

**Opinion Poll on:
The UAE's Efforts in Combating
the Covid-19 Pandemic**

Executive Summary

- ❑ 50 percent of the respondents were females and 50 percent were males.
- ❑ Respondents from foreign nationalities constituted 91 percent, while the Emiratis made up 9%.
- ❑ The age group 40-49 amounted to 41 percent of total respondents, followed by the age group 30-39 (35 percent), age group 50 and above (16 percent), and finally the age group 18-29 (8 percent).
- ❑ 84 percent of the respondents were from the emirates of Abu Dhabi (43 percent) and Dubai (41 percent).
- ❑ 75 percent of the respondents said the precautionary measures taken by the UAE to limit the spread of the Covid-19 were very effective.
- ❑ The respondents rated the *performance* of national sectors in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic as follows:
 - ❑ Health sector: excellent (78 percent), good (19 percent).
 - ❑ Economic sector: excellent (52 percent), good (36 percent).
 - ❑ National Emergency and Crisis Management Authority: excellent (74 percent), good (21 percent).
 - ❑ Police and security sector: excellent (76 percent), good (21 percent).
 - ❑ Education sector: excellent (49 percent), good (36 percent).
 - ❑ All sectors in general: excellent (84 percent), good (14 percent).
- ❑ 95 percent of the respondents have received Covid-19 vaccine.
- ❑ 64 percent believed in the efficacy of the vaccines, with 33 percent saying they were effective to some extent and 3% saying they were ineffective.
- ❑ 64 percent were supportive of the emergency use of the Covid-19 vaccine (Sinopharm) for children aged 3-17, as approved by the Ministry of Health and Prevention.
- ❑ 52 percent of the respondents have vaccinated their family members aged 3-17, and 37% of them said they would do that in the future.

Introduction

As part of its opinion polls series, TRENDS Research & Advisory conducted a poll on “**the UAE’s Efforts in Combating the Covid-19 Pandemic**” to explore the opinions of the Emiratis and expatriates in the UAE about the measures taken in this regard, as well as the vaccines provided by the country, and to explore their views about the vaccination of children against covid-19.

Supervised by the Global Barometer Department at TRENDS, the poll came within the framework of a memorandum of understanding and cooperation signed recently between ‘TRENDS Research and Advisory’ and ‘Al-Imarat Al-Yawm’ newspaper with the aim of reinforcing partnership and cooperation between TRENDS and other national and international research centers and media institutions.

The poll included a number of questions designed to measure the efforts the UAE’s efforts in combating the Covid-19 pandemic. It posed a question about the effectiveness of the precautionary measures taken by the UAE government to limit the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. The poll also explored how the respondents rate the performance of national sectors in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, the percentage of them who have received the vaccine and to extent they believe in the efficacy of the Covid-19 vaccines in general.

The respondents were also asked about whether they support the emergency use of the Covid-19 vaccine (Sinopharm) for children aged 3-17, as approved by the Ministry of Health and Prevention.

A total of 521 Emiratis and expatriates from different emirates of the UAE participated in the poll.

Objective of the Poll

- To know the effectiveness of the precautionary measures taken by the UAE government to limit the spread of the “Covid-19” pandemic.
- To gauge the performance of national sectors in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic.
- To know the percentage of those who have received Covi-19 vaccine.
- To understand the extent to which the community members believe in the effectiveness of the Covid-19 vaccines in general.
- To know the extent of support for the emergency use of the Covid-19 vaccine (Sinopharm) for children aged 3-17 as approved by the Ministry of Health and Prevention.
- To determine the percentage of those who have vaccinated their family members aged 3-17.

Methodology



Characteristics of the Sample

The sample consists of Emiratis and expatriates in the UAE.



Questionnaire Format

An electronic questionnaire was designed for the purpose of this poll.



Sample Selection

Owing to the difficulty of reaching the target audience, snowball sampling method was used. A questionnaire link was sent to people whose data are available at the TRENDS Research & Advisory. We requested them to share the link with other people fitting the characteristics of the intended sample in the UAE. The sample size was 521 individuals.



Data Analysis

SPSS and Excel statistical programs were used to process and analyze the data, extract tables and graphs, and prepare the statistical report.



Duration of the Poll

The data were collected over two weeks.

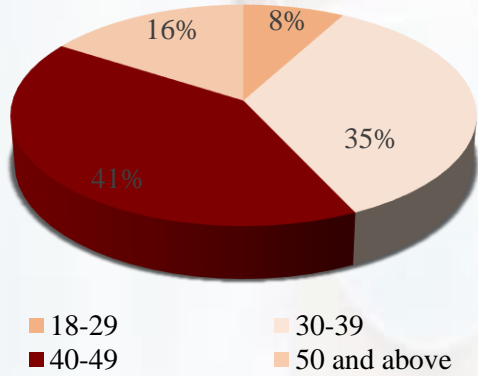


Data Collection

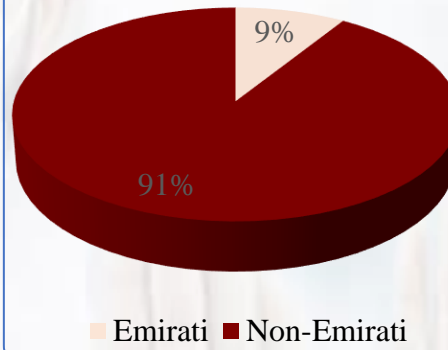
The electronic data collection method was used whereby the questionnaire was posted on the TRENDS website.

