



# COVID-19

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS



### Do not enter if you have:

- been in contact with someone that is confirmed to have COVID-19
- been notified that you were in a high risk setting for COVID-19 in the past 14 days (e.g., on a plane or at an event)

## MANITOBANS' VIEWS ON PROVINCIAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

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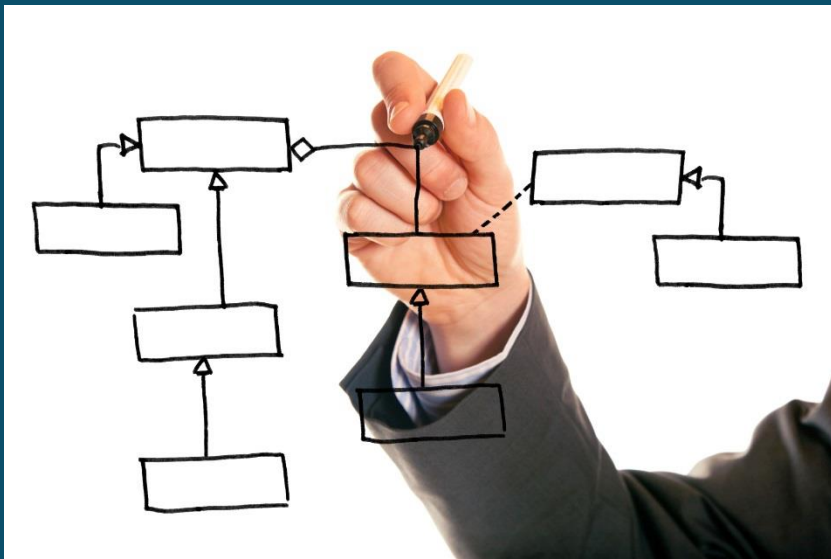
## KEY FINDINGS

- Even though visitors from four provinces and three territories have been able to freely visit our province since June, Manitobans lean towards wanting all visitors from out-of-province - even those from nearby places with relatively few cases of COVID-19 - to self-isolate for 14 days if they decide to pay a visit to the province.
- Currently, visitors from northwestern Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C. and the three northern territories can visit Manitoba without having to self-isolate when they arrive. Those coming from east of Ontario's Lakehead region are required to keep to themselves for two weeks to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Manitoba is the only province outside Atlantic Canada that requires certain interprovincial visitors to self-isolate upon arrival.
- Overall, fully one-third of Manitobans think visitors from anywhere outside Manitoba should be required to self-isolate for 14 days post-arrival. This sentiment is more likely to be shared among those who are very concerned about getting COVID-19, as well among Manitobans under the age of 55.
- Not surprisingly, there is a close link between views on self-isolation requirements and the number of cases reported in each region/province. Nearly nine-in-ten Manitobans insist visitors from hard-hit southern Ontario and Quebec should be required to self-isolate when they arrive. Nearly three-quarters believe visitors from B.C. and Alberta should be required to self-isolate – even though visitors from both provinces have been able to travel here freely for three months, and despite the fact B.C. has had fewer than half as many cases overall as Alberta.

## KEY FINDINGS (cont'd)

- Manitobans are also more likely to believe our province's closest neighbours should be required to self-isolate when arriving in Manitoba, with slightly more than one-half (55%) agreeing visitors from Saskatchewan should self-isolate and exactly 50 per cent agreeing someone coming from Kenora or Thunder Bay should have to stay away from others for two weeks once they cross the border.
  - Only those from the three northern territories (which have experienced a grand total of 20 cases to date) are more likely to be considered for an exemption to the 14-day rule. Even then, nearly one-half believe those from Nunavut, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon should be required to self-isolate.
- These results show that as Manitoba experiences a spike in cases after several weeks of relatively low case counts, residents are supportive of provincial officials being more restrictive about who can enter the province without following the 14-day self-isolation standard.

