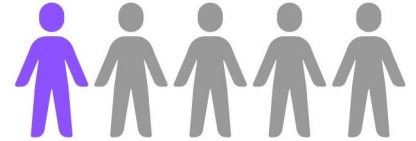


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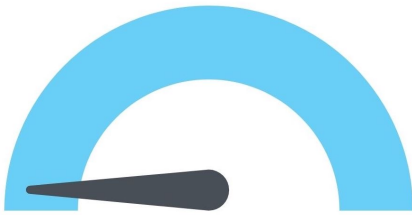


**Half** of respondents have been offered a virtual health care appointment by their primary care provider since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

**One in five** respondents indicated that if a virtual health care appointment was not an option, they would have waited until the pandemic situation improved before seeking care.



Only **three per cent** of respondents have had a virtual visit through a third-party platform. These respondents either did not have a primary care provider, or their provider did not offer virtual visits.



**Three-quarters** of respondents indicated that their preference for an in-person or virtual appointment depends on their health concern.



**82 per cent** of respondents would like virtual health care visits to be an option beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

