

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 1,100 Florida respondents on September 16-19, 2021. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

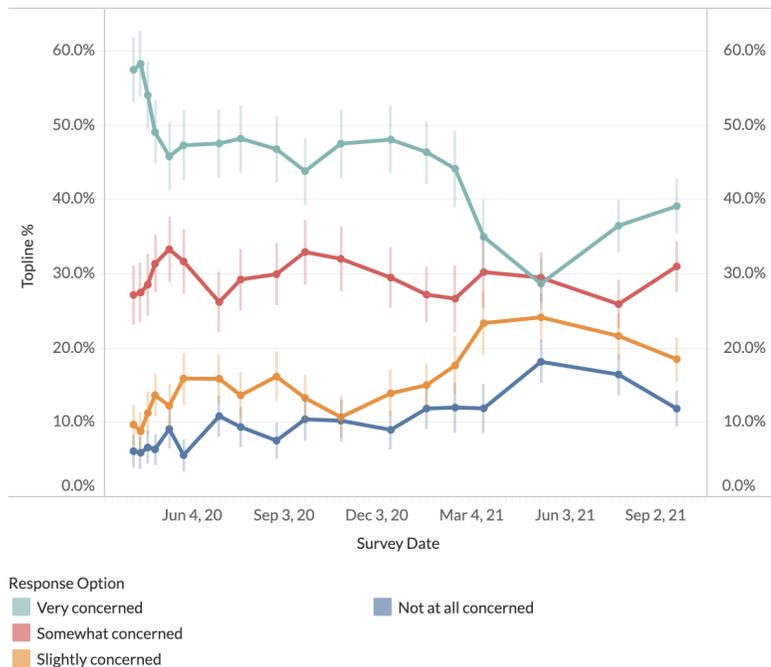
## Florida Highlights

### COVID-19 Concern

In Florida, concern about Coronavirus has stayed the same since our last wave of research in July. 39.1% of adults report being ‘very concerned’ about COVID-19, compared to 35.0% nationally and 36.3% in our last wave of research in Florida in July. With regard to the global state of the pandemic, 40.8% of Florida adults say they are ‘very concerned’ about the current situation in other countries, compared to 36.2% of all US adults. 83.7% of Florida adults report having heard of Coronavirus variants or strains (e.g. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta), with 48.7% of those respondents reporting being ‘very concerned’ about the variants.

#### Attitudes Concern Level in FL

Question Text: "How concerned are you about Coronavirus (COVID-19)?"



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In Florida, reported levels of concern about COVID-19 have continued to increase since a relative low in June.

### COVID-19 Vaccine

In Florida, 68.3% of adults report that they have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine about the same as our last wave of research in July (67.2%). Compared to the US as a whole (66.6%), about the same proportion of adults in Florida has received at least one dose. 87.3% of Florida adults who have received at least one dose report having also received a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, compared to 88.4% nationally. 62.7% of Florida adults who’ve received at least one dose of the

COVID-19 vaccine report that they would be ‘very likely’ to get a COVID-19 booster shot, assuming the FDA had authorized it, compared to 61.1% nationally.

**How likely are you to get a COVID-19 booster shot?**

US Margin of Error = 1.8%, FL Margin of Error = 4.5%

Response (% selected)	US	FL	NY	OH	TX	WA
Very likely	61.1%	62.7%	61.2%	60.7%	63.3%	61.5%
Somewhat likely	19.2%	18.4%	17.3%	16.4%	18.8%	19.8%
Somewhat unlikely	5.4%	6.5%	5.7%	4.6%	5.1%	5.3%
Very unlikely	7.0%	5.6%	7.5%	10.5%	5.7%	6.1%
Not sure	7.2%	6.8%	8.3%	7.8%	7.1%	7.4%

**Protective Measures**

Over the past few months, some states and jurisdictions have returned to mask mandates and social distancing measures following an increase in COVID-19 cases. 59.0% of Florida adults report always wearing a mask indoors, and 53.5% report always staying 6 feet apart from others while indoors. In Florida, 41.9% of adults report always staying home and limiting trips to essentials, and 44.5% report only gathering in small groups when socializing. Of Florida adults who report ‘always’ wearing a mask indoors, 56.1% say they do so because they don’t trust that others are vaccinated or safe to be around unmasked, and 55.0% report they want to help protect others who have health issues or cannot be vaccinated.