# METHODOLOGY



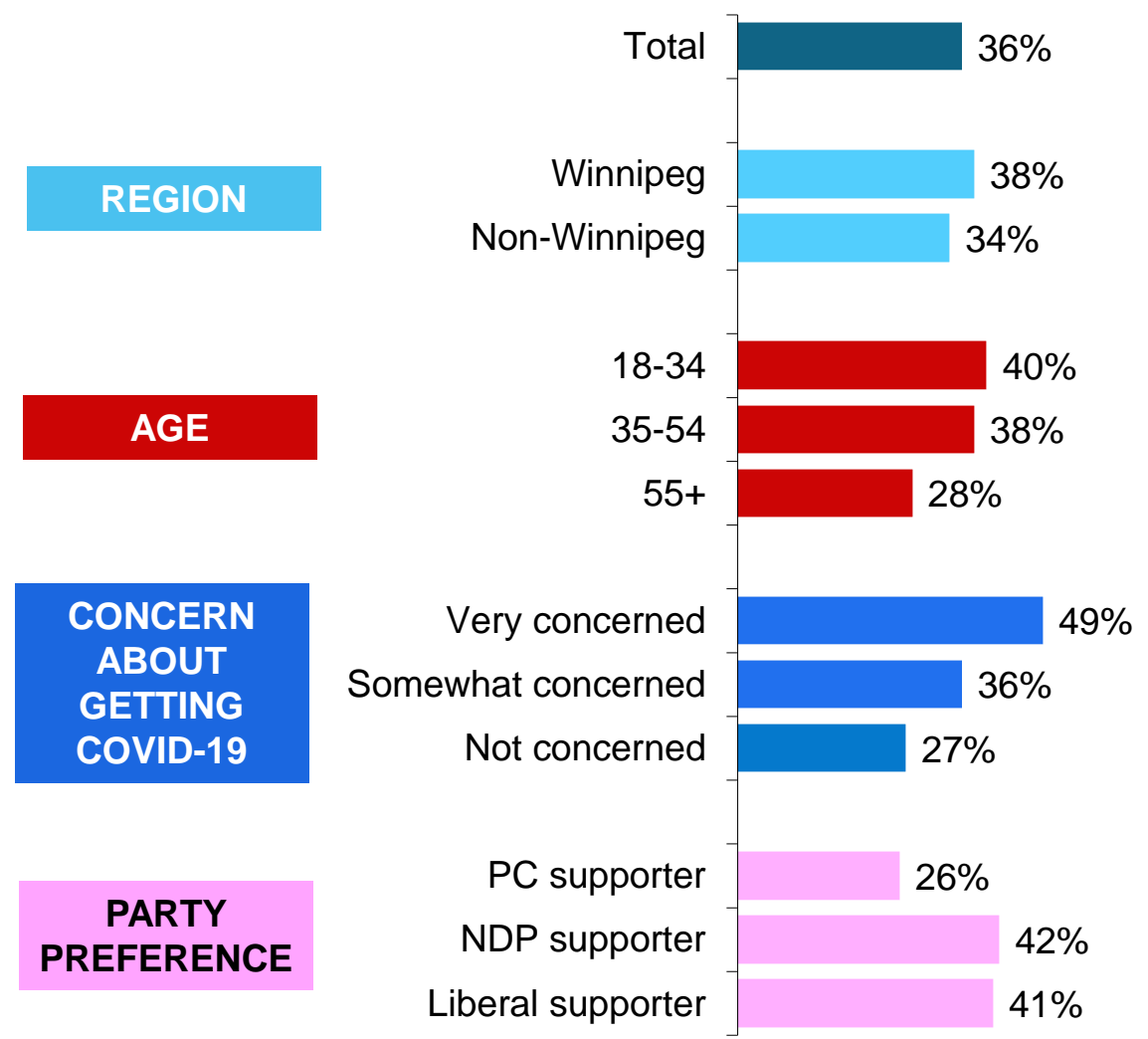
- Between August 19<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Probe Research surveyed a representative sampling of 1,049 Manitoba adults. The sample was provided by Probe Research's proprietary panel and supplemented by respondents from a national panel provider.
- An online survey is a sample of convenience, so no margin of error can be ascribed. However, a random and representative non-convenience sample of 1,049 Manitoba adults would have a margin of error of  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error is higher within each of the survey's population sub-groups.
- Minor statistical weighting has been applied to this sample to ensure that age and gender characteristics properly reflect known attributes of the province's population. All data analysis was performed using SPSS statistical analysis software.
- The survey questions were designed by Probe Research Inc.
- Results provided in this report may not add to exactly 100% due to rounding.

