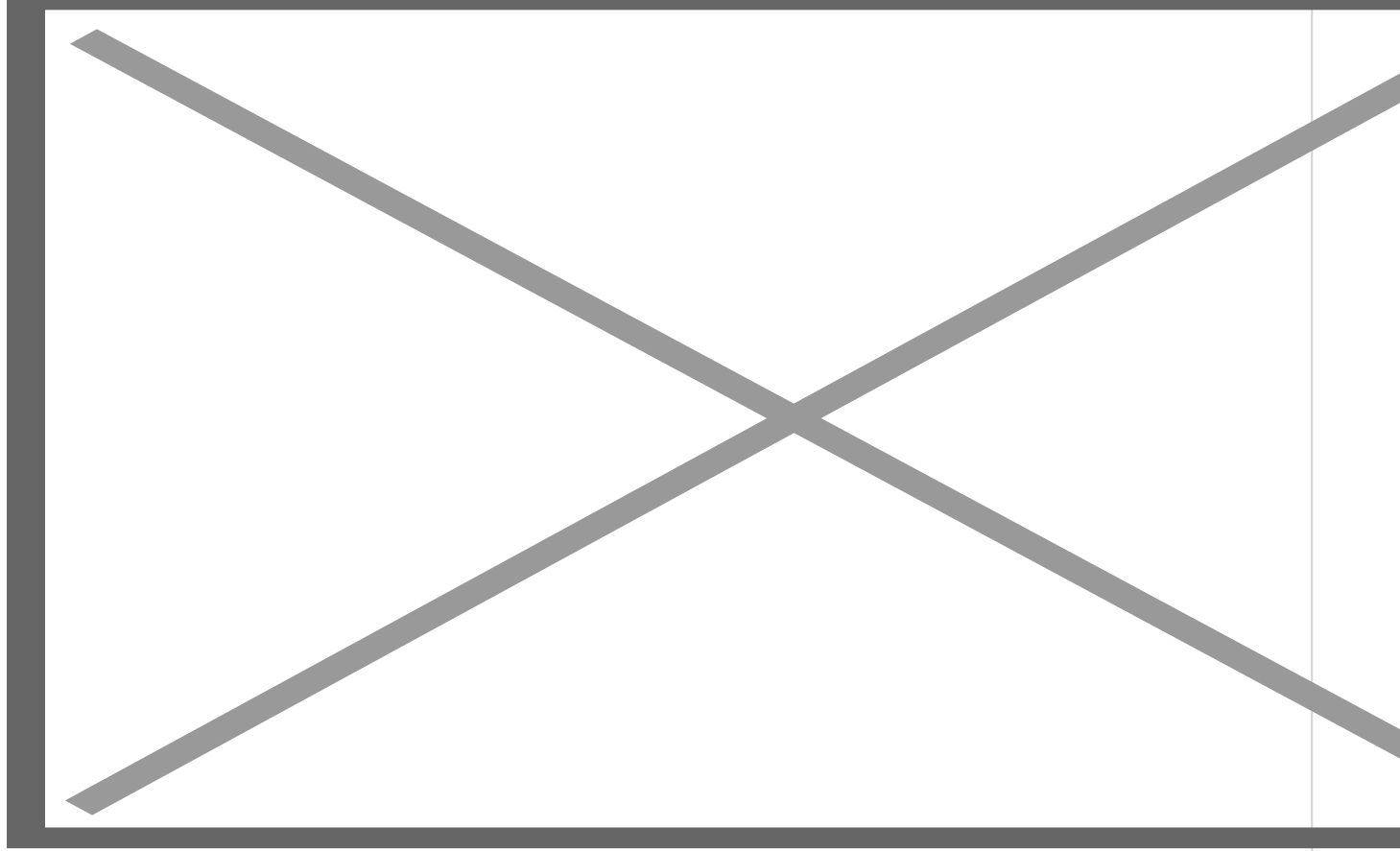


# *Majority of Americans believe COVID will never completely go away*

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**Photo shows a COVID-19 vaccine being prepared for administration at Union Station in Los Angeles, California. (File photo by AFP)**

Washington, July 20 (RHC)-- The Axios-Ipsos Coronavirus Index released on Tuesday found that American adults were largely divided into three camps: those that consider the pandemic over, those that feel left behind by their peers, and those that are muddling through.

The majority, 78 percent, of those who took part in the survey believed: “We will never fully be rid of the coronavirus in my lifetime.” However, 29 percent of respondents said they believed that the pandemic was over, indicating that they believed the pandemic conditions were over yet the virus will remain.

The main concern of respondents was that the pandemic was spreading the virus to people at a higher risk of developing a severe case of the coronavirus, according to the poll with an error margin of plus or minus 3.0 - 3.5.

Three out of four people in the survey said they were willing to get another booster vaccine dose if it was recommended.

In the meantime, the Biden administration on Wednesday suspended enforcement of a vaccine mandate on private companies with 100 or more employees. The move, which was carried out through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, comes less than a week after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted a stay of the mandate.

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