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2021 Coronavirus Poll August 26, 2021



POLL RESULTS

- 1. Which of the following best describes you?
 - Travel manager / buyer: 47%
 - Procurement/sourcing professional: 10%
 - Supplier: 28%
 - TMC: 8%
 - Other: 7%
- 2. [If supplier or TMC]: Which of the following best describes the company you work for?
 - Hotel chain: 33%
 - Travel management company: 22%
 - Ground transportation: 5%
 - Individual hotel property: 8%
 - Travel technology: 7%
 - Airline: 12%
 - Meetings management provider: 1%
 - Payment company: 3%
 - Other: 9%

3. Which of the following best describes your company's current position on employees traveling for business?

	Not allowed	Rarely allowed	Sometimes allowed	Usually allowed
Non-essential domestic business trips	23%	17%	27%	33%
Non-essential international business trips	49%	23%	17%	11%

4. Thinking back 30 days ago, which of the following best described your company's position on employees traveling for business at that point in time?

	Not allowed	Rarely allowed	Sometimes allowed	Usually allowed
Non-essential domestic business trips	28%	21%	26%	25%
Non-essential international business trips	54%	22%	16%	8%

5. Please rate your concern about the impact of the Delta variant / new variants and the growing number of coronavirus cases in many countries when it comes to...

	Not concerned at all	Not concerned	Neither concerned nor unconcerned	Concerned	Very concerned
The safety of business travel	4%	7%	10%	50%	28%
Revenue impact to companies in the business travel sector	1%	3%	11%	49%	36%
Employment and (re)hiring in the business travel sector	3%	5%	14%	48%	31%

- [DISPLAY IF BUYER/PROCUREMENT] Due to the impact of the Delta variant / other variants and its rapid spread around the globe, has your company postponed or canceled employee business travel to attend the following types of meetings or events? (% report canceling or suspending business travel due to the Delta /other variants)
 - Large in-person meeting, event, or conference (more than 500 attendees): 78%
 - Medium-sized in person meeting, event, or conference (51-500 attendees): 76%
 - Internal collaboration (i.e., traveling to work at another company office or site; traveling to work with coworkers at another location): 71%
 - Small meeting, event, or conference (50 attendees or fewer): 68%
 - Sales/account management trips (i.e., traveling to visit a client, customer, or sales prospect): 41%
 - **Service trips** (e.g., consultants traveling to visit clients; blue collar employees traveling to work on a job site): 35%

- 7. Does your company have procedures in place for contact tracing should an employee become infected with Covid-19 or the Delta variant / other variants?
 - Yes: 79%
 - No: 29%
- 8. [DISPLAY IF BUYER/PROCUREMENT] In the past month, has your company introduced new restrictions on non-essential business travel specifically as a result of the Delta variant (or other variants) and/or the growing number of coronavirus cases in many countries?
 - Yes we have introduced new restrictions: 21%
 - No but we are considering introducing new restrictions: 25%
 - No we are unlikely to introduce new restrictions: 49%
 - Not sure: 5%
- [DISPLAY IF BUYER/PROCUREMENT AND Q3=NEVER OR RARELY ALLOWED FOR BOTH] Thinking about the Delta variant / other variants and the growing number of coronavirus cases in many countries, please rate the likelihood that these will delay your company's plans to resume non-essential business travel.

	Not likely at all	Not likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Likely	Very likely
Non-essential domestic business travel	3%	8%	9%	37%	44%
Non-essential international business travel	4%	7%	10%	35%	44%

10. Has your company altered its plans for the following due to the spread of the Delta variant and/or other variants?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Office reopening	38%	54%	7%
Domestic business travel	28%	66%	6%
International business travel	36%	55%	9%
All business travel, both domestic and international	32%	60%	8%

11. Due to the rising cases of people infected with the Delta variant and other variants, has your company changed its mind concerning:

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Requiring employees to be vaccinated before returning to the office	18%	67%	15%
Requiring employees to be vaccinated in order to travel for business domestically	19%	66%	15%
Requiring employees to be vaccinated in order to travel for business internationally	19%	63%	17%
Requiring employees to be vaccinated in order to travel for all business travel, both domestic and international	18%	66%	16%

- 12. [DISPLAY IF SUPPLIER/TMC] You indicated you work for a travel supplier or TMC. To what extent do you believe the Delta variant/other variants and the growing number of coronavirus cases in many countries will impact your revenue from business travelers and corporate travel customers?
 - It will have a very negative impact: 44%
 - It will have a moderately negative impact: 37%
 - It will have a slightly negative impact: 13%
 - It will not have an impact at all: 2%
 - Not sure: 4%
- 13. [DISPLAY IF SUPPLIER/TMC] You indicated you work for a travel supplier or TMC. Thinking about the company you work for, to what extent has your company changed its operations or safety protocols specifically as a result of the Delta variant/other variants and the growing number of coronavirus cases in many countries? Examples include re-introducing mask requirements, changing capacity limits, or closing public spaces such as airport lounges or hotel restaurants.
 - We have already changed our operations/safety protocols: 49%
 - We are likely to change our operations/safety protocols: 24%
 - We are unlikely to change our operations/safety protocols: 27%
- 14. Thinking ahead to the September-November timeframe this year, which of the following best describes your view?
 - Business travel will see a significant increase in September November (compared to the June- August timeframe): 8%
 - Business travel will see a moderate increase in September November (compared to the June- August timeframe): 47%
 - Business travel will remain flat in September November (compared to the June- August timeframe): 31%
 - Business travel will see a moderate decrease in September November (compared to the June- August timeframe): 9%

- Business travel will see a significant decrease in September November (compared to the June- August timeframe): 5%
- 15. Does (or will) your company require employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccine before they can do the following in the future?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Work from company offices/job sites	20%	55%	25%
Travel for business domestically	21%	56%	23%
Travel for business internationally	25%	51%	24%
Meet with clients and customers face-to-face	22%	53%	25%
Attend large (more than 500 attendees) meetings, conferences, or events	22%	49%	29%

- 16. [DISPLAY IF BUYER/PROCUREMENT] How did your company's travel spend change in July 2021, compared to the prior month?
 - Increased a lot: 10%
 - Increased somewhat: 46%
 - Remained the same: 28%
 - Decreased somewhat: 5%
 - Decreased a lot: 9%
 - Not sure: 2%
- 17. [DISPLAY IF BUYER/PROCUREMENT] Thinking about your company's employees, please rate their willingness to travel for business in the current environment.
 - Very willing: 16%
 - Somewhat willing: 56%
 - Neither willing nor unwilling: 11%
 - Not willing: 8%
 - Not willing at all: 2%
 - Not sure: 7%
- 18. [DISPLAY IF SUPPLIER/TMC] In the current environment, how do you feel about the financial prospects of companies in the business travel sector?
 - Very optimistic: 3%
 - Optimistic: 32%
 - Neither optimistic nor pessimistic: 38%
 - Pessimistic: 22%
 - Very pessimistic: 4%
 - Not sure: 1%

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- 19. Thinking about your company, how has the coronavirus impacted business travel to...? [MATRIX: WE HAVE CANCELED OR SUSPENDED ALL TRIPS, WE HAVE CANCELED OR SUSPENDED MOST TRIPS, WE HAVE CANCELED OR SUSPENDED SOME TRIPS, WE HAVE CANCELED OR SUSPENDED A FEW TRIPS, WE HAVE NOT CANCELED OR SUSPENDED ANY TRIPS]
 - a. All international travel
 - b. All Domestic travel
 - c. All travel, domestic and international

	Cancelled All Trips	Cancelled Most Trips	Cancelled Some Trips	Cancelled a Few Trips	Cancelled No Trips
All International	34%	44%	11%	5%	6%
All Domestic Travel	10%	31%	23%	14%	22%
All Travel (Domestic and International)	12%	38%	27%	14%	8%

20. You mentioned your company has canceled or suspended most or all trips to the following regions or countries. Thinking about each region or country, which best describes your company's position?

Region/Country	Travel in Near Travel in Near		Do Not Plan to Resume Travel in Near Future	Not Sure
All International Travel	18%	51%	22%	9%
All Domestic Travel	40%	41%	12%	6%
All Travel	26%	49%	13%	11%

21. When does your company expect to resume the following types of business trips specifically?

	Not yet decided	Already resumed	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	2022	Not Sure
All international travel	19%	9%	1%	4%	5%	3%	1%	22%	35%
All domestic travel within your country	8%	39%	3%	8%	5%	3%	1%	13%	20%
All travel, including domestic and international	14%	16%	2%	4%	4%	3%	1%	21%	35%

- 22. [DISPLAY IF SUPPLIER/TMC] The corporate travel industry has seen significant financial hardship as a result of the coronavirus. Compared to a week ago, how do you feel about the industry's path to recovery?
 - I am more optimistic than I was last month: 15%
 - I feel the same as last month: 46%
 - I am more pessimistic than I was last month: 39%
- 23. [DISPLAY IF AIRLINE, HOTEL, TMC, OR GROUND TRANSPORTATION] You mentioned you work for a travel supplier. Thinking about your company, how have your bookings from corporate customers changed in the past week?
 - Our bookings have increased: 24%
 - Our bookings have remained the same: 46%
 - Our bookings have decreased: 31%