# ONE-THIRD AGREE VISITORS FROM ANY PROVINCE SHOULD HAVE TO SELF-ISOLATE

E1. "The Manitoba government currently requires visitors to Manitoba from east of Terrace Bay (in northwestern Ontario) to self-isolate for 14 days after they arrive. This policy used to apply to people from the western provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan and B.C.), the three territories and northwestern Ontario, but in June the provincial government exempted people coming to Manitoba from these areas from this self-isolation rule. We want to know what you think. For each of the provinces or regions below, please indicate if you think people coming to Manitoba from these areas should be required to self-isolate for 14 days when they arrive in Manitoba, or if they should be exempt from self-isolation rules."

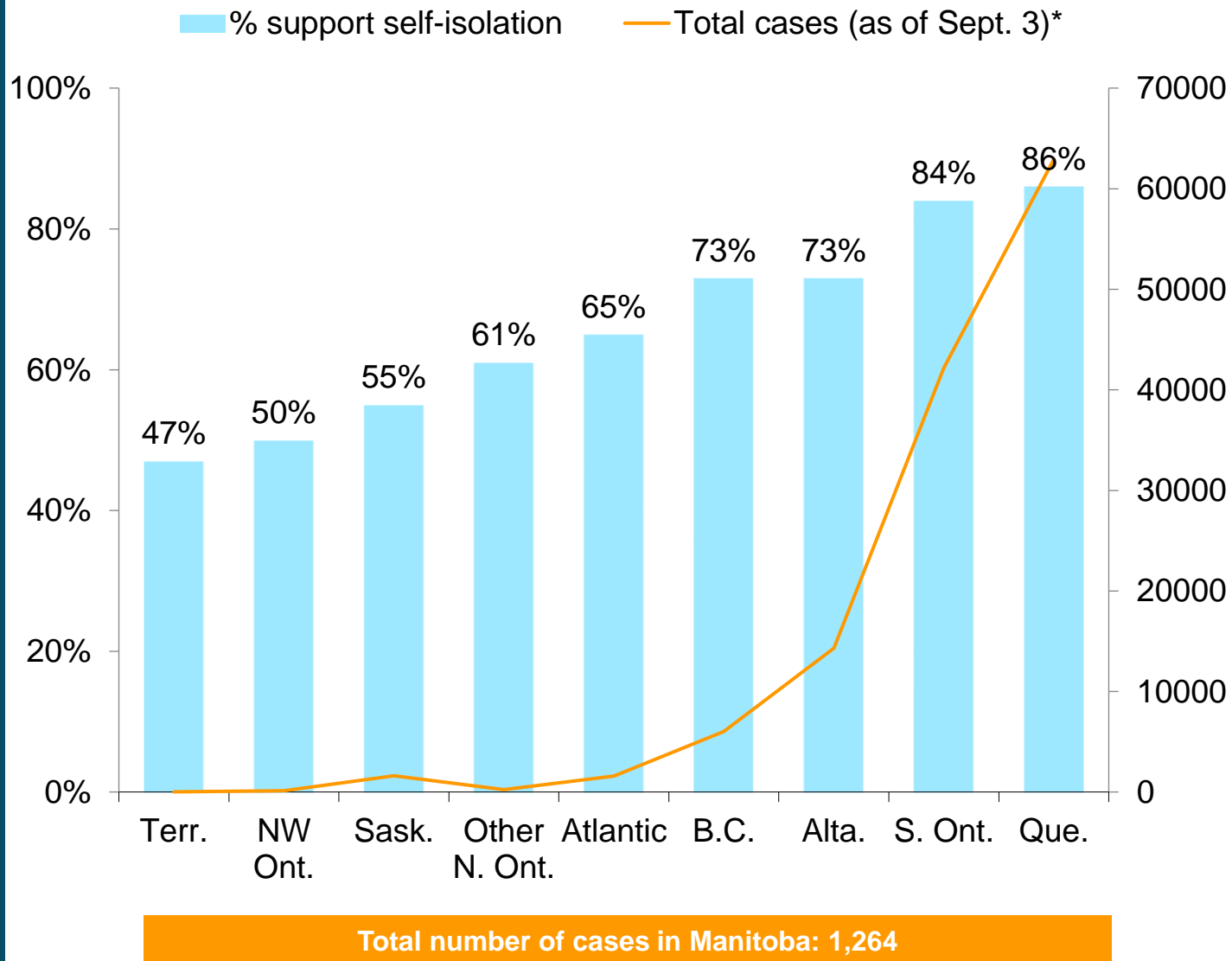
Base: All respondents (N=1,049)

% of those who say visitors from **all** provinces/regions should be required to self-isolate



