine, roughly 1 in 5 Americans are digging in their heels and keeping their sleeves rolled down, saying no way to the jab. At the same time, a solid majority see danger looming in the variant,” added Malloy.

CDC & MASKS

Americans disapprove, 49 – 44 percent, of the way the CDC is handling mask guidelines.

However, on the CDC's recommendation that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people living in areas with high rates of COVID-19 transmission wear masks indoors, 61 percent think it's a good idea, while 34 percent think it's a bad idea.

On the CDC's recommendation that all public school students, staff, and teachers wear masks in school, regardless of vaccination status, 55 percent think that it's a good idea, while 41 percent think that it's a bad idea. Parents of children under 18 years of age say 52 – 46 percent that it's a good idea and parents of children under 18 years of age who attend public schools say 55 – 43 percent that it's a good idea.

Americans are generally divided on the level of current mask mandates, as 37 percent say there should be more mask mandates, 32 percent say there should be fewer mandates, and 24 percent say that there are the right number of mask mandates.

CLIMATE CHANGE

During a summer that's been marked by numerous wildfires in the West, as well as extreme heat and severe storms across the country, nearly half of Americans (46 percent) say they are worried that they or someone in their family might be affected by an extreme weather event, while 54 percent say they are not worried about that.

Roughly 6 in 10 Americans (61 percent) think that the extreme weather events in the United States over the past few years are related to climate change, while 35 percent think they are not related to climate change.

Americans also say 61 – 36 percent that climate change is an emergency.

1,290 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from July 27th – August 2nd with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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29. Do you think that climate change is an emergency, or not?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Emergency	61%	19%	94%	65%	53%	69%	62%	50%
No	36	78	5	32	44	28	36	47
DK/NA	3	3	1	3	4	3	1	2

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Emergency	79%	61%	50%	57%	46%	62%	54%	72%
No	17	37	48	40	51	37	44	25
DK/NA	4	2	2	4	3	2	2	3

REGION.....			
NEast	MWest	South	West
Yes/Emergency	66%	62%	65%
No	30	35	32
DK/NA	3	3	3

30. Are you worried that you or someone in your family might be affected by an extreme weather event, or is that not something you're worried about?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Worried	46%	17%	72%	44%	35%	56%	46%	39%
No/Not worried	54	83	28	55	64	44	53	61
DK/NA	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Worried	57%	41%	45%	40%	32%	50%	41%	62%
No/Not worried	42	59	54	59	68	50	58	38
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-

REGION.....			
NEast	MWest	South	West
Yes/Worried	42%	41%	57%
No/Not worried	58	58	42
DK/NA	-	1	1

31. Do you think that the extreme weather events in the United States over the past few years are related to climate change, or don't you think so?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Related	61%	25%	91%	65%	51%	70%	64%	51%
No	35	74	7	30	43	27	33	46
DK/NA	4	1	1	6	6	2	3	4

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Related	73%	62%	53%	58%	45%	64%	55%	78%	74%
No	22	36	44	39	50	34	41	18	24
DK/NA	5	2	3	3	5	2	3	4	3

REGION.....										
	NEast	MWest	South	West						
Yes/Related	66%	60%	58%	64%						
No	30	34	39	34						
DK/NA	4	6	3	2						

32. Which comes closest to your situation: you are not planning to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, or you are planning to receive or have already received a COVID-19 vaccine?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Don't plan to	21%	33%	5%	22%	27%	15%	11%	23%
Plan to/Already	72	56	94	70	67	77	84	68
DK/NA	7	11	2	7	7	8	4	8

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Don't plan to	25%	28%	21%	7%	26%	13%	19%	25%	29%
Plan to/Already	71	64	70	90	68	78	74	73	69
DK/NA	3	9	9	3	6	8	7	2	3

REGION.....				DENSITY.....						
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural			
Don't plan to	18%	21%	23%	19%	19%	14%	30%			
Plan to/Already	78	71	70	73	75	81	58			
DK/NA	4	8	7	9	6	5	11			

32a. (If not planning to receive q32) Which best describes your hesitation about receiving a COVID-19 vaccine: you don't think receiving a COVID-19 vaccine is safe, or you don't think it's necessary for you to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

ADULTS-NOT PLANNING TO RECEIVE Q32

Not safe	51%
Not necessary	41
DK/NA	8

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the CDC is handling mask guidelines?

