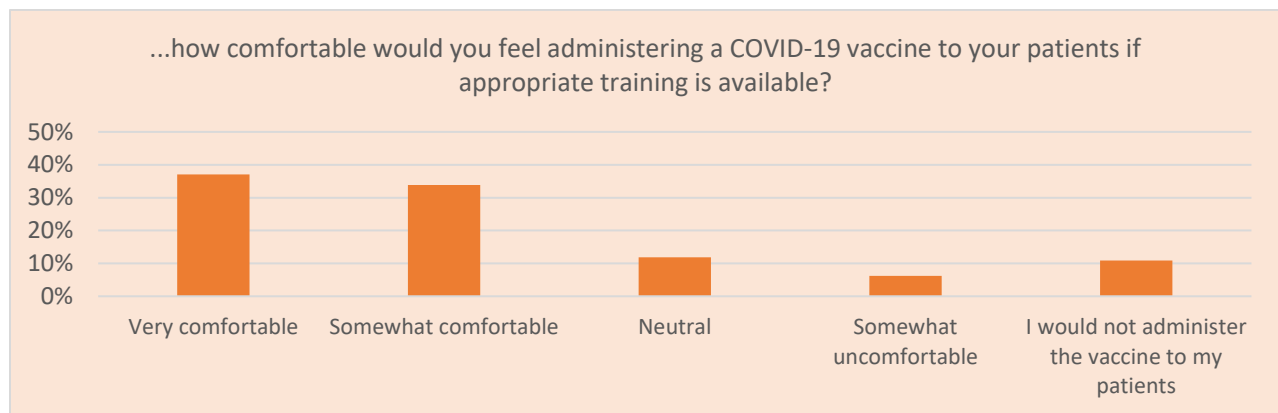


Quick Poll Results: Administer COVID-19 Vaccine in the Dental Office?

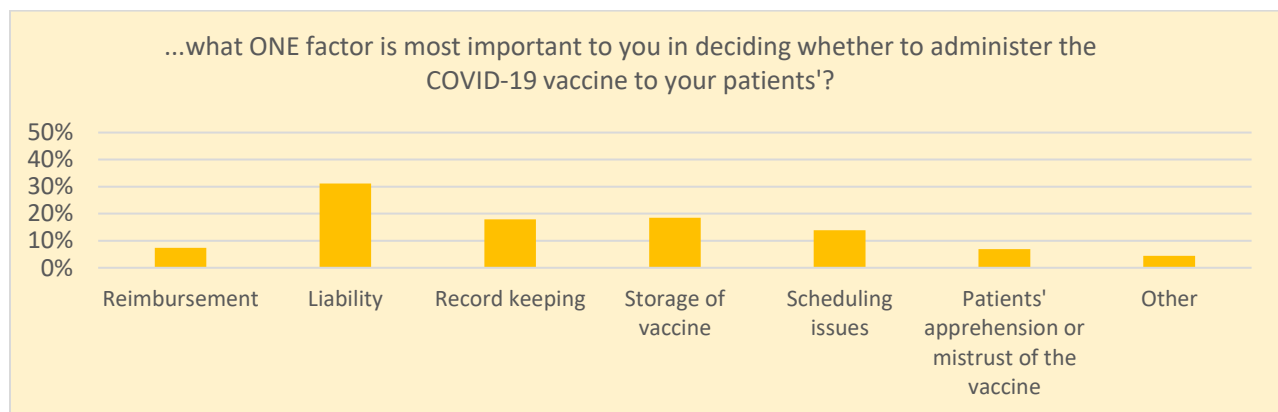
Many states are considering granting dental care professionals the authority to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, and one state already allows dentists to administer non-COVID vaccines. Others are considering “emergency use” authorizations specific to the COVID-19 circumstance.

This Quick Poll assessed network members' interest in administering a COVID-19 vaccine and factors that might influence their decision, if practices are given the authority to do so.