Sample Distribution

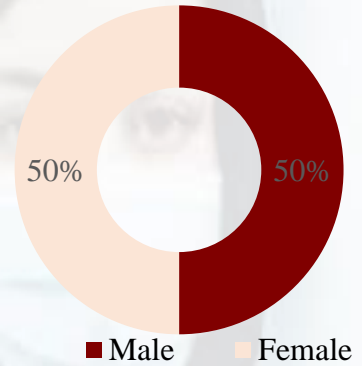
By Age Group



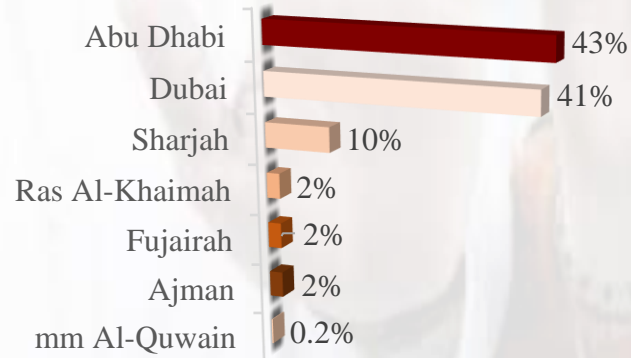
By Nationality



By Gender

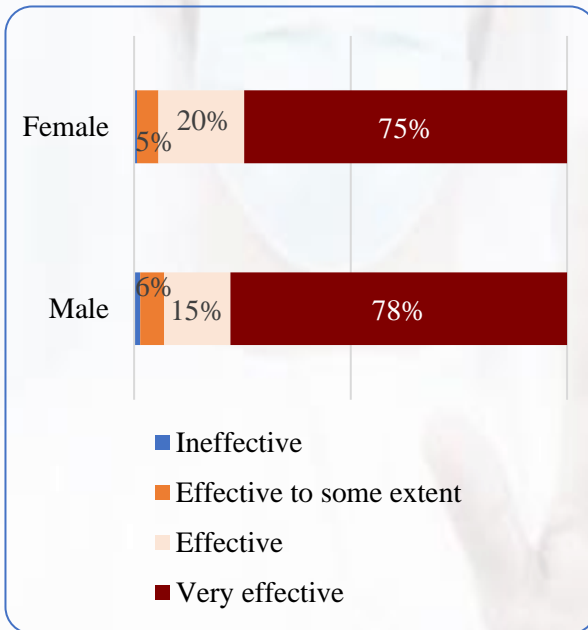


By Emirate

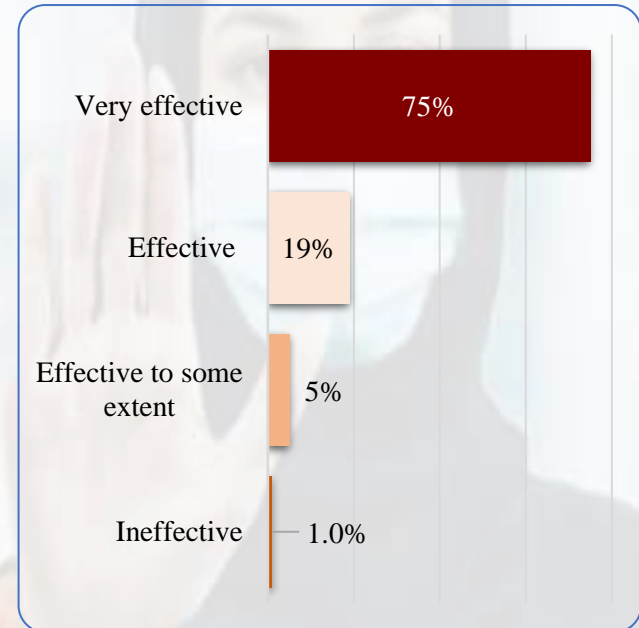


The effectiveness of the precautionary measures taken by the UAE government to limit the spread of the “Covid-19” pandemic

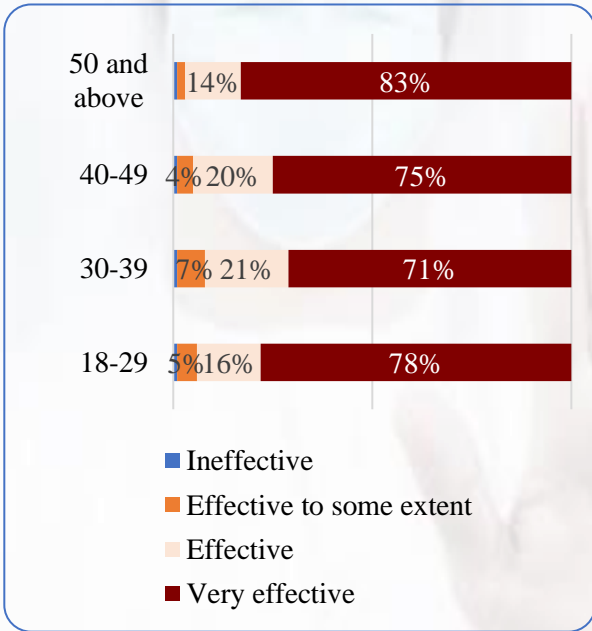
78 percent of males said the precautionary measures taken by the UAE to limit the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic, compared to 75 percent of females