ADULTS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL	DEG
							Yes	No
Approve	44%	17%	73%	44%	39%	49%	48%	38%
Disapprove	49	77	25	48	55	45	50	56
DK/NA	7	6	3	8	7	7	3	6

AGE IN YRS..... WHITE.....

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	42%	45%	41%	50%	34%	48%	41%	57%	49%
Disapprove	44	53	56	44	59	48	54	39	38
DK/NA	14	2	3	6	6	4	5	4	13

REGION..... DENSITY.....

	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	
Approve	47%	43%	41%	46%	48%	46%	35%	
Disapprove	45	52	51	47	42	50	61	
DK/NA	8	4	8	6	10	4	5	

34. Are you concerned about the strain of COVID-19 called the Delta variant, or not?

ADULTS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL	DEG
							Yes	No
Yes	58%	32%	87%	56%	47%	68%	69%	51%
No	39	63	11	42	49	29	30	46
DK/NA	3	5	2	2	4	3	1	2

AGE IN YRS..... WHITE.....

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	56%	54%	59%	70%	47%	66%	57%	70%	55%
No	41	44	40	28	51	32	41	29	43
DK/NA	4	3	1	2	1	2	2	1	2

REGION..... DENSITY.....

	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	
Yes	63%	56%	59%	54%	64%	61%	46%	
No	36	39	39	41	32	38	51	
DK/NA	-	5	2	5	3	1	3	

35. Do you support or oppose requiring health care workers to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	60%	35%	91%	58%	54%	66%	69%	54%
Oppose	35	58	7	37	40	30	29	42
DK/NA	5	7	2	5	5	4	2	3

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Support	63%	54%	55%	75%	54%	64%	59%	71%	59%
Oppose	30	41	43	21	44	33	38	23	34
DK/NA	7	6	2	5	3	3	3	6	7

REGION.....				DENSITY.....			
				City	Suburb	Rural	
	NEast	MWest	South	West			
Support	73%	59%	55%	60%	68%	67%	43%
Oppose	23	37	39	37	27	30	52
DK/NA	4	5	6	3	5	3	5

36. Do you support or oppose requiring government employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	53%	24%	87%	50%	45%	60%	62%	47%
Oppose	42	70	9	44	48	36	37	49
DK/NA	5	6	4	6	7	4	1	4

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Support	54%	45%	50%	68%	46%	58%	52%	62%	48%
Oppose	38	48	48	28	50	40	45	32	43
DK/NA	7	7	2	4	4	2	3	5	9

REGION.....				DENSITY.....			
				City	Suburb	Rural	
	NEast	MWest	South	West			
Support	66%	50%	49%	51%	62%	58%	36%
Oppose	30	45	45	44	33	38	58
DK/NA	5	5	6	5	6	4	5

37. Do you support or oppose universities requiring their students to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	48%	18%	86%	45%	42%	53%	59%	40%
Oppose	49	81	11	51	56	43	40	57
DK/NA	3	1	3	3	3	4	1	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	43%	43%	46%	63%	39%	53%	46%	58%	43%
Oppose	51	56	53	32	58	46	52	39	49
DK/NA	6	1	1	4	3	1	2	3	8

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Support	60%	44%	45%	47%	56%	52%	30%
Oppose	36	55	52	50	40	46	67
DK/NA	5	1	3	3	4	2	3

38. Do you support or oppose businesses requiring their employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	45%	19%	82%	40%	38%	52%	57%	39%
Oppose	50	77	14	55	57	44	41	57
DK/NA	5	4	4	5	5	5	2	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	43%	37%	43%	63%	38%	52%	45%	53%	36%
Oppose	50	60	55	32	59	45	52	43	52
DK/NA	7	3	2	5	3	3	3	4	12

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Support	54%	43%	41%	45%	52%	50%	30%
Oppose	40	52	54	50	44	45	66
DK/NA	6	4	5	5	4	5	3