# VIEWS ON SELF-ISOLATION CLOSELY LINKED TO OVERALL PROVINCIAL CASE COUNTS

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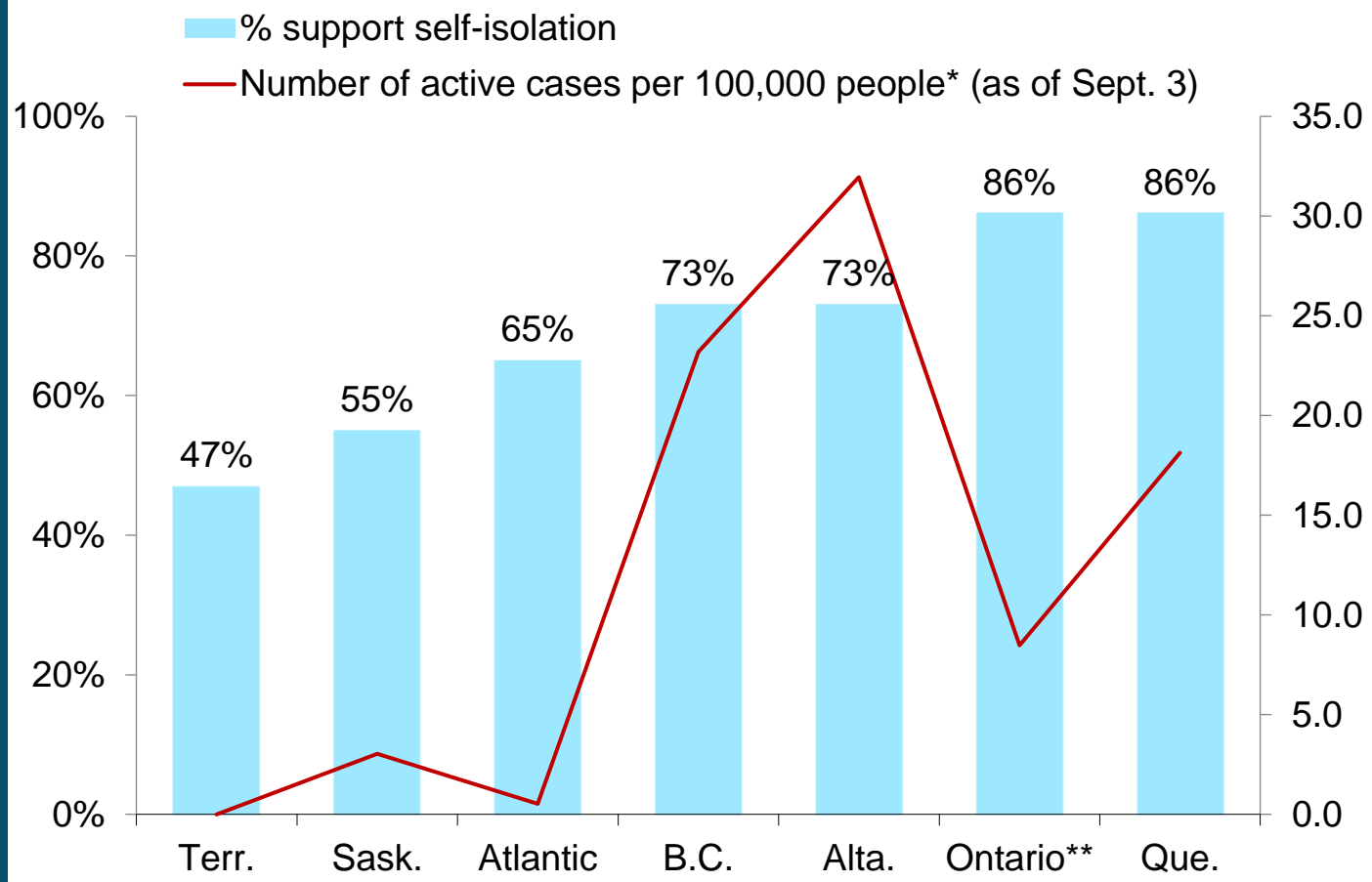


\*Case numbers retrieved from the Government of Canada's Coronavirus disease outbreak update (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>). Numbers for Ontario health regions obtained from the Ontario Ministry of Health's daily epidemiological summary (<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/epi/covid-19-weekly-epi-summary-report.pdf?la=en>).

