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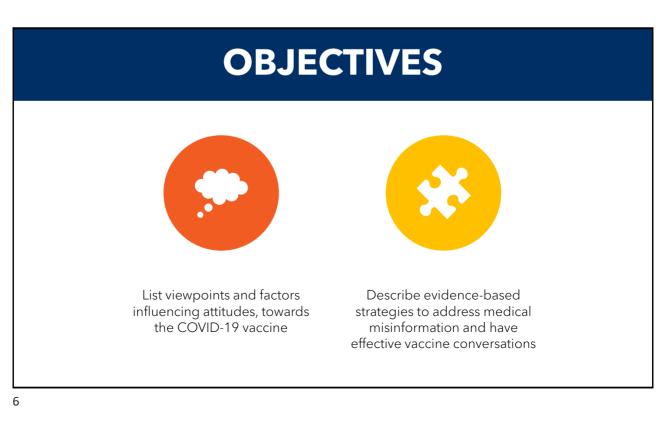
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CONFRONTING HEALTH MISINFORMATION

The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on Building a Healthy Information Environment

2021

Health misinformation

"Information that is **false**, **inaccurate** or **misleading** according to the best available evidence at a particular time"

SOURCE: https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-misinformation-advisory.pdf

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WE CAN TAKE ACTION

WHAT EDUCATORS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CAN DO

Strengthen and scale the use of evidence-based educational programs that build resilience to misinformation. Media, science, digital, data, and health literacy programs should be implemented across all educational settings, including elementary, secondary, post-secondary and community settings. In addition to teaching people how to be more discerning about the credibility of news and other content, educators should cover a broader set of topics, such as information overload, internet infrastructure (e.g., IP addresses, metadata), the challenges of content moderation, the impact of algorithms on digital outputs, algorithmic bias, artificial intelligence (AI)-generated misinformation (e.g., deepfakes), visual verification skills, and how to talk to friends and family who are sharing misinformation.

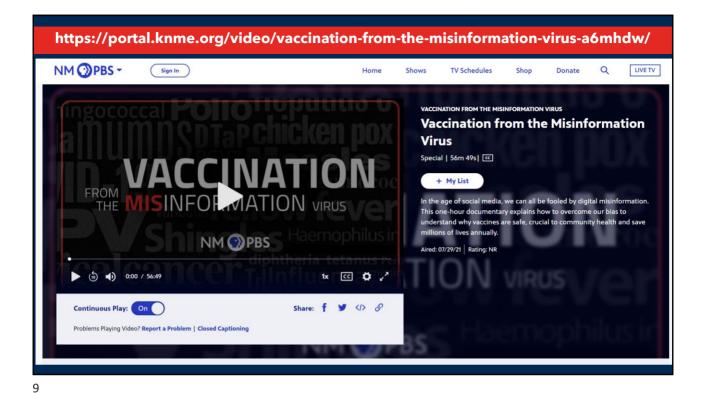
Educate students and the public on common tactics used by those who spread misinformation online. Recent research suggests that teaching people how to spot these tactics can reduce people's willingness to share misinformation.⁵⁷ Examples of misinformation tactics used by those who deny scientific consensus on health issues include presenting unqualified people as experts; misleading consumers with logical fallacies; setting impossible expectations for scientific research; cherry-picking data or anecdotes; and introducing conspiracy theories.⁵⁸ Establish quality metrics to assess progress in information literacy. While there is substantial media and information literacy work being carried out across the United States, there is a need for more consistent and empirically evaluated educational materials and practices.

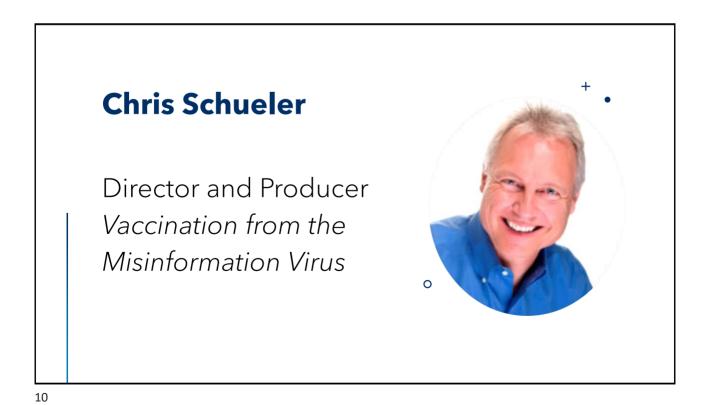
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Hesitation is Not Simple Dr. Sabrina Cherry School of Health and Applied Human Sciences, University of North Carolina, Wilmington Examines how hesitation to be vaccinated is a very complicated thing.