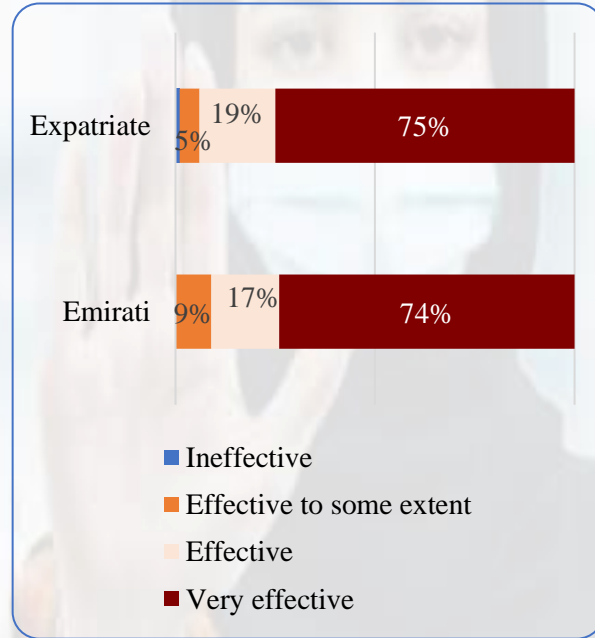
Nine out of ten individuals believed that the precautionary measures taken by the UAE to limit the spread of Covid-19 pandemic were effective



83 percent of the age group 50 and above believed in the effectiveness of the precautionary measures taken by the UAE to limit the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic



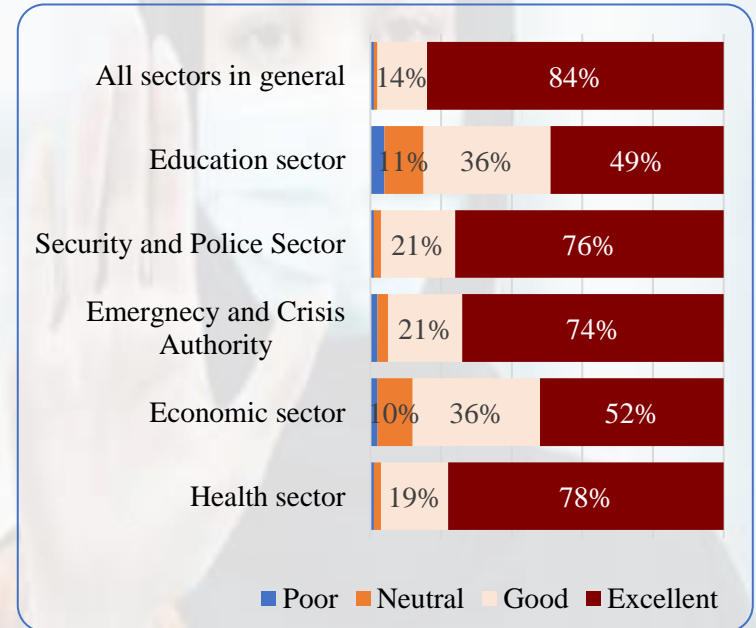
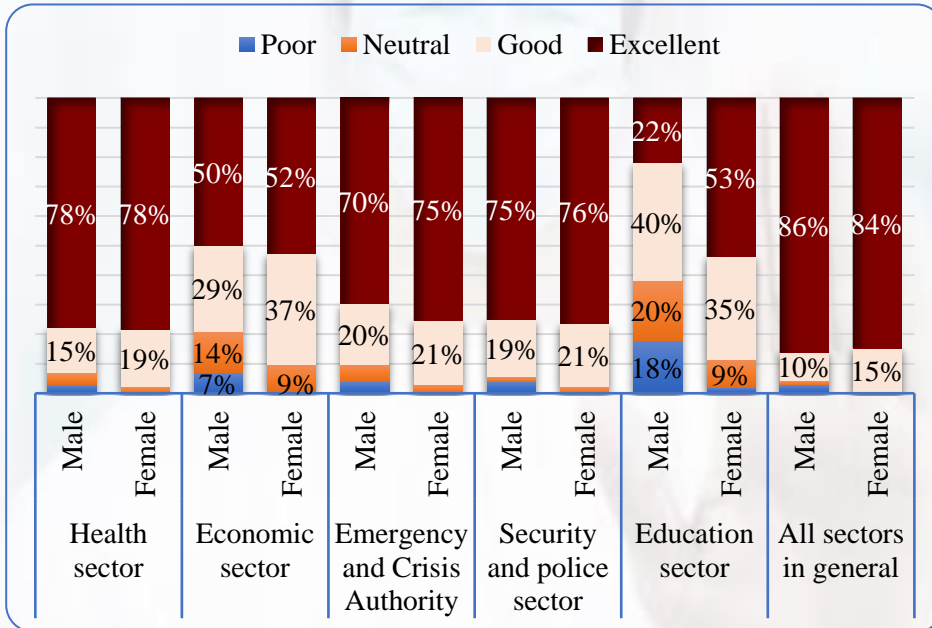
Almost all the respondents said the precautionary measures were very effective



