

Ministry of Health

# Consent for Collection of Sociodemographic Data

The Ministry of Health (Ministry) is collecting sociodemographic data for the purposes of supporting the efficient, equitable and effective roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine for communities that are at-risk and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

If you provide your sociodemographic data to the Ministry, the Ministry may use and disclose it for these purposes, and other purposes authorized and required by law. For example, the Ministry will use the data collected to analyze patterns in vaccine distribution and promote equitable access to vaccine doses. Health care providers and vaccine clinic staff who are administering, or assisting in the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine will have access to this data in the course of providing care to you.

The Ministry may periodically develop reports based on the analysis of the data, which would be made publicly available. These reports will not include any information that could be used to identify you or any other individual person. The use of these data will be governed in a way that ensures principled and responsible data use that respects Ontarians' privacy.

You will be asked questions about your race, ethnicity, income, household size, and language. If you provide these data, it will be stored in COVax, a health record system under the custody and control of the Ministry of Health.

Where a Clinic Site is administered by a hospital, the hospital is collecting your information as an agent and on behalf of the Ministry of Health. The hospital will not use and disclose this information for the hospital's own purposes.

**Providing your sociodemographic data is strictly voluntary.** If you do not agree to provide this data, you will not get in trouble or be denied access to programs or services, including access to the COVID-19 vaccine. Choosing to provide your data does not mean you have to answer every question; you may provide answers to only questions, with which you are comfortable.

If you do consent to provide any sociodemographic data, and then change your mind, you may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the Ministry of Health at [heia@ontario.ca](mailto:heia@ontario.ca). If you withdraw your consent, your sociodemographic data will not be used in the future.

If you agree to the collection of your sociodemographic data, please check the following box:

**I consent to provide my sociodemographic data for the purposes outlined above.**

**Which race category best describes you? Select all that apply.**

<b>Race Categories</b>	<b>Description/examples</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Black	African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent
<input type="checkbox"/> East Asian	Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Taiwanese descent
<input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Asian	Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian, other Southeast Asian descent
<input type="checkbox"/> Latino	Latin American, Hispanic descent
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern	Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> South Asian	South Asian descent, e.g. East Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Caribbean, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> White	European descent
<input type="checkbox"/> Another race category  -----	Please Specify

**What is your ethnic or cultural origin(s)? For example: Canadian, Chinese, East Indian, English, Italian, Filipino, Scottish, Irish, Portuguese, German, Polish, Dutch, French, Jamaican, Pakistani, Iranian, Sri Lankan, Korean, Ukrainian, Lebanese, Guyanese, Somali, Colombian, Jewish, etc.**

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**What was your total household income before taxes last year? Select one.**

- \$0-\$29,999     \$30,000 - \$49,999     \$50,000 - \$69,999
- \$70,000 - \$99,999     \$100,000 - \$149,999     \$150,000 or more
- Do not know     Prefer not to answer

**Including yourself, how many family members live in your household on a regular basis?**

- \_\_\_\_\_     Do not know     Prefer not to answer

**What is the language that you first learned at home in childhood and still understand?**

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**In which of Canada's official languages, English or French, are you most comfortable?**

- Both English and French     English     French     Neither     Do not know
- Prefer not to answer