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# PERCEIVED NEED FOR SELF-ISOLATION DIFFERS FROM RATIO OF ACTIVE CASES IN EACH PROVINCE

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**Total number of active cases in Manitoba: 457 (33.1 per 100,000)**

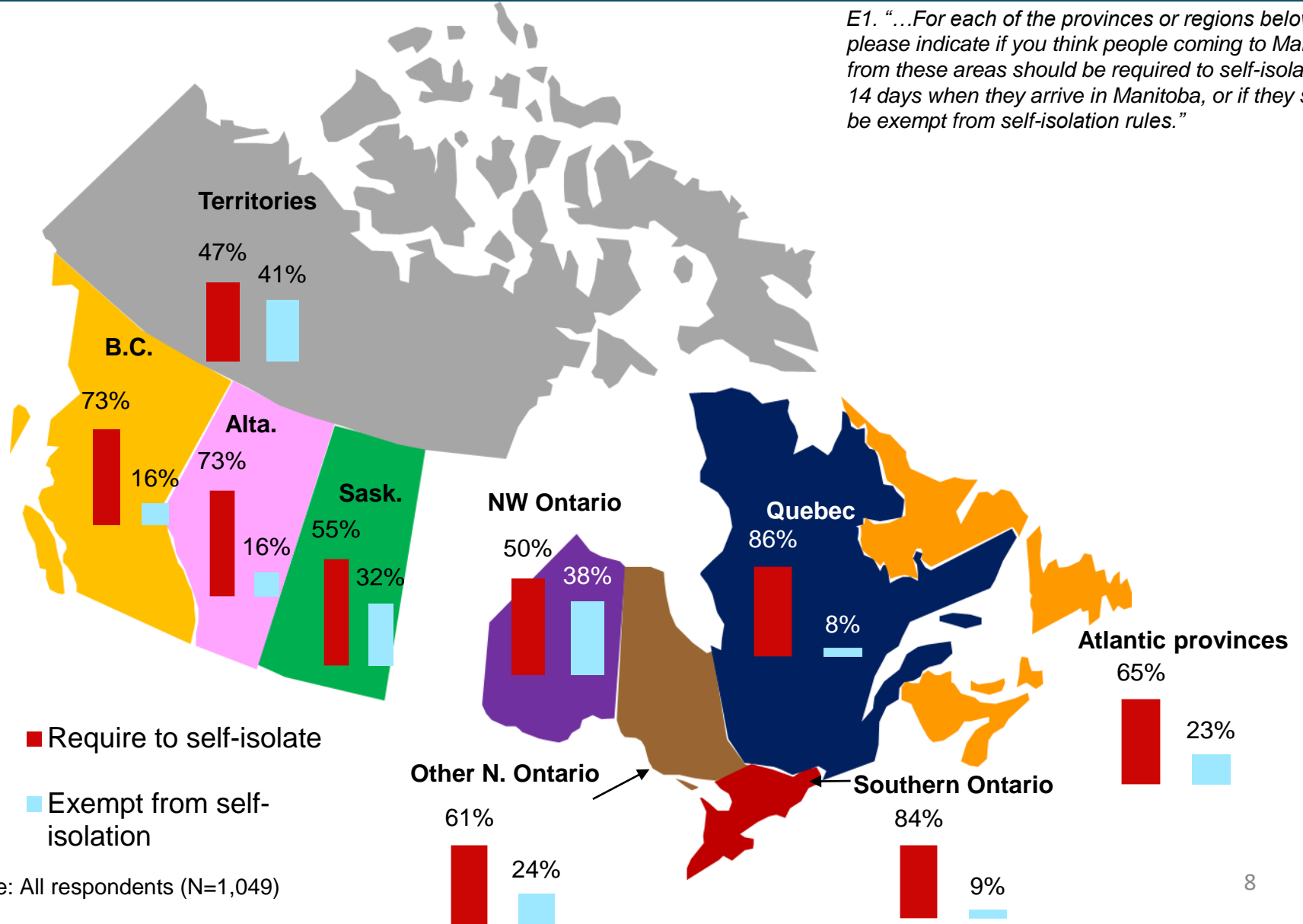
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\*\*Note: Ontario health regions do not report the number of active cases, so results shown are for the province as a whole. The percentage (86%) includes the number of respondents who support self-isolation for at least one of the three Ontario regions included in the question.

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# MANITOBANS MOST LIKELY TO PREFER VISITORS SELF-ISOLATE

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