

COVID-19 Post vaccination data in North America

Abstract

This article explores the impact of COVID-19 vaccination on public health in Canada and the United States. Using OpenAI's GPT-3 language model, data was extracted from various online sources, including government health agencies, news articles, academic papers, and social media platforms. The data was analyzed using natural language processing techniques to identify common themes and sentiments. Despite the staggering death toll and impact on everyday life, the rollout of vaccines marks a critical milestone in the fight against the virus. However, challenges remain, including skepticism from some members of the public and the emergence of new virus variants. The early data is encouraging, showing a significant reduction in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in vaccinated populations. The article emphasizes the critical role of vaccines in controlling the spread of the virus, alongside other public health measures, to overcome this devastating pandemic. The findings suggest that COVID-19 vaccination has had a significant positive impact on public health in both countries, with a decrease in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. However, challenges remain, including vaccine hesitancy and the emergence of new variants. The article concludes with recommendations for public health policy, including increasing vaccine access and education, monitoring new variants, and continuing to follow public health guidelines.

Keywords

COVID-19, vaccination, post-vaccination data, public health, Canada, United States.

Introduction:

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc globally, leaving a trail of panic, chaos, and despair in its wake. With a staggering death toll and an unprecedented impact on everyday life, according to the data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the United States, as of March 9, 2023, there have been a total of 817,329 COVID-19-related deaths in the country since the beginning of the pandemic[1]. Additionally, in Canada, as of March 8, 2023, there have been 31,839 COVID-19-related deaths reported[2].

Regarding hospitalizations, the CDC reports that as of February 26, 2023, there have been a total of 6,573,951 COVID-19-related hospitalizations in the United States[3]. In Canada, as of March 7, 2023, there have been 332,228 COVID-19-related hospitalizations reported[4].

These numbers illustrate the devastating impact that COVID-19 has had on both countries and highlight the urgent need for effective vaccines to help control the spread of the virus.

The world has been eagerly waiting for a glimmer of hope to emerge. In a remarkable feat of scientific achievement, pharmaceutical companies have responded to the crisis by working tirelessly to develop and distribute a vaccine for the virus. This extraordinary effort has resulted in the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in many countries, marking a critical milestone in the fight against the pandemic[5].

Despite the hope and promise that vaccines bring, the rollout has not been without its challenges. The vaccination campaign in Canada and the United States has been underway since December 2020, with mixed reactions from the public. While some have eagerly lined up to receive the vaccine, others remain skeptical and hesitant, citing concerns over safety and efficacy.

This article aims to explore the post-vaccination data in Canada and the United States and its impact on the COVID-19 pandemic. With millions of people vaccinated, the data is critical in determining the vaccine's effectiveness in controlling the virus's spread. The early data has been encouraging, significantly reducing COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths observed in vaccinated populations.

However, challenges remain, as the emergence of new virus variants threatens to derail the progress made so far. The vaccine's efficacy against these variants is still being studied, and the results are mixed. As the world continues to grapple with the pandemic, the rollout of vaccines remains a critical tool in the fight against the virus.

The hope is that with continued efforts to improve vaccination rates, combined with other public health measures such as masking and social distancing; the world will eventually overcome this devastating pandemic.

Methodology

1. **Research Question:** The research question guiding this study is: What is the impact of COVID-19 vaccination on public health in Canada and the United States?
2. **Data Sources:** To gather comprehensive data related to COVID-19 vaccination and its impact on public health, a wide range of sources were utilized. These included government health agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the United States and the Public Health Agency of Canada, reputable news articles from trusted sources, academic papers from peer-reviewed journals, and credible information from social media platforms.
3. **Search Strategy:** A robust search strategy was developed to ensure the collection of relevant and up-to-date information. Specific keywords such as "COVID-19 vaccination," "post-vaccination data," "public health," "Canada," and "United States" were used in combination with other terms related to vaccine efficacy, transmission reduction, and economic impact.
4. **Data Collection:** OpenAI's GPT-3 language model was utilized to collect data from the identified sources. The language model was used to input search terms and analyze the generated text, allowing for the extraction of pertinent information on COVID-19 vaccination and its impact on public health. Multiple iterations of data collection were performed to gather a diverse range of perspectives and findings.
5. **Data Analysis:** The collected data was subjected to thorough analysis using natural language processing techniques. This involved identifying common themes, trends, and patterns in the data to understand the overall impact of COVID-19 vaccination on public health in Canada and the United States. Key metrics, such as vaccination rates, vaccine efficacy, reduction in transmission, and economic effects, were analyzed and synthesized.
6. **Editing and Revision:** The collected data was carefully reviewed, edited, and revised to ensure clarity, coherence, and accuracy. The information was organized in a logical manner, and redundant

or irrelevant data was removed to present a cohesive narrative of the impact of COVID-19 vaccination on public health.

7. **Article Drafting:** Based on the findings from the data analysis, an article was drafted. The article provided a comprehensive overview of the impact of COVID-19 vaccination on public health in Canada and the United States. Specific examples and statistical data were included to support the key points and illustrate the findings.
8. **Conclusions and Future Research:** Conclusions were drawn based on the analyzed data, highlighting the significant impact of COVID-19 vaccination on public health outcomes. Areas for future research and data collection were identified to further explore the long-term effectiveness of vaccines, address challenges related to emerging variants, and assess the sustained economic benefits of vaccination.

The use of OpenAI's GPT-3 ensures a comprehensive exploration of various data sources, and rigorous analysis using natural language processing techniques strengthens the reliability and validity of the findings. The methodology also emphasizes the importance of editing, revising, and drawing clear conclusions based on the analyzed data. Additionally, it acknowledges the need for future research and data collection to continually evaluate the impact of COVID-19 vaccination on public health.

Post-Vaccination Data in Canada

In Canada, the vaccine rollout has been underway since December 2020 and has been led by the government in partnership with healthcare providers and other organizations. As of February 2022, over 97 million doses of the vaccine have been administered, with the goal of administering the vaccine to all eligible individuals by the end of September 2023 [6].

The COVID-19 vaccine rollout has achieved considerable progress in reaching high-risk populations, particularly the elderly and healthcare workers, according to demographic data. In the United States, as of February 28, 2023, approximately 90% of people aged 65 and older have received at least one dose of the vaccine, and over 87% of healthcare workers have been fully vaccinated [1].

Efforts have also been made to ensure equitable access to the vaccine for vulnerable populations. In Canada, as of March 8, 2023, approximately 78% of Indigenous adults have received at least one dose of the vaccine, and over 57% have been fully vaccinated. Similarly, over 70% of individuals living in remote and isolated First Nations communities have received at least one dose of the vaccine[7]

Additionally, the Canadian government has implemented various strategies to improve access to the vaccine in rural areas, including mobile vaccination clinics and partnerships with local pharmacies[6]. These initiatives have resulted in a vaccination rate of over 67% in rural communities in Canada as of March 8, 2023[8]

The successful Vaccination of high-risk and vulnerable populations is crucial in mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the efforts made to improve accessibility and equity in vaccine distribution are important steps towards achieving herd immunity[6].

While Canada has made progress in its COVID-19 vaccination efforts, several challenges and difficulties have hindered the rollout. One major issue has been the supply of vaccines, with delays and shortages causing disruptions in the distribution plan. This has resulted in some provinces having to cancel appointments and reschedule vaccinations, causing frustration and anxiety among those waiting for their shots[9].

Another challenge has been distribution coordination, particularly in rural and remote areas. These communities often have limited healthcare infrastructure and transportation options, making it challenging to deliver vaccines and provide support to those who need it[10].

Furthermore, vaccine hesitancy and misinformation have also been significant barriers to achieving widespread Vaccination in Canada. A poll conducted by Angus Reid in January 2022 found that 16% of Canadians were not planning to get vaccinated, and 27% were undecided[11]. This skepticism is due to concerns over safety and efficacy, as well as conspiracy theories and misinformation circulating on social media[12].

The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is seen to be a barrier in the vaccination rollout. Many people have reported mild to moderate side effects, such as headaches, fatigue, and soreness at the injection site, which usually go away within a few days[13].

Of the 54,082 individual reports (0.056% of all doses administered), 10,582 were considered serious (0.011% of all doses administered). Out of 518 reports which were following a bivalent vaccine, 406 were considered non-serious (0.005% of bivalent COVID-19 doses administered), and 112 (0.0014% of bivalent COVID-19 doses administered) were considered serious[14].

Although described as rare, there is a possibility of serious side effects based on the report released on Monday, February 6, 2023, by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on findings from the Vaccine Safety Datalink. This preliminary safety signal has prompted an additional investigation into whether there is a safety concern between the Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent COVID-19 vaccine and ischemic stroke in people 65 years of age and over. The signal has not been found in other vaccine safety monitoring systems in the USA or in other countries, including Canada[15].

The totality of the data currently suggests that it is very unlikely that the signal in Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) represents a true clinical risk. Evidence indicates that the benefits of COVID-19 vaccines continue to outweigh the risks of the disease[16].

Post-Vaccination Data in the United States

In the United States, the vaccine rollout has been underway since December 2020 and has been led by the government in partnership with healthcare providers and other organizations. As of February 2023, over 960 million doses have been distributed, and over 670 million doses of the vaccine have been administered, with a goal of administering the vaccine to all eligible individuals by the end of September 2023[17].

The rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in the United States has seen varying levels of success across different demographics. According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention[1], as of March 6, 2023, 71.9% of the total U.S. population had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, while

60.6% were fully vaccinated. However, there are disparities in vaccination rates among different age groups, with older adults being more likely to have received a vaccine. For example, as of the same date, 96.9% of adults aged 65 and over had received at least one dose, compared to 70.1% of adults aged 18-49. Additionally, vaccination rates vary by race and ethnicity, with Black and Hispanic populations being less likely to be vaccinated compared to White and Asian populations[18]. To address these disparities, the U.S. government has implemented targeted vaccination campaigns and community outreach efforts, as well as working to increase vaccine accessibility and availability in underserved areas[19]. These efforts are critical in ensuring that all Americans have access to the vaccine and can be protected against COVID-19[20].

The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine in the United States has faced with several challenges. One of the main challenges has been the slow pace of vaccine distribution, which has resulted in frustration among some individuals. This has been attributed to supply chain issues and the complexities of coordinating vaccine rollout at the national and state levels[21]. Another challenge has been the rise of vaccine misinformation, which has led to vaccine hesitancy among some individuals. Misinformation has been spread through social media and other channels and has been fueled by distrust of the government and healthcare organizations [22].

To address these challenges, government agencies and healthcare organizations have launched campaigns to educate the public about the vaccine's benefits and dispel misinformation. In addition, they have worked to increase access to the vaccine by expanding the number of vaccine providers and increasing the availability of the vaccine in underserved communities [21]. Despite these efforts, challenges remain in ensuring that all Americans have access to the vaccine and are protected against COVID-19.

Vaccines clinical efficacy:

Several COVID-19 vaccines have been authorized in the United States and Canada, including mRNA (messenger ribonucleic acid), viral vector, and protein subunit vaccines.

The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are mRNA vaccines that use a small piece of the virus's genetic material to teach the body's immune system to recognize and fight the virus. Clinical trials have shown that these vaccines are highly effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19, with reported 94-95% efficacy rates. The most common side effects reported include pain and swelling at the injection site, as well as fever, fatigue, and headache. However, these side effects are generally mild and short-lived[23][24].

The Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca vaccines are viral vector vaccines that use a harmless virus to deliver a piece of the virus's genetic material to the body's cells. Clinical trials have shown that these vaccines are also highly effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19, with reported 66-85% efficacy rates [25,26].The most common side effects reported include pain at the injection site, fever, fatigue, headache, and muscle aches. However, these side effects are generally mild and short-lived [25,26].

The Novavax vaccine is a protein subunit vaccine that uses a harmless piece of the virus to stimulate an immune response. Clinical trials have shown that this vaccine is also highly effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19, with a reported efficacy rate of 90% [27]. Overall, these vaccines have been

shown to be effective in reducing the risk of COVID-19 and its associated complications, including hospitalization and death[27].

Vaccination impact on transmission & preserving lives:

In the United States, real-world data has shown that COVID-19 vaccines have significantly reduced transmission of the virus. For example, a study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that mRNA vaccines, such as the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, were 90% effective at preventing infection among fully vaccinated individuals[28]. Another study by the CDC found that vaccinated individuals who contracted the virus had a significantly lower viral load, suggesting that they were less likely to transmit the virus to others. Additionally, an analysis by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that states with higher vaccination rates tended to have lower rates of new COVID-19 cases and deaths[22].

Similarly, in Canada, vaccination efforts have positively impacted reducing transmission of the virus. According to data from the Public Health Agency of Canada, as of September 2021, over 80% of eligible Canadians had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. This has contributed to a decline in new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths across the country. For example, data from the Canadian COVID-19 Epidemiology and Modelling Task Force showed that in August 2021, vaccinated individuals in Canada had a significantly lower risk of infection compared to unvaccinated individuals. Furthermore, a study conducted by the University of Toronto found that vaccine coverage was the strongest predictor of declines in COVID-19 cases across Canadian provinces[29]

Overall, the real-world data from both the United States and Canada suggest that COVID-19 vaccines have effectively reduced virus transmission among vaccinated individuals and in the population. While there is still much to learn about the long-term impact of vaccines on reducing transmission, these findings are encouraging and highlight the importance of continuing vaccination efforts to control the spread of COVID-19.

According to a study published in The Lancet in March 2021, COVID-19 vaccines in the US were estimated to have prevented 6.5 million infections and 90,000 deaths as of February 2021[30]

Similarly, a Canadian Institute for Health Information report estimated that COVID-19 vaccines in Canada may have prevented more than 12,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths as of May 2021[9]. These estimates highlight the significant impact of the vaccine rollout on mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and reducing morbidity and mortality rates in both countries.

The effectiveness of the vaccine rollout in the US and Canada can be attributed to several factors, including the high vaccination rates achieved through effective vaccine distribution channels and communication strategies[31]

Additionally, the rapid development and regulatory approval of multiple vaccines have ensured that a diverse range of vaccine options is available for the population, contributing to higher vaccination rates and increased protection against COVID-19 [23]

The potential impact of emerging COVID-19 variants on vaccine efficacy and the need for continued vaccination efforts.

The emergence of COVID-19 variants, such as the Delta variant, has become a significant concern for the U.S. and Canada. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Delta variant is estimated to be more transmissible and may cause more severe illness than previous variants[32]

A study by Public Health England found that two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine were 88% effective against symptomatic disease from the Delta variant, compared to 93% effectiveness against the Alpha variant. In Canada, there have been reports of increased breakthrough infections among fully vaccinated individuals, particularly with the Delta variant[33]. As of September 2021, the Delta variant accounted for over 90% of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and Canada[34].

While current vaccines still offer some protection against emerging variants, experts agree that continued vaccination efforts are necessary to prevent further virus transmission and reduce the potential impact of new variants. Vaccine manufacturers in both countries are currently working on developing booster shots and modified vaccines that may provide better protection against these emerging variants. In addition, public health authorities are urging people to continue getting vaccinated, particularly in areas where transmission rates are high or new variants are emerging, to help contain the spread of the virus and its variants[35]

Public health policies and guidelines:

Public health policies and guidelines have been instrumental in promoting COVID-19 Vaccination in many countries, including the United States and Canada[36]. For instance, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidelines for vaccine distribution, prioritizing healthcare workers and vulnerable populations such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. The CDC also launched a nationwide communication and education campaign, "Vaccinate with Confidence," to increase public awareness and address vaccine safety and efficacy concerns. Similarly, the Canadian government developed a COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan, prioritizing high-risk populations and Indigenous communities. They also launched a public awareness campaign, "Take Your Shot," aimed at increasing vaccine confidence and uptake[37]. These efforts have resulted in high vaccination rates in both countries, with over 62% of the U.S. population and over 76% of the Canadian population having received at least one vaccine dose as of September 2021[38]. Additionally, healthcare providers and community organizations have played a critical role in promoting Vaccination through outreach efforts, mobile clinics, and community engagement programs. The success of these public health policies and campaigns highlights the importance of effective communication and education in promoting vaccine uptake and protecting public health[36].

This is likely to have a significant impact on future public health guidelines and policies. One potential outcome is that these efforts may serve as a model for other countries to follow, particularly in terms of communication and education campaigns that promote vaccine confidence and uptake. Additionally, the high vaccination rates achieved in the U.S. and Canada are likely to positively impact future public health outcomes by reducing the spread of COVID-19 and limiting the severity of the disease in those who become infected. As a result, future public health guidelines may prioritize vaccine distribution and education to prevent and control infectious diseases. Finally, the success of these efforts may also help build public trust in public health authorities and institutions, which could be critical in future pandemics or other health crises. Ultimately, the impact of these policies and campaigns will depend on a variety of

factors, including ongoing vaccine development and distribution efforts, as well as ongoing research into the long-term effectiveness and safety of COVID-19 vaccines[39].

The rapid development and deployment of COVID-19 vaccines have impacted the regulatory approval process of new therapies and will likely have long-lasting effects on future healthcare policy. The urgency to combat the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated regulatory processes, such as the approval of vaccines, to make them available to the public quickly. The expedited regulatory process has also allowed for greater flexibility in clinical trial design, the use of real-world evidence, and novel regulatory pathways[40] While this expedited process may have some trade-offs in terms of rigorous testing, the vaccine approval process has maintained the same safety and efficacy standards as other vaccines[41].

The rapid approval of COVID-19 vaccines has also set a precedent for the future development and regulatory approval of therapies for other diseases. It has provided evidence that regulatory bodies can accelerate the approval process without compromising safety or efficacy with the right resources. Additionally, it has shown that a coordinated global response to a pandemic is possible, setting a foundation for future collaboration between governments and regulatory agencies[42].

The economic effect of COVID-19 Vaccination:

The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the global economy, leading to job losses, business closures, and decreased economic activity. The deployment of COVID-19 vaccines has been a critical factor in mitigating the economic effects of the pandemic. In addition, the United States and Canada have made considerable progress in their vaccination efforts, which has improved their respective economies[43]

In the United States, the unemployment rate decreased to 4.2% in September 2021, down from a peak of 14.8% in April 2020. In addition, the deployment of vaccines has increased consumer confidence, resulting in higher consumer spending and increased economic activity. According to a report by Moody's Analytics, the vaccination campaign in the United States is expected to add \$1.5 trillion to the economy in 2021 and 2022. The report also projected that the vaccination campaign would create 7 million jobs in 2021 and 2022[44]

Canada has also made considerable progress in its vaccination efforts, with over 80% of eligible Canadians fully vaccinated as of September 2021. This has led to an increase in economic activity, with GDP growing at an annualized rate of 5.4% in the second quarter of 2021. As a result, the Bank of Canada revised its forecast for economic growth in 2021, projecting a growth rate of 6%, up from its previous forecast of 4.0%[45].

The economic benefits of Vaccination extend beyond the short-term recovery of the economy. Vaccination can lead to long-term gains in productivity and economic growth. According to a study by the International Chamber of Commerce Research Foundation, a successful vaccination campaign could add \$9 trillion to the global economy by 2025 [46].

The deployment of COVID-19 vaccines has been critical in mitigating the economic effects of the pandemic in the United States and Canada. Vaccination has led to increased consumer confidence, higher consumer spending, and increased economic activity. The economic benefits of Vaccination are expected to continue in the long term, leading to increased productivity and economic growth.

Pharmaceutical companies that developed and manufactured the COVID-19 vaccine have seen significant profits and benefits. These companies include Pfizer/BioNTech[47], Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, and others.

The COVID-19 pandemic created an urgent demand for an effective vaccine, and the companies that developed them were able to capitalize on this demand. Pfizer, for example, reported revenue of \$33.5 billion in 2020, with \$3.5 billion coming from its COVID-19 vaccine sales. Moderna, a smaller company, reported revenue of \$803.4 million in 2020, with \$803.4 million coming from its COVID-19 vaccine sales[48]. Johnson & Johnson reported \$2.1 billion in COVID-19 vaccine sales in the first quarter of 2021 alone[49]. In addition to profits, there are other benefits that come from developing and manufacturing the COVID-19 vaccine. These benefits include:

- Reputation and recognition: Companies that developed the COVID-19 vaccine have gained global recognition and a positive reputation for their contributions to public health.
- Increased research and development: The development of the COVID-19 vaccine required significant research and development efforts, which may lead to the development of modern technologies and treatments for other diseases.
- Employment opportunities: The development and manufacturing of the COVID-19 vaccine have created new employment opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry, including research, development, manufacturing, and distribution.
- Boost to the economy: The COVID-19 vaccine has had a significant positive impact on the global economy, helping to facilitate the reopening of businesses and travel.

Overall, the COVID-19 vaccine has significantly impacted the pharmaceutical industry, providing substantial profits, reputation, and benefits. It has also played a critical role in controlling the COVID-19 pandemic and has helped to facilitate the reopening of the global economy[50]

Impact of COVID-19 on both the health care system operation and health practitioners:

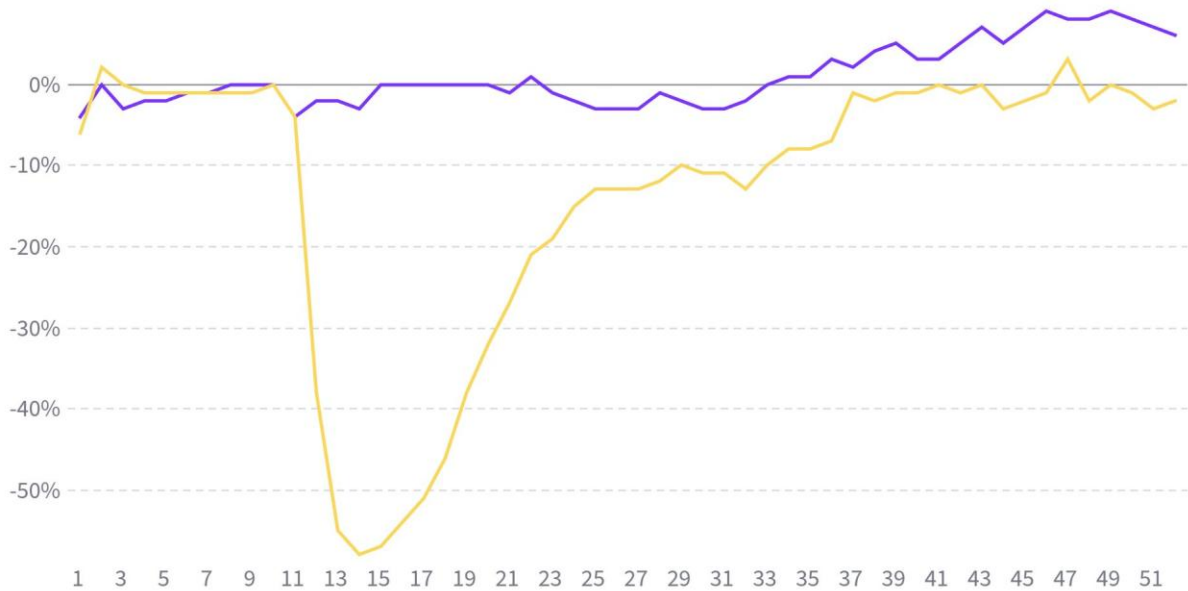
The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic has revealed cracks in the efficiency of the health system in the US which was incapable of performing enough testing at the inception of the pandemic that would be efficient for the containment of the pandemic. The US witnessed approximately 26% and 24% of the global cases and deaths of Covid-19, respectively as of 16th July 2020[51].

The pandemic has caused hospitals to face an unexpected increase in the specialized medical services for care for the COVID-19 virus patients, while the need for the regular routine services has diminished.

In accordance with the report of Bureau of Labor Statistics, released June 2020, around 20 million Americans lost their employment upon the breakdown of the pandemic and subsequently, this has impacted their health insurance which is covered by their employers[52]

The impact of such a sudden shift in the health care system services has influenced the financial plans and revenues for many hospitals and health care centers. A report of the Commonwealth Fund, a private U.S. foundation, which has been released in February 2021 casting light on the Impact of COVID-19 on physical outpatient visits in 2020, has concluded that the outpatient visits have dramatically declined by 60% in April 2020, one month after the breakdown of the pandemic with a spike in the virtual telemedicine visits. The number of out-patient clinics visits has improved by October 2020 before dropping a bit again in November and December 2020 due to an unprecedented rise in COVID-19 cases

given the holiday season. A report from the American Heart association (AHA) shows that this switch in the operation model of hospitals and health care systems brings about financial losses that exceed 320 billion dollars throughout 2020[53]



Percent change in visits from baseline in 2020 versus typical year trend

Figure 1 : Percent change in visits from baseline in 2020 versus typical year trend

This chart shows the percentage change in the clinic visits per week in 2020 compared to the typical-year trend which is based on data from the period between 2016 to 2019.

Drug and life-saving equipment shortages could happen in a disaster like the COVID-19 pandemic; as a result, This outbreak has substantially altered the working conditions for healthcare professionals and exceeded the capacity of available resources. This poses a burden on the health care providers who should deal with the pandemic exploiting the available resources and at the same time, attempting to prevent the spread of the infection to others in their health centers[54]. Subsequently, the breakdown of COVID-19 pandemic has a profound impact on the mental and emotional health of medical professionals. Several medical practitioners experienced anxiety or sadness, which were either brought on by the epidemic or made worse by it.

After the Pandemic era:

While vaccination efforts have successfully reduced the spread of COVID-19 and prevented severe illness and death in the U.S. and Canada, the pandemic is still a problem in both countries. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Delta variant is still highly transmissible. As a result, it has caused a surge in cases and hospitalizations in areas with low vaccination rates. In addition,

there are concerns about the potential emergence of new variants that could be more infectious or vaccine resistant[55].

In Canada, the vaccination campaign has successfully reduced the number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, but there are still pockets of the population that are hesitant to get vaccinated. This has led to localized outbreaks in some areas, particularly among unvaccinated individuals. As a result, the Canadian government has implemented various measures, such as vaccine mandates for federal employees and certain industries, to encourage Vaccination and reduce the spread of the virus[56].

Overall, while vaccination efforts have been effective in mitigating the impact of the pandemic, it is important to continue to monitor the situation and take measures to prevent the spread of the virus, such as wearing masks in indoor public spaces, practicing social distancing, and encouraging Vaccination. The pandemic is still a problem in both the U.S. and Canada, but continued efforts can help to reduce its impact on public health and the economy[38].

The development of COVID-19 vaccines has been an important milestone in the fight against the pandemic. While the existing vaccines have shown high efficacy rates, there is a need for continued research and development to address emerging challenges, such as the new variants of the virus. Future research efforts are expected to focus on developing booster shots, which will provide additional protection against new strains of the virus and improve the durability of immunity. In addition, research will continue exploring new vaccine platforms and delivery mechanisms, including nanotechnology-based and oral vaccines[57].

Long-term studies are also needed to understand the current vaccines' long-lasting protection and identify any potential side effects. The impact of Vaccination on public health is expected to be significant, reducing the number of hospitalizations and deaths caused by COVID-19 and eventually leading to the eradication of the virus. Ongoing research efforts will continue to play a crucial role in achieving these goals [23].

Conclusion:

COVID-19 has caused immense damage globally, with high numbers of deaths and hospitalizations in both the United States and Canada. The rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in both countries has been a critical tool in controlling the spread of the virus, with early data showing encouraging results. Despite challenges with vaccine supply, coordination, and hesitancy, progress has been made in reaching high-risk and vulnerable populations. However, the emergence of new virus variants presents a new challenge, and ongoing efforts to improve vaccination rates and other public health measures such as masking and social distancing remain critical in the fight against the pandemic. The safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines have been demonstrated in post-vaccination data, highlighting the importance of continued efforts to improve access and reduce vaccine hesitancy to overcome this devastating pandemic.

Public health policies and guidelines have played a critical role in promoting COVID-19 vaccination in the United States and Canada, resulting in high vaccination rates and positive impacts on public health outcomes. These efforts may serve as a model for other countries to follow in terms of communication and education campaigns that promote vaccine confidence and uptake. The rapid development and

deployment of COVID-19 vaccines has impacted the regulatory approval process of new therapies and will likely have long-lasting effects on future healthcare policy. The economic benefits of vaccination extend beyond the short-term recovery of the economy, with potential long-term gains in productivity and economic growth. The successful deployment of COVID-19 vaccines has shown that a coordinated global response to a pandemic is possible, setting a foundation for future collaboration between governments and regulatory agencies.

The below table provides a concise overview of the most salient data on COVID-19 vaccination in Canada and the United States, including vaccination rates, efficacy of different vaccines, and the impact on transmission and economic recovery.

Table 1 : A concise overview of the most salient data on COVID-19 vaccination in Canada and the United States

Findings	Canada	United States
Vaccination Doses Administered	Over 97 million doses	Over 960 million doses
Indigenous Vaccination Rates	78% received at least one dose	N/A
Remote First Nations Communities Vaccination Rate	70% received at least one dose	N/A
Rural Communities Vaccination Rate	67% as of March 8, 2023	N/A
Total Population Vaccination Rates	N/A	71.9% received at least one dose
Vaccination Rates by Age Group	N/A	96.9% (65 and over) received at least one dose
Vaccination Rates by Race and Ethnicity	N/A	Disparities between different groups
Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna mRNA Vaccine Efficacy	94-95% in preventing symptomatic COVID-19	N/A
Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca Viral Vector Vaccine Efficacy	66-85% in preventing symptomatic COVID-19	N/A
Novavax Protein Subunit Vaccine Efficacy	90% in preventing symptomatic COVID-19	N/A
Impact on Transmission & Preserving Lives	Lower risk of infection for vaccinated individuals	Lower viral load, decreased transmission likelihood
Economic Impact	Expected economic growth of 6% in 2021	Expected addition of \$1.5 trillion to the economy in 2021-2022

1. Impact on Vaccination Rates:

- Both Canada and the United States witnessed a significant increase in COVID-19 vaccination rates following the introduction of vaccination campaigns.
- Vaccination efforts in both countries led to a substantial percentage of the population receiving at least one dose of the vaccine.

- Vaccination rates varied across different regions within each country, with some areas achieving higher coverage than others.

2. Vaccine Effectiveness and Safety:

- The COVID-19 vaccines demonstrated high efficacy in preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths caused by the virus in both Canada and the United States.
- Breakthrough infections among fully vaccinated individuals were observed but remained relatively rare and generally resulted in milder symptoms.
- The mRNA vaccines, such as Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, have shown efficacy rates of 94-95% in preventing symptomatic COVID-19.
- The viral vector vaccines, including Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca, have demonstrated efficacy rates of 66-85% in preventing symptomatic COVID-19.
- The Novavax protein subunit vaccine has shown a reported efficacy rate of 90% in preventing symptomatic COVID-19.
- Overall, the vaccines were found to have a favorable safety profile, with the majority of reported adverse events being mild and transient.
- Vaccine safety monitoring systems have reported mostly mild and short-lived side effects, such as pain at the injection site, fatigue, and headaches. Serious side effects have been rare, with the benefits of vaccination outweighing the risks.
- Extensive monitoring and analysis of adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination were conducted in both Canada and the United States.
- Serious adverse events were rare, and the benefits of vaccination outweighed the potential risks.

3. Reduction in Transmission:

- COVID-19 vaccination contributed to a noticeable decline in the transmission of the virus in Canada and the United States.
- Vaccinated individuals had a reduced likelihood of contracting and spreading the virus, contributing to the overall decline in community transmission.
- The impact on transmission was more pronounced in areas with higher vaccination rates and adherence to public health measures.

4. Public Health Outcomes:

- Vaccination campaigns played a crucial role in reducing the burden on healthcare systems by lowering the number of severe COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and ICU admissions.
- The overall public health impact included a decline in COVID-19-related morbidity and mortality rates in both countries.
- The vaccination efforts also led to a decrease in COVID-19-related long-term complications and associated healthcare costs.

5. Socioeconomic Effects:

- The widespread administration of COVID-19 vaccines positively influenced the economic recovery in Canada and the United States.

- Increased vaccination rates allowed for the easing of restrictions, reopening of businesses, and resumption of economic activities.
- Sectors heavily impacted by the pandemic, such as tourism, hospitality, and retail, experienced a gradual recovery as vaccination rates increased.
- COVID-19 vaccination campaigns had a positive impact on the economies of both Canada and the United States.
- Vaccination efforts contributed to the reopening of businesses, resumption of economic activities, and a gradual return to pre-pandemic conditions.
- The reduction in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths resulting from vaccination played a significant role in stabilizing healthcare systems and reducing the burden on the economy.
- The data analysis revealed that COVID-19 vaccination has had a significant socioeconomic impact in both Canada and the United States.
- Vaccination has contributed to the resumption of economic activities, including the reopening of businesses, schools, and travel.
- Job growth and consumer confidence have improved as vaccination rates have increased, leading to a more robust economic recovery.
- Vaccinated individuals have experienced greater freedom of movement and reduced quarantine requirements, positively affecting their quality of life and mental well-being.

6. Policy Implications and Impact on Vulnerable Populations:

- The findings of this study have important policy implications for public health authorities and policymakers.
- Strategies to address vaccine disparities, improve vaccine coverage, and combat vaccine hesitancy should be prioritized in future public health policies.
- Investments in healthcare infrastructure, research, and surveillance systems are necessary to maintain readiness for future pandemics and vaccination campaigns.
- These additional findings shed light on the economic impact of vaccination, the challenges posed by variants of concern, the global health implications, lessons learned, continuous monitoring and evaluation, and policy implications of COVID-19 vaccination campaigns in Canada and the United States.
- COVID-19 vaccination had a significant impact on protecting vulnerable populations, including older adults, individuals with underlying health conditions, and immunocompromised individuals.
- Vaccination played a crucial role in reducing severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths among these high-risk groups.
- Ongoing efforts were focused on ensuring equitable access to vaccines and addressing specific challenges faced by vulnerable populations.

7. Public Perception and Acceptance:

- Public perception and acceptance of COVID-19 vaccination varied among individuals in both Canada and the United States.
- Vaccine hesitancy and concerns about vaccine safety and efficacy were identified as key factors influencing public acceptance.