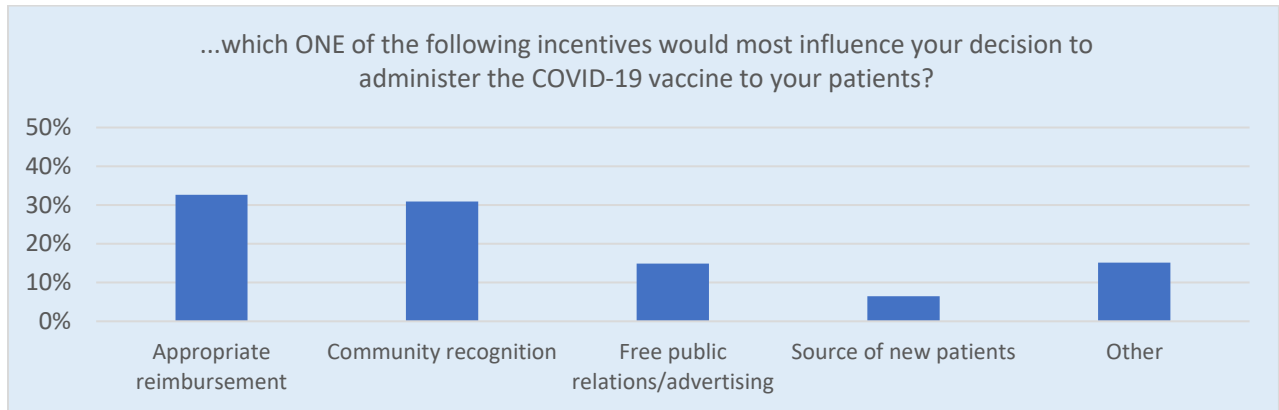
A total of 531 network members responded to the Quick Poll. Approximately (11%) said that they would not administer the vaccine. A total of (37%) said that they would feel “very comfortable” administering the vaccine.



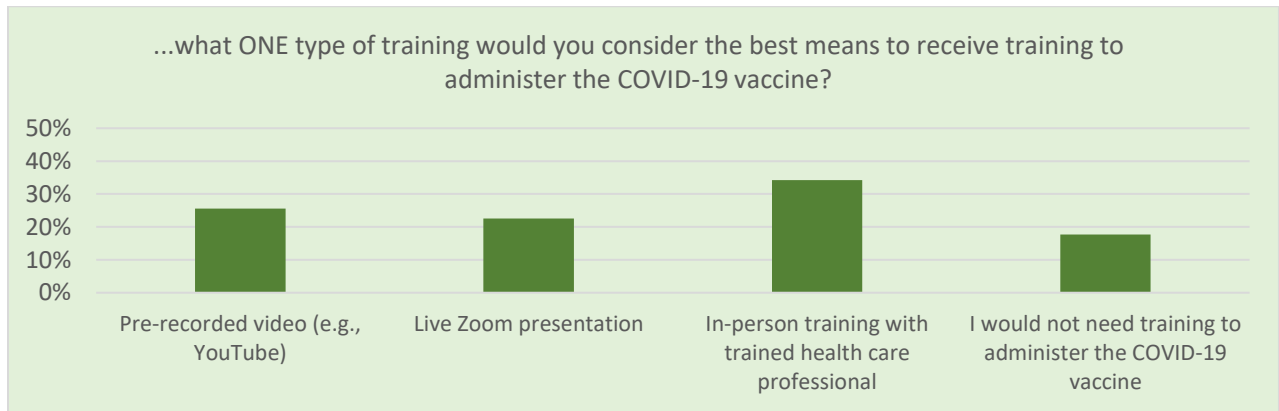
Of those who stated that they would administer the vaccine, members were asked which single factor would be the most-important in deciding whether to administer the vaccine. Liability issues were the most commonly cited (31%), followed by record keeping (18%), storage of vaccine (18%), and scheduling issues (14%).



Among those who stated that they would administer the vaccine, members reported which single incentive would be the most important in deciding whether to administer the vaccine. Appropriate reimbursement was the most commonly cited (33%), followed by community recognition (31%), free public relations/advertising (15%), and a source of new patients (6%).



Among those who stated that they would administer the vaccine, members had a diverse range of preferences about how best to receive training to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. In-person training was most-preferred (34%), followed by pre-recorded video (26%), live Zoom presentation (23%), and (18%) felt that they would not need any training.



Among those who stated that they would administer the vaccine, members also had a diverse range of types of support that they would like to receive from their local dental association or regulatory agency. A total of (29%) stated that they would like to receive assistance with applying for certification to administer the vaccine, followed by training (25%) and public service announcements (21%).