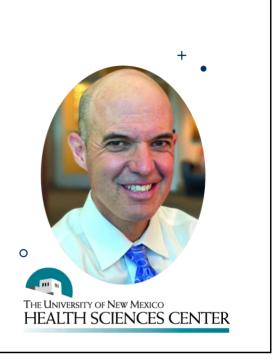
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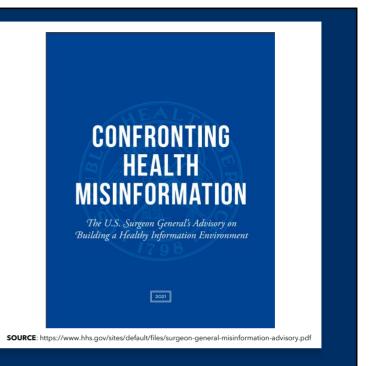


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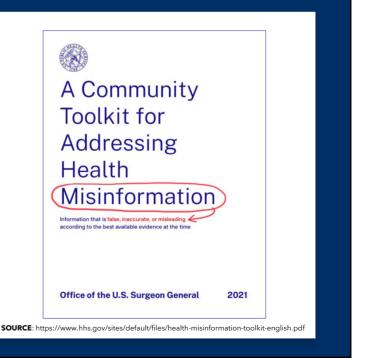
Confronting Health Misinformation: The Surgeon General's Advisory on Building a Healthy Information Environment

A 22-page advisory report.





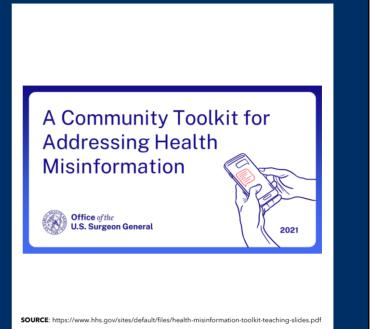
A 22-page overview of health misinformation and resources to stop it.



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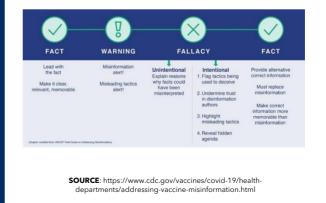
Teaching Slides

A slideshow version of the Community Toolkit for educators and other community leaders.



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CDC How to Address COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation



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Online Resources for Accurate Information

- <u>United Nation's Verified</u>
 <u>Initiative</u>
- <u>Stronger</u>
- Healthfeedback.org
- Fullfact.org
- <u>Politifact (Poynter)</u>
- <u>Snopes</u>
- AFP Fact Check
- Mayo Clinic "<u>Expert</u> <u>Answers</u>"
- Fact checks from <u>USA</u> <u>Today</u>, <u>Reuters</u>, <u>AP</u>, etc.

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<u>A Practitioner's Guide to The Principles of</u> <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Communications</u>

- 1. Work within worldviews, identities and moral values.
- 2. Use timing to the best advantage.
- 3. Use the right messengers for the audience.
- 4. Make the content concrete, supply a narrative and provide value.
- 5. Recognize that communities have different relationships with vaccination.
- 6. Reinforce positive behaviors.
- 7. Evoke the right emotions.
- 8. Be explicit and transparent about motivations.

SOURCE: https://www.jou.ufl.edu/insights/strategies-to-overcome-misinformation-and-instill-confidence-in-vaccines/linearity-institute-institu

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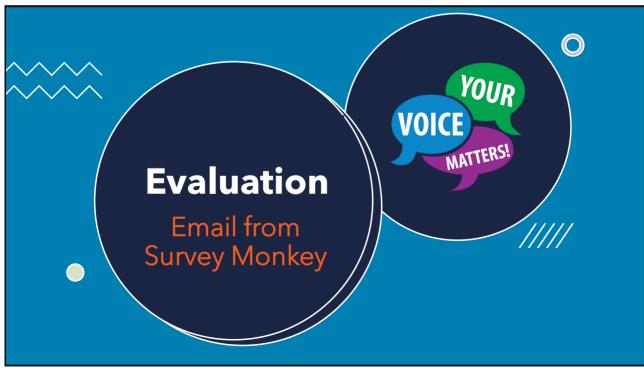
Call for Proposals!

The AAMC releases RFP for Health Professions Education Curricular Innovations Grants for Addressing Health Misinformation.

Proposals due Mon, April 4.

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