



<p>Shots of Dr. Colburn putting on PPE</p>	<p>INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXPERTS AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER<sup>1</sup> SAY THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE ALL POINTS IN ONE DIRECTION<sup>3,4</sup>. :21</p>
<p><b>CG: Dr. Nora Colburn</b> Ohio State Wexner Medical Center</p>	<p><i>“There is 100% no evidence to support that vaccines cause infertility. This is a cruel rumor that is preying upon the fear that a lot of women have of not being able to have children.” :11</i></p>
<p>Shots of woman being vaccinated</p>	<p>THE RESEARCH ALSO SHOWS THAT PREGNANT WOMEN WHO CHOOSE NOT TO GET VACCINATED PUT THEMSELVES AND THEIR BABIES AT RISK. :05</p>
<p><b>Dr. Colburn (CG’d earlier)</b></p>	<p><i>“They are at much higher risk than a non-pregnant person of ending up in the ICU, of ending up on a ventilator, of dying.” :06</i></p>
<p>Shots of Hoying reading online information</p>	<p>BUT HOW CAN YOU SIFT THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS OF MATERIAL TO GET THE FACTS? :04</p