**COVID-19 Vaccines and Testing for Children**

Parents or guardians of children 18 years old or younger differ in their plans to vaccinate their child(ren) against COVID-19 across age groups. Everyone over the age of 12 in all 50 states is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Among Florida parents, 20.4% of those with children 0 to 6 months old and 54.0% of those with children 6 months to 11 years old report being ‘very’ or ‘somewhat likely’ to get those child(ren) vaccinated when it is available. 64.2% of Florida parents with 12 to 15 year olds report that those child(ren) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, compared to 57.6% nationally. Of Florida parents with 12 to 15 year olds who haven’t received the vaccine yet, 37.5% say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat likely’ to get their child(ren) in that age group vaccinated. 70.3% of Florida parents with 16 to 18 year olds report that those child(ren) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine,

compared to 66.5% nationally. Of Florida parents with 16 to 18 year olds who haven't received the vaccine yet, 31.5% say they are 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get their child(ren) in that age group vaccinated.

Parents or guardians of children 18 years old or younger have varying reported levels of using COVID-19 testing across age groups. In the last 30 days, 15.1% of parents with child(ren) ages 0 to 6 months old report getting their child(ren) tested for COVID-19, compared to 28.9% with child(ren) ages 6 months to 11 years old, 37.2% 12 to 15 years old, and 21.9% 16 to 18 years old. Of parents who report having tested their child(ren) for COVID-19 in the past 30 days, 17.9% report their 0 to 6 months old child(ren) tested positive, compared to 30.1% with child(ren) ages 6 months to 11 years old, 36.5% 12 to 15 years old, and 25.0% 16 to 18 years old.

### Vaccine Mandates

The school year has begun for many primary and secondary schools. 53.9% of Florida adults with child(ren) who are currently enrolled in primary or secondary school report being 'strongly' or 'somewhat' in favor of schools mandating COVID-19 vaccination for eligible age groups in order to return to in-person classes this fall. When asked if their child(ren)'s primary or secondary schools are mandating the COVID-19 vaccine for eligible age groups, 35.1% of elementary school parents report that one or more of their child(ren)'s schools are mandating the vaccine, similar to 29.1% for middle school parents and 28.2% for high school parents.

***Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: K12 schools should mandate the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine for students in eligible age groups.***

US Margin of Error = 2.6%, FL Margin of Error = 7.1%

Response (% selected)	US	FL	NY	OH	TX	WA
Strongly Agree	37.0%	36.4%	48.8%	31.7%	31.0%	42.7%
Somewhat Agree	18.5%	17.5%	24.1%	14.7%	22.0%	19.5%
Somewhat Disagree	10.2%	9.3%	8.0%	12.9%	12.7%	8.5%
Strongly Disagree	28.1%	27.5%	14.9%	36.3%	28.7%	27.6%
I don't know	6.2%	9.3%	4.3%	4.3%	5.6%	1.8%

Among Florida parents with child(ren) enrolled in primary or secondary school, 34.0% report their school is mandating the COVID-19 vaccine for teachers, while 33.3% are not sure. 41.9% of Florida parents with child(ren) enrolled in primary or secondary school report that students, teachers, or other staff at their child(ren)'s school(s) have tested positive in the last 30 days, while 21.6% are not sure.

Many American colleges have also started their school year. Of college students and college students' parents, 67.0% indicate that they 'strongly' or 'somewhat agree' that colleges should mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for students prior to enrolling in classes. 39.6% of Florida college students or parents of college students report that the college they or their child is attending this fall requires that students receive the COVID-19 vaccine, 40.4% report no mandate, and 20.0% are not sure if the vaccine is required.

17.2% of Florida adults report recently becoming unemployed or furloughed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. 39.0% of Florida adults who are not currently working report not currently being in the workforce (e.g. student, retired), and 20.6% report being unable to work due to family, medical, or other reasons. 60.3% of Florida adults report 'somewhat' or 'strongly' agreeing that employers should mandate the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine for employees returning to in-person work.

**Methodology:** Responses were gathered through online web panels, quality screened, and weighted to accurately reflect the entire adult population of Florida. Questions were fielded September 16-19, 2021 (1,100 respondents).