

# Effectiveness of Health Policy Implementation on COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Among Parents of Pediatric Population

May 5, 2021

Pfizer approved for 12-15 years old

October 29, 2021

Pfizer approved for 5-11 years old in US

November 19, 2021

Pfizer approved for 5-11 years old in Canada

Over 10 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered globally. However, vaccination among 5-11 year old children has been decreasing.

In Canada, only  
**36%**  
are fully vaccinated.

In the US, only  
**27%**  
are fully vaccinated.

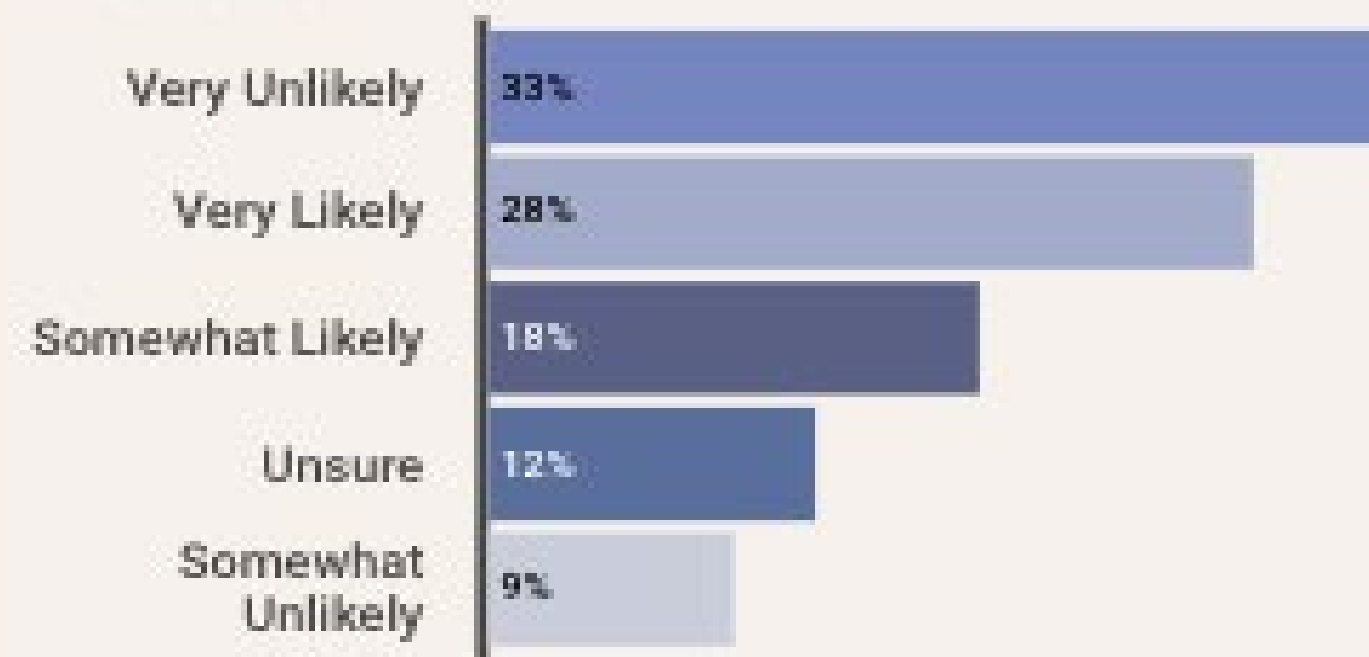


**Vaccine hesitancy** has left a large population, especially parents, refusing to receive a dose of the vaccine for themselves and their children, and further prolonging transmission of the virus and the length of the pandemic.

## What is Vaccine Hesitancy? Why is it important to vaccinate?

Vaccine hesitancy is the **reluctance or refusal to vaccinate** despite the availability of vaccines. Vaccinating is important to **strengthen immune systems** in order to **prevent or lessen symptoms of potential illness**, and to **prevent spread to others**.

