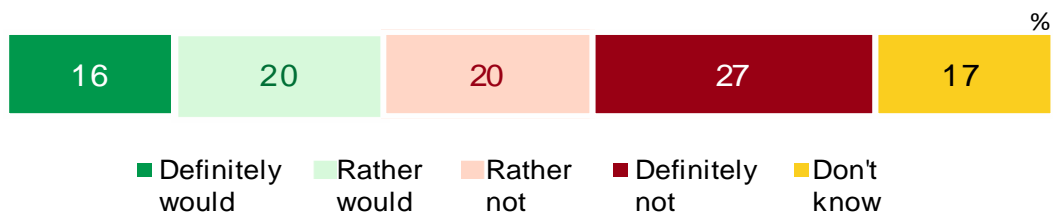


## Do Poles want to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

People who declare their intention to vaccinate against COVID-19 are in the minority so far. Slightly more than one-third (36%) would like to be vaccinated against this disease if a vaccine was available, and nearly half (47%) do not intend to do so. The attitude towards vaccinations against COVID-19 depends largely on the age of respondents. People aged 45 and over more often declare their intention to get vaccinated than younger individuals, and the most frequent intention is expressed by the oldest, aged 65 and over (49%).

### If there was a COVID-19 vaccine, would you be vaccinated against the disease?

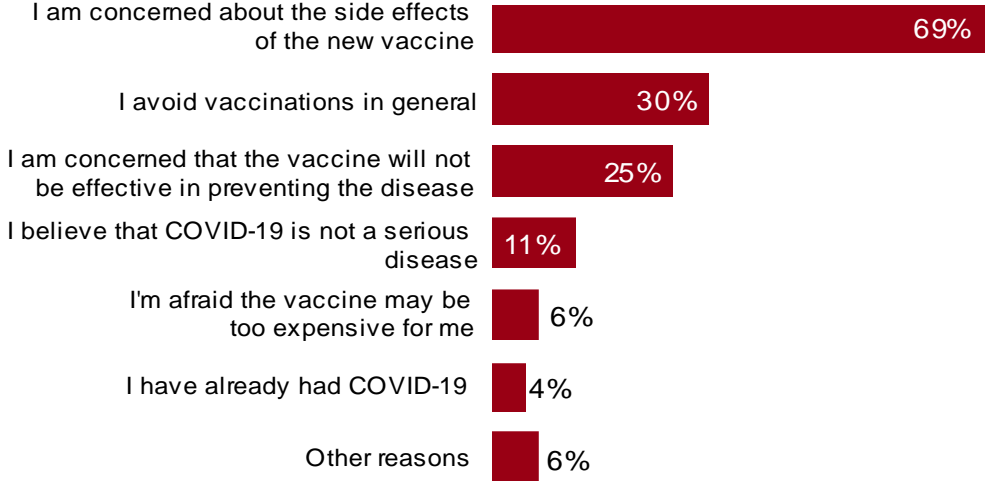


The main reason for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine is the concern over the potential side effects of the new vaccine (69%). Doubts about its effectiveness were mentioned less frequently (25%). Nearly one-third of people who do not want to be vaccinated (30%) do not want to do it because they avoid vaccinations in general. Less frequently, people argued

that COVID-19 is not a serious disease (11%), that the vaccine may be too expensive (6%), and that they had already been infected with SARS-CoV-2 (4%). A small proportion of respondents (6%) gave other reasons, the most common of which were issues related, in general, to a lack of confidence in the new vaccine (around one third of responses). Respondents said that "more time is needed to test a new vaccine", "it is an experimental vaccine", "the risk associated with the vaccine is greater than the risk of contracting the disease" etc. There were also isolated statements justifying reluctance to vaccinate against COVID-19 with previous bad experience with flu vaccinations, as well as doubts about the existence of the COVID-19 disease or skeptical attitude towards vaccinations.

**Why would you not want to be vaccinated against COVID-19?**

*Two reasons could be given.*



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Attitude towards Vaccination against COVID-19 and Influenza", 2020. Fieldwork for national sample: November 2020, N=1052. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.