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After months of isolating from friends and family, it seems like most people are desperately hoping for a COVID-19 vaccine that'll put an end to the pandemic. But in an era of misinformation and lockdown protests, often touted by anti-vaxxers, there's an open question on how much uptake there will be for the vaccine, should one arrive. And that leads to a second question: should governments consider making a COVID-19 vaccine mandatory?

"Making vaccines mandatory is the last tool in the toolkit of public health," said Lynora Saxinger, a professor with the University of Alberta department of medical microbiology and immunology.

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