Performance of national sectors in dealing with Covid-19 pandemic

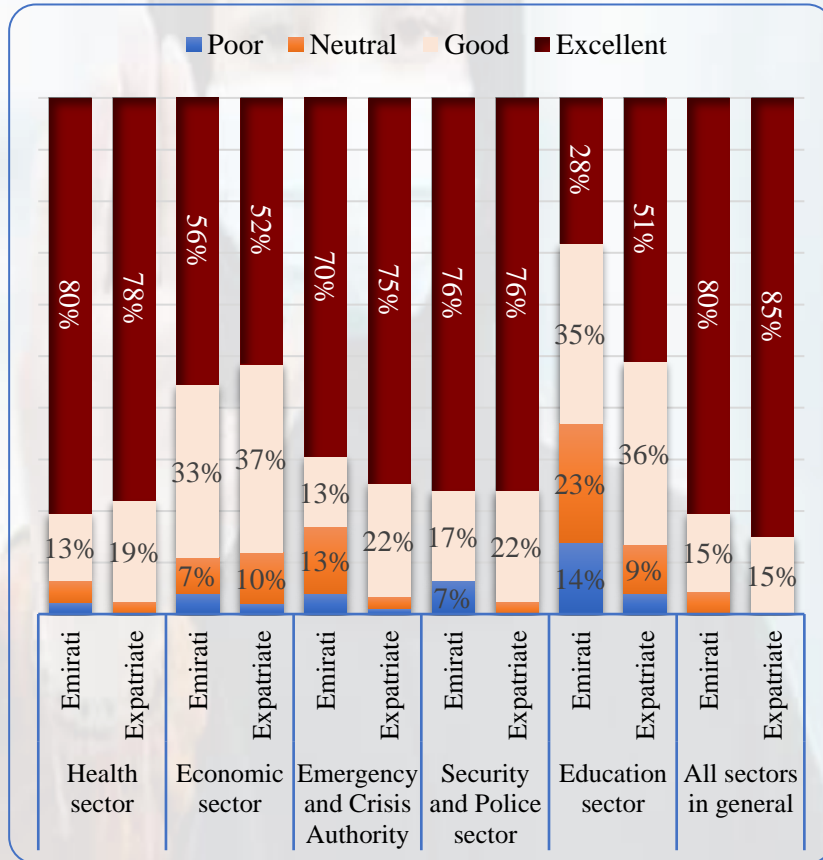
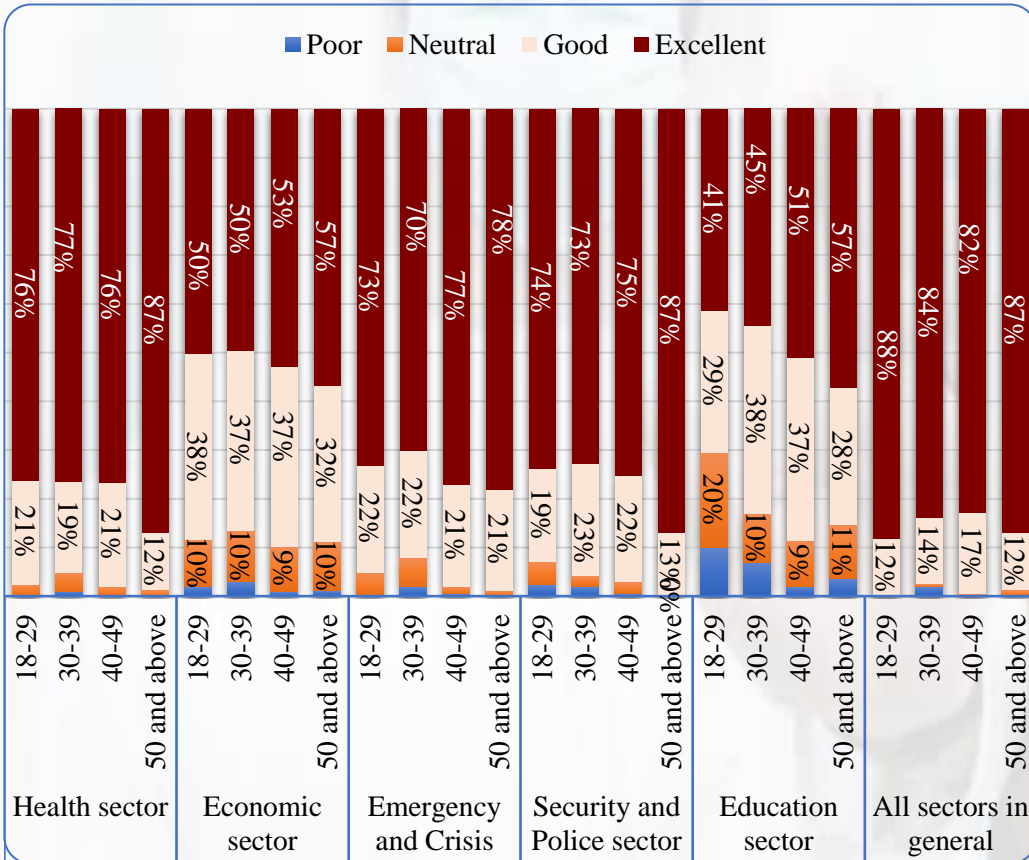
53 percent of males said the performance of national sectors in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic was excellent, compared to 22 percent of males who said the same

84 percent of the respondents thought that the performance of national sectors in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic was excellent



