# Ocugen/Harris Poll Reveals Need for COVID-19 Vaccine Options

Through mid-August the percentage of Americans fully vaccinated remains just over 50% and the total number of COVID-19 cases have passed 36 million. The combination of unvaccinated and breakthrough cases in previously vaccinated are spiking the positivity rate to levels comparable to December 2020. The Delta variant is also causing a surge in the number of children testing positive and CDC reports the number of children hospitalized with COVID-19 has steadily increased since early July. As the FDA races to approve mRNA vaccines the question remains — will the 'vaccine hesitant' finally line up for their two-dose injections? An online survey by The Harris Poll on behalf of Ocugen conducted July 26-28 suggests not. So, what will get the vaccine-hesitant on board — the answer is surprisingly simple — they want a safer option.

## **VACCINE HESITANCY IS REAL, DRIVEN BY SIDE EFFECTS**



of unvaccinated Americans say they are not likely to take one of the currently available COVID-19 vaccines in the future



of Americans would be more likely to get a COVID-19 vaccine (primary or booster) if there were fewer side effects



of Americans agree that if the U.S. had a COVID-19 vaccine with fewer side effects more people would get vaccinated



of unvaccinated Americans reported they have not gotten a COVID-19 vaccine because they are worried about the side effects and/or long-term effects

### ADULTS AND PARENTS STILL WANT TRADITIONAL



of American adults would like to see additional COVID-19 vaccines be available that are developed from a more traditional method (e.g., such as those used for diphtheria, mumps, chickenpox, or polio vaccines)



of American adults believe Americans should have more COVID-19 vaccine options to choose from

#### **Among Parents with Children Under 18**

- » Only **47%** say they definitely/probably will get their child(ren) vaccinated for COVID-19 with the existing vaccines
- y 49% would be more likely to get their child(ren) vaccinated if there was an option with fewer short/long-term side effects

#### DELTA AND FUTURE VARIANTS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED



of parents whose children are not yet vaccinated for COVID-19 say they would be more likely to get their child vaccinated for COVID-19 if there were a new vaccine that was more effective against the Delta and future variants

This survey was conducted online within the United States by The Harris Poll on behalf of Ocugen from July 26-28, 2021 among 2,074 adults ages 18+, of whom 630 have not received a COVID-19 vaccine. This online survey is not based on a probability sample and therefore no estimate of theoretical sampling error can be calculated.

