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Senator Jim Gaughran's Virtual Discussion on The Covid-19 Vaccine for Children

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Covid 19 Vaccine For Children



Roundtable Discussion

State Senator Jim Gaughran joined local parents and pediatricians for a virtual discussion on common questions and concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine for children. We hope this roundtable discussion can help answer frequently asked questions we have received regarding the decision to vaccinate your children

If you have any further questions, or are looking for information on how to schedule appointments for your children, please visit the [New York State Department of Health's Website](#) for more

information.

Our Roundtable included Jim Gaughran, Plainview parents Ellie & Rachel, Dr. Shetal Shah, Dr. Eve Krief, Dr. Leonard Krilov & Dr. Sara Siddiqui. Below are the 8 questions we discussed, and the section of the video they were asked at.

1. Why should children be immunized against COVID if they are not dying from it in the numbers seen in older adults?
2. I heard only children with medical conditions need to be immunized, is this true? What about healthy kids?
3. Why should I have my child immunized when the adult vaccination rate is high and the overall percent positivity rate, in Nassau and Suffolk is lower than the rest of the country?
4. Is the data the FDA used to make its determination on the safety of vaccination sound? Can you explain it to me?
5. Have we really looked at the children who were immunized long enough to know these vaccines are safe and won't harm children in the long-term?
6. What side effects should I look for after vaccination?
7. Where can I get vaccinated?

8. There is a lot of fiction out there about COVID and the vaccine, particularly on the internet and social media, what resources do pediatricians trust for parents to learn more about vaccination?

If you have any further questions, please reach out to my office at (516) 922 - 1811 or email us at gaughran@nysenate.gov