39. Do you support or oppose airlines requiring proof of a COVID-19 vaccination from their passengers?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	52%	24%	86%	51%	46%	58%	59%	47%
Oppose	45	71	12	47	50	39	39	50
DK/NA	3	5	2	2	4	3	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	52%	43%	50%	67%	44%	57%	51%	60%	52%
Oppose	43	54	48	30	54	40	47	39	42
DK/NA	4	3	2	3	2	3	2	1	6

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Support	59%	51%	51%	50%	59%	55%	39%
Oppose	38	47	46	46	38	42	58
DK/NA	4	2	3	5	3	3	4

40. Do you support or oppose restaurants requiring proof of a COVID-19 vaccination from their customers?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	37%	11%	70%	33%	30%	43%	48%	29%
Oppose	59	85	28	63	64	54	49	68
DK/NA	4	4	2	4	5	3	4	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	35%	28%	40%	53%	27%	42%	35%	48%	36%
Oppose	62	68	59	43	69	56	62	51	57
DK/NA	3	4	1	4	4	3	3	1	7

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Support	43%	37%	36%	34%	42%	42%	25%
Oppose	53	61	59	61	54	55	72
DK/NA	4	2	4	4	4	3	3

41. Do you support or oppose large sports and entertainment events requiring proof of a COVID-19 vaccination from those who want to attend?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	49%	22%	82%	47%	43%	55%	57%	40%
Oppose	47	75	17	50	54	41	41	57
DK/NA	4	3	2	3	3	4	2	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	52%	40%	46%	61%	37%	53%	46%	63%	51%
Oppose	43	57	52	36	60	44	52	37	40
DK/NA	5	3	2	3	3	2	3	-	9

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Support	56%	46%	47%	50%	58%	51%	33%
Oppose	37	51	50	47	38	46	63
DK/NA	7	2	3	3	4	3	4

42. Do you think there should be more mask mandates in the U.S., fewer mask mandates, or are there the right number of mask mandates in the U.S.?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
More	37%	9%	67%	35%	29%	44%	44%	22%
Fewer	32	64	4	29	39	25	30	42
Right number	24	19	26	29	24	25	22	28
DK/NA	7	8	3	7	8	6	5	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More	40%	33%	32%	44%	22%	36%	29%	59%	45%
Fewer	24	34	40	28	46	31	38	10	25
Right number	29	27	21	21	24	27	26	30	23
DK/NA	7	6	7	7	8	6	7	2	7

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
More	35%	32%	39%	39%	45%	39%	22%
Fewer	24	32	32	36	23	30	46
Right number	34	29	22	17	25	28	21
DK/NA	6	7	7	7	7	4	11

43. The CDC is recommending that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people living in areas with high rates of COVID-19 transmission wear masks indoors. Do you think this recommendation is a good idea or a bad idea?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL	DEG
							Yes	No
Good idea	61%	26%	91%	64%	52%	70%	66%	49%
Bad idea	34	66	7	32	42	27	31	45
DK/NA	5	8	2	4	6	3	3	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Good idea	64%	65%	55%	62%	45%	64%	55%	83%	71%
Bad idea	31	31	40	35	50	32	41	15	28
DK/NA	5	3	5	3	6	4	5	3	1

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Good idea	70%	56%	62%	57%	70%	63%	46%
Bad idea	27	39	33	37	27	34	46
DK/NA	3	5	4	6	3	3	8

44. The CDC is recommending that all public school students, staff, and teachers wear masks in school, regardless of vaccination status. Do you think this recommendation is a good idea or a bad idea?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL	DEG
							Yes	No
Good idea	55%	19%	91%	55%	45%	65%	59%	43%
Bad idea	41	78	8	41	50	33	38	54
DK/NA	3	3	1	5	4	3	3	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Good idea	63%	56%	51%	56%	39%	57%	48%	81%	68%
Bad idea	34	43	48	40	58	41	49	18	26
DK/NA	3	1	1	4	3	2	3	1	7

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Good idea	61%	54%	55%	54%	68%	55%	38%
Bad idea	34	44	41	45	30	42	59
DK/NA	5	2	4	2	2	3	3

	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS	
	Yes	InPublic School
Good idea	52%	55%
Bad idea	46	43
DK/NA	2	2