### However...

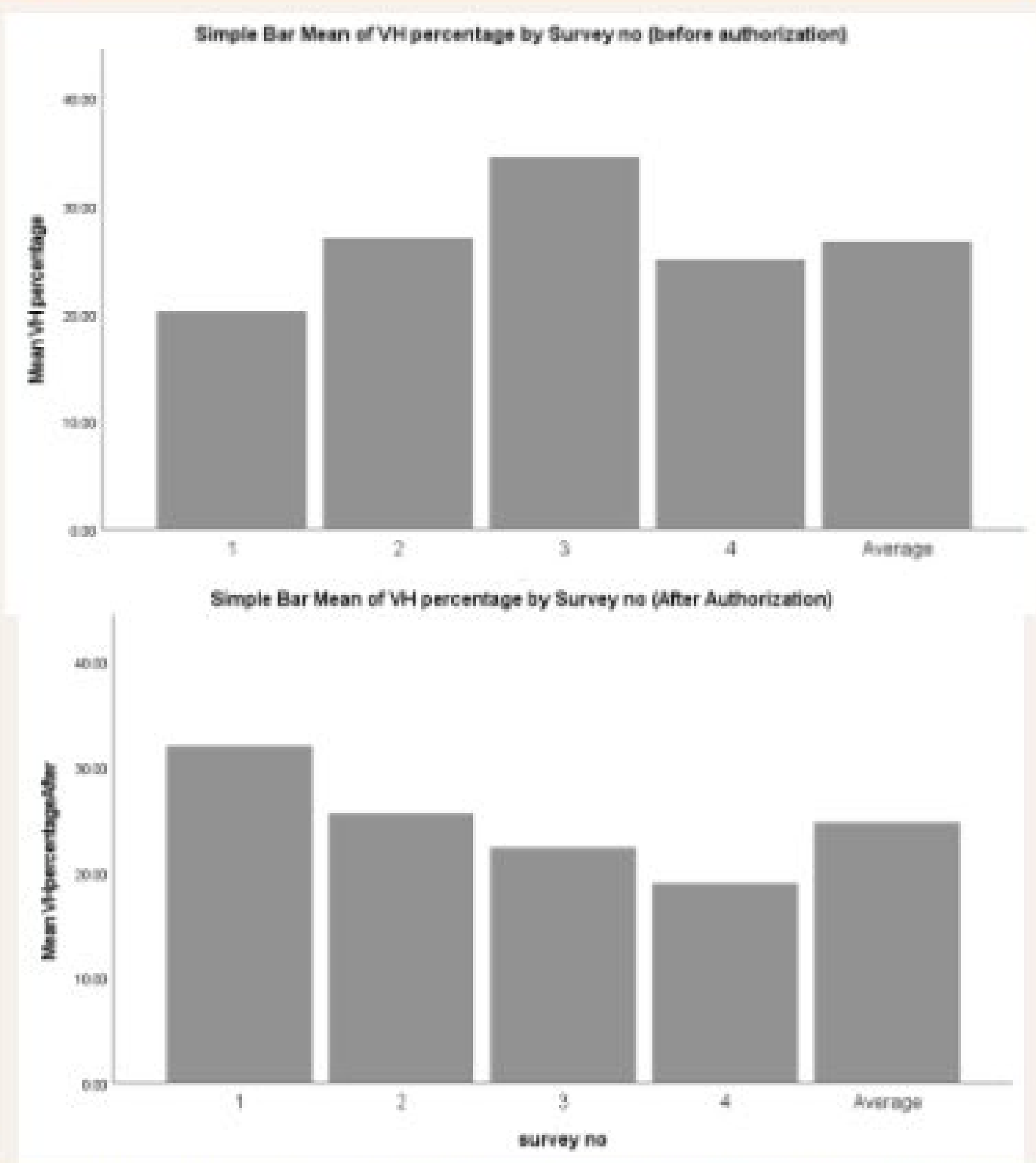


Over 54% of parents are **unlikely** or **unsure** about getting their children vaccinated against COVID-19.

## RESEARCH FINDINGS



How Do We combat VH and increase COVID-19 Vaccination?



1 Providing accurate information on vaccines through various channels like media, healthcare campaigns.

2 Role of family physicians and pediatricians in ensuring the parents of the benefits of vaccination.

3 Generating and disseminating evidence supporting the safety and efficacy of covid-19 vaccine in pediatric population

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAKEHOLDERS