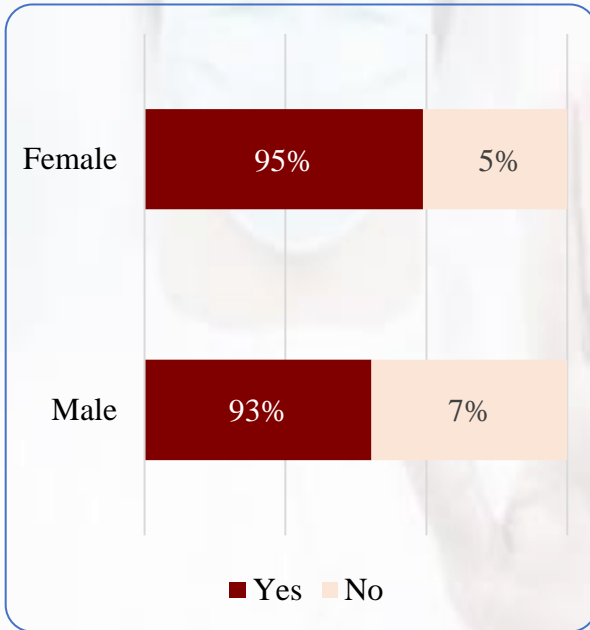
More than 80 percent of all age groups said the performance of national sectors in dealing with the Covid-19 was excellent

51 percent of the expatriates said the performance of national sectors in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic was excellent, compared to 28 percent of Emiratis who believed so

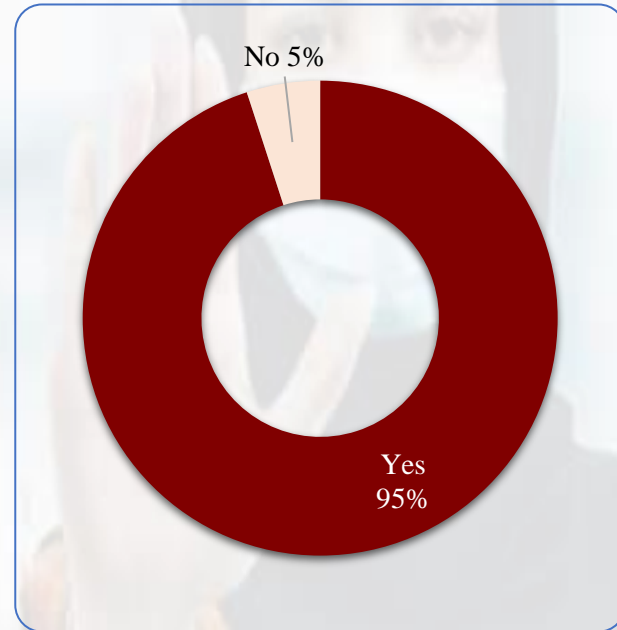


Have you received a Covid-19 vaccine?

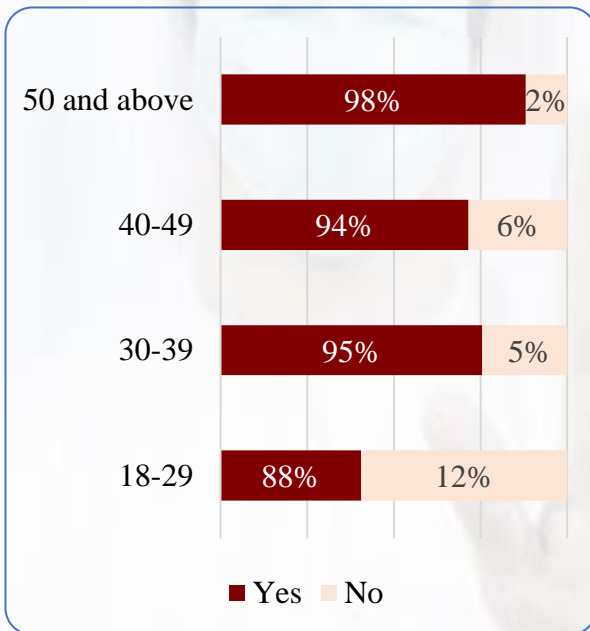
95 percent of females and 93 percent of males have received a Covid-19 vaccine



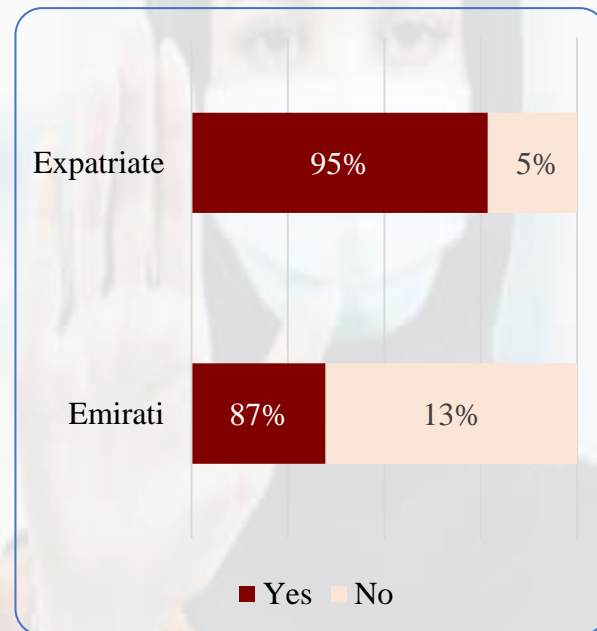
95 percent of the respondents have received a Covid-19 vaccine