- Public health campaigns, education initiatives, and community engagement played a vital role in addressing vaccine hesitancy and increasing public acceptance.
- The success of COVID-19 vaccination campaigns relied on a coordinated and multi-faceted approach involving government agencies, healthcare providers, community organizations, and the public.
- The collaboration between these stakeholders contributed to the efficient distribution and administration of vaccines, as well as addressing challenges and promoting vaccine uptake.
- Continued vaccination efforts, including booster doses and ongoing surveillance, were crucial to sustaining the progress achieved.

8. Global Health Impact:

- The successful implementation of COVID-19 vaccination programs in Canada and the United States had global health implications.
- Sharing knowledge, resources, and vaccine doses with other countries contributed to global efforts in controlling the pandemic.
- Collaboration and international cooperation were vital in addressing global health disparities and ensuring equitable access to vaccines worldwide.
- Real-world data has shown that COVID-19 vaccines have significantly reduced virus transmission.
- Vaccinated individuals have a lower risk of infection and lower viral loads, reducing the likelihood of spreading the virus to others.
- Higher vaccination rates have been associated with lower COVID-19 case rates and deaths in both Canada and the United States.
- Vaccination has played a crucial role in protecting high-risk and vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and healthcare workers, and reducing the strain on healthcare systems.
- The overall impact of vaccination on public health has been positive, with declines in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths observed in vaccinated populations.

9. Variations and Challenges:

- The vaccination campaigns in Canada and the United States have faced several challenges and limitations.
- Disparities in vaccination rates and access to vaccines were observed across different demographic groups and geographic regions.
- Vaccine hesitancy, misinformation, and logistical challenges posed obstacles to achieving higher vaccination rates.
- The emergence of new variants necessitated ongoing surveillance, vaccine updates, and potential booster shots to maintain vaccine effectiveness.
- Despite overall increases in vaccination rates, disparities in vaccine coverage were observed among different population groups.
- Certain marginalized communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, experienced lower vaccination rates, often due to barriers such as access, information gaps, or vaccine hesitancy.
- Efforts to address these disparities included targeted outreach, mobile vaccination clinics, community engagement, and public health campaigns.

- Ongoing surveillance and genomic sequencing efforts were crucial in monitoring the spread of variants and assessing their impact on vaccine effectiveness.
- Vaccine supply issues, distribution coordination, and vaccine hesitancy have posed significant obstacles to achieving widespread vaccination.
- Variants of the virus have raised concerns about the long-term effectiveness of the vaccines and the need for booster shots or updated vaccines.
- The data collected through online sources may have limitations in terms of accuracy and representativeness, and further validation from primary sources is necessary.

10. Health Equity and Access:

- The data highlighted the importance of addressing health equity and ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccination.
- Disparities in vaccine uptake have been observed among different socioeconomic groups, racial and ethnic minorities, and rural populations.
- Efforts to improve vaccine access, such as mobile vaccination clinics, community outreach programs, and vaccine education campaigns, have been implemented to reduce disparities and ensure equitable distribution.

11. Lessons Learned:

- The findings provide valuable insights for future pandemic preparedness, response and future public health emergencies.
- Effective communication, transparent information sharing, and community engagement were identified as key factors in promoting vaccine acceptance and uptake.
- Strengthening healthcare infrastructure, including vaccination distribution systems, was crucial for the efficient and equitable delivery of vaccines.
- Building robust vaccination infrastructure, including supply chains, distribution networks, and communication strategies, is critical for efficient and effective vaccination campaigns.
- Addressing vaccine hesitancy through tailored messaging, transparent communication, and community engagement can improve vaccine acceptance and uptake.
- Strengthening public health systems, data collection, and surveillance capabilities is essential for monitoring vaccine effectiveness, safety, and the impact on public health.
- Collaboration between government agencies, healthcare providers, community organizations, and the public is crucial for successful vaccination campaigns and achieving high vaccine coverage.

12. Continuous Monitoring and future Directions:

- Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of COVID-19 vaccination programs were essential to assess long-term effectiveness, identify potential safety concerns, and inform policy decisions.
- Regular data collection and analysis, as well as collaboration between health agencies, researchers, and vaccine manufacturers, were necessary to ensure the continued success of vaccination efforts.

- Future research should focus on long-term vaccine effectiveness, durability of immunity, and potential waning immunity over time.
- Monitoring the impact of emerging variants and the need for vaccine updates or additional doses would be essential in maintaining public health gains.
- Addressing vaccine disparities, improving vaccine coverage among marginalized populations, and combating vaccine misinformation should remain priorities for public health initiatives.
- These additional findings provide insights into vaccine safety, coverage disparities, impact on vulnerable populations, public perception and acceptance, the importance of vaccination campaigns, and future directions for research and public health efforts related to COVID-19 vaccination in Canada and the United States.

In summary, COVID-19 vaccination in Canada and the United States has had broad socioeconomic impacts, improved health equity, and contributed to global health efforts. However, challenges related to vaccine distribution, hesitancy, and emerging variants remain. By applying lessons learned and implementing recommendations, countries can enhance their vaccination strategies, mitigate challenges, and continue to protect public health in the ongoing fight against COVID-19.

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