

3 in 4 Unvaccinated Russians Refuse to Get Coronavirus Jab – Gallup

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Russia has struggled to boost vaccination rates despite its several domestically developed vaccines being freely available. **Sergei Vedyashkin / Moskva News Agency**

Three out of four unvaccinated Russians do not plan to get vaccinated against the coronavirus despite the authorities' efforts to increase the population's stubbornly low uptake, according to a Gallup [survey](#).

The international pollster published the results as Moscow and five Russian regions went into a partial lockdown Thursday, two days ahead of nationwide weeklong restrictions. [Reports](#) also suggested that the Kremlin is planning to relaunch its failed campaign to promote vaccination, but the Kremlin later [denied](#) this.

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According to Gallup, 77% of Russian respondents said over the summer that they had not

been vaccinated against the coronavirus in the past year, while only 23% said they had.

Among respondents who hadn't yet been vaccinated, 75% said that they would not agree to get vaccinated and 25% said that they would.

Only around 32% of Russians have been fully vaccinated with one of the country's several vaccines as of Thursday, according to the independent Gogov monitor, with the latest wave of the Delta variant-driven outbreak inundating hospitals and killing a record number of patients.

Authorities in a number of regions reported [higher](#) vaccination rates after vaccine mandates for certain categories of workers went into effect in recent weeks.

The *Kommersant* business daily reported Thursday, citing two unnamed Kremlin sources, that the presidential administration is actively working on a new strategy to ramp up vaccinations.

President Vladimir Putin's administration deemed the previous vaccination promotion campaign ineffective because it was too Moscow-centric, aggressive and negative, according to *Kommersant*.

"It placed excessive emphasis on the threat of death in case of refusal to vaccinate," *Kommersant* wrote. "The persuasions will now be milder: you can only live a full life — go to the movies and study — with a vaccine."

Volunteers and experts reportedly urged the Kremlin on Wednesday to make a clear link in its campaign between getting vaccinated and restrictions being lifted.

Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov denied that the Kremlin plans to "relaunch" its vaccination promotion campaign, the state-run TASS news agency [reported](#).

"This is a campaign that should be and is being conducted on an ongoing basis," TASS quoted him as saying Thursday.

Gallup interviewed 2,001 Russian adults between May 14–July 14 for its survey.

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