88 percent of the age group 18-29 have received a Covid-19 vaccine

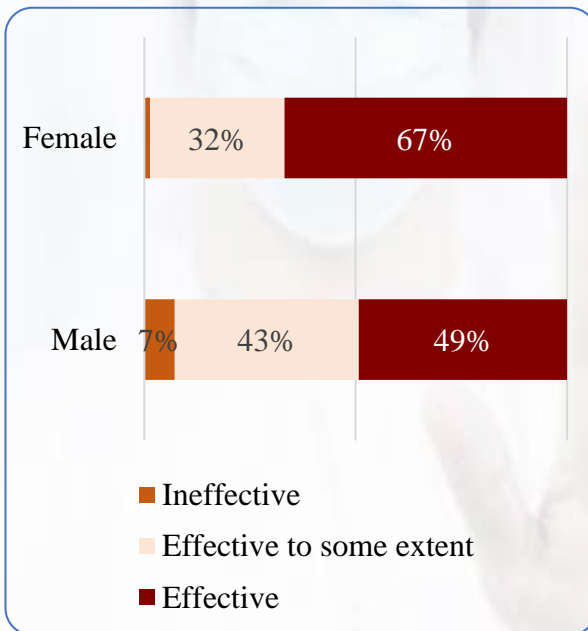


95 percent of the expatriates and 87 percent of the Emiratis have received a Covid-19 vaccine

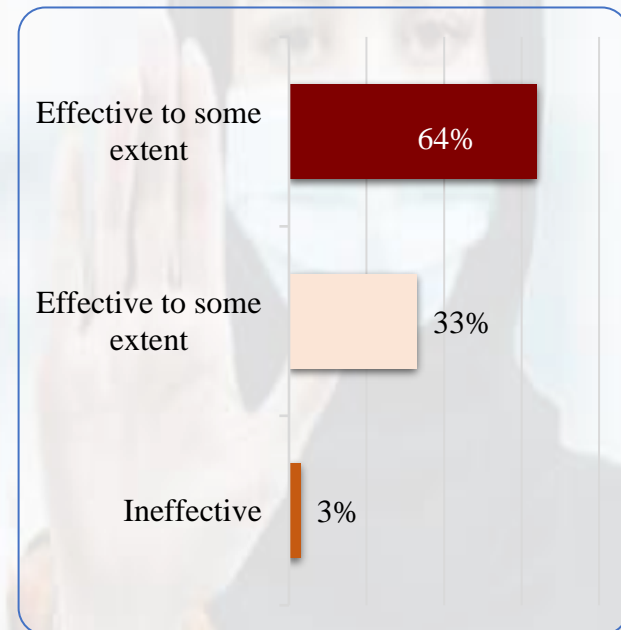


Effectiveness of Covid-19 vaccine in general

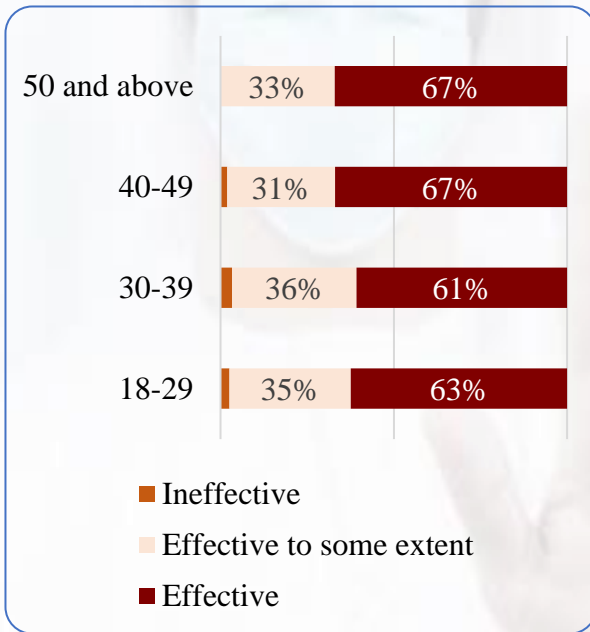
67 percent of females and 49 percent of males said the Covid-19 were effective



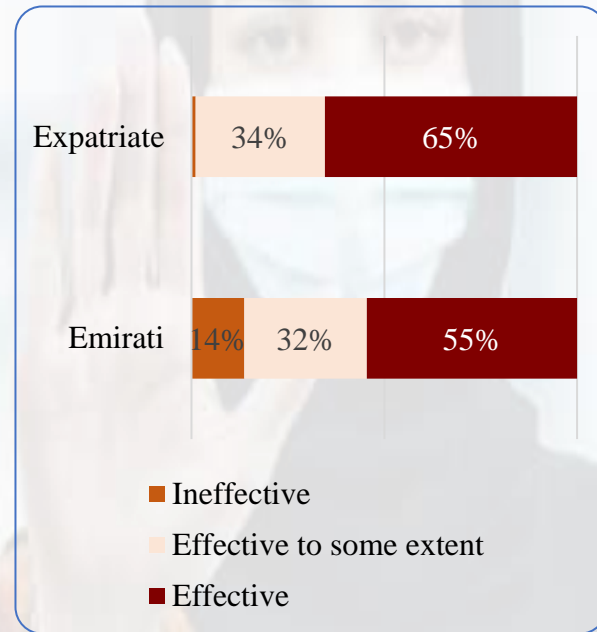
64 percent of the respondents said the Covid-19 vaccines were effective



