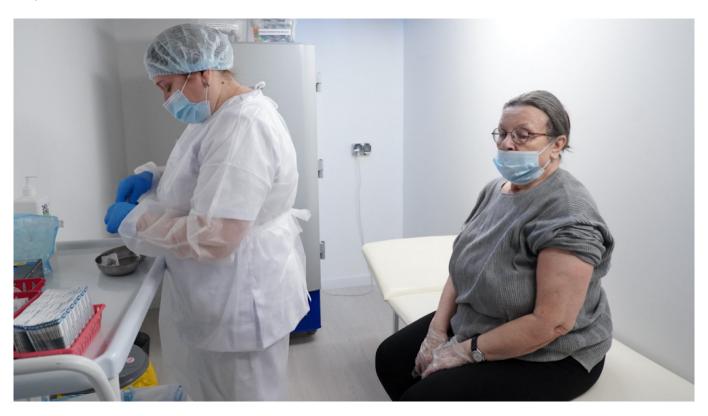# Majority of Russians Still Not Ready to Get Sputnik Vaccine – Poll

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The majority of Russians (62%) are still not ready to be vaccinated with their country's Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine, according to a poll by the independent Levada Center [published](#) Wednesday.

The results are the latest sign that Russians are largely still skeptical of the domestically-produced vaccine amid Russia's attempts to boost its slower-than-hoped vaccination campaign.

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According to Levada, a quarter of respondents (26%) are ready to be vaccinated, a slightly

lower percentage than in February (30%).

Levada's results also revealed an age gap in willingness to be vaccinated, with only 12% of Russians aged 18–24 years old saying they are ready to be vaccinated compared to the 37% of over-55s.

Meanwhile, 10% of respondents said that they have already been vaccinated.

More than half of Russians (56%) said they are not afraid of contracting coronavirus — a sharp rise from the 34% who said the same last year.

Russia has been one of the hardest-hit countries amid the pandemic with over 420,000 excess deaths and nearly 4.9 million cases.

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Levada conducted the survey among 1,614 respondents from 50 regions between April 22–April 28.