60 percent of all age groups agreed that the Covid-19 vaccines were effective

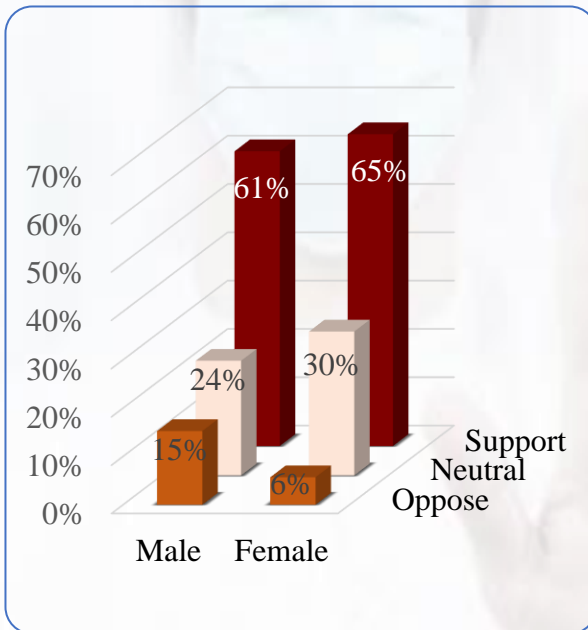


65 percent of the expatriates in the UAE said the Covid-19 vaccines were effective

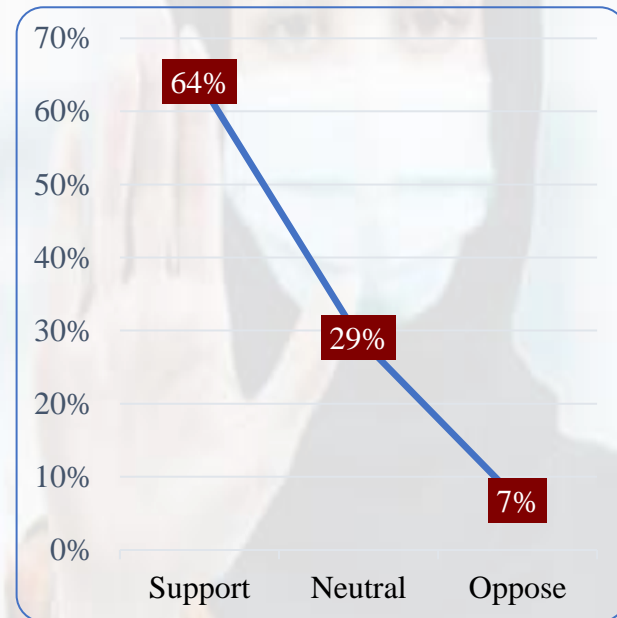


Support for the emergency use of the Covid-19 vaccine for children aged 3-17

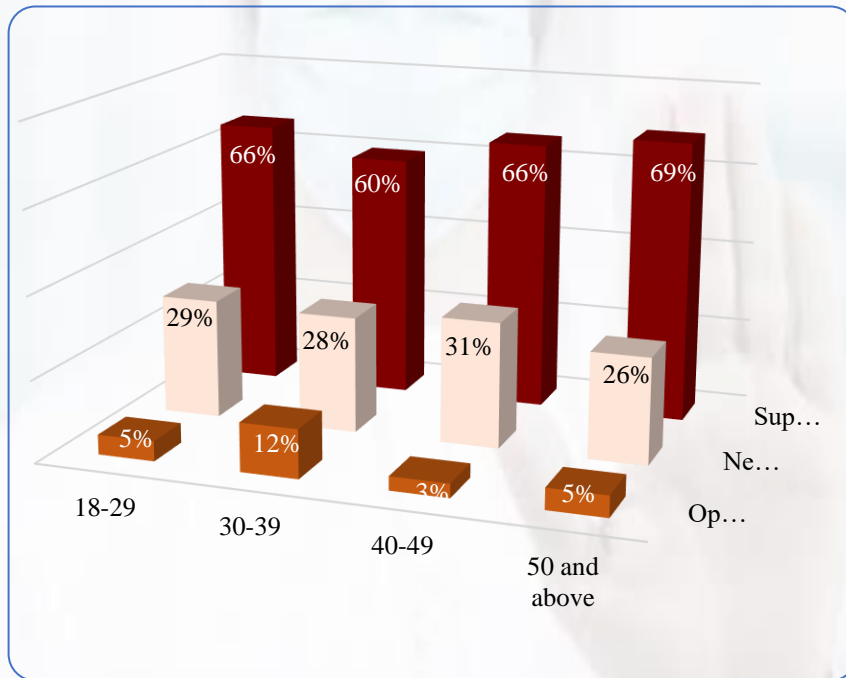
65 percent of females and 61 percent of males supported the emergency use of the Covid-19 vaccine children aged 3-17



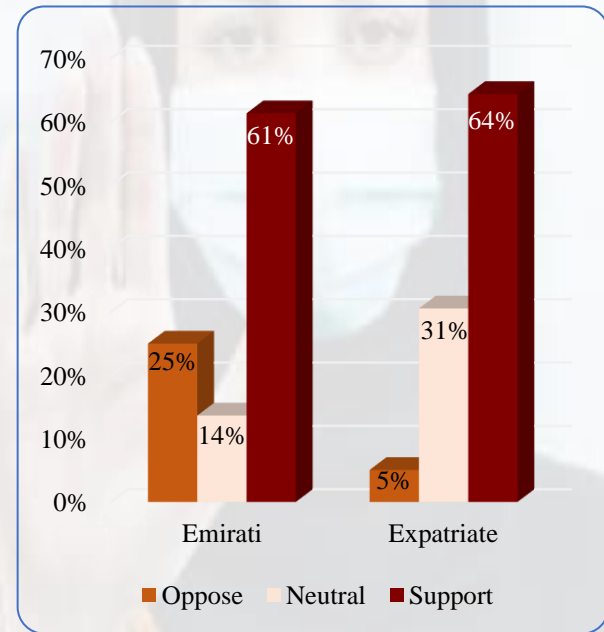
60 percent of the respondent supported the emergency use of the Covid-19 vaccine for children aged 3-17



69 percent of the age group 50 and above supported the emergency use of the Covid-19 for children aged 3-17

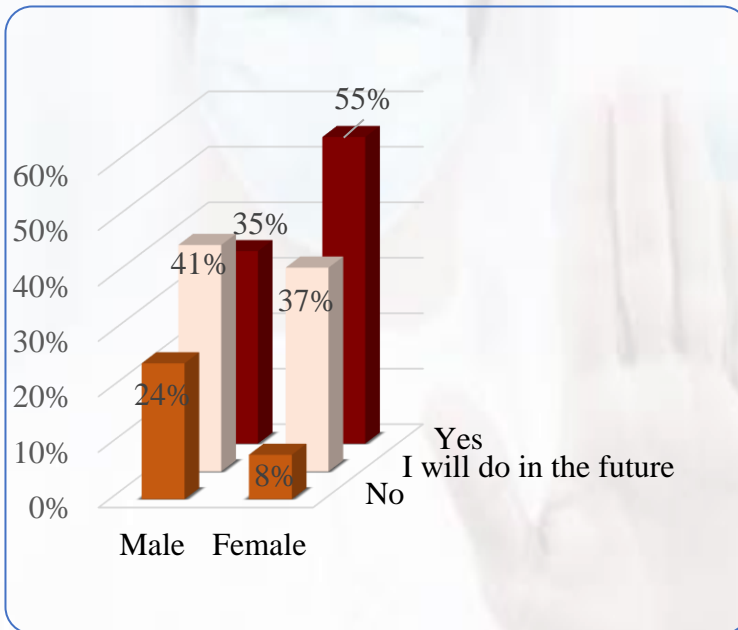


64 percent of the expatriates and 61 percent of the Emiratis said they support the emergency use of the Covid-19 vaccine for children aged 3-17

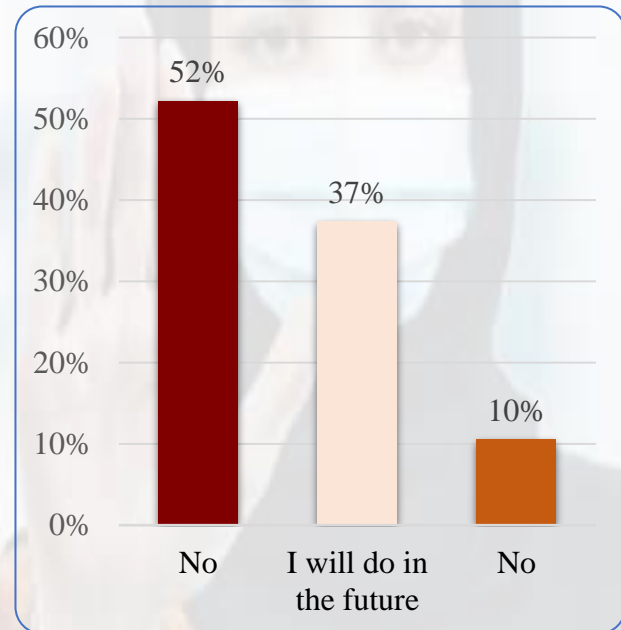


Have you vaccinated any member of your family who is in the age group 3-17?

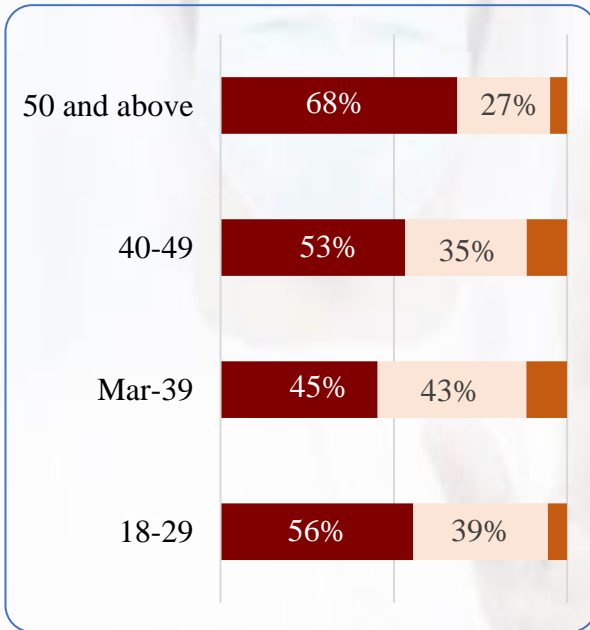
55 percent of females and 35 percent of males have vaccinated a member of their families who is in the age group 3-17



52 percent of the respondents have vaccinated a member of their families who is in the age group 3-17



45 of the age group 30-39 have vaccinated their children



63 percent of the Emiratis and 51 percent of the expatriates have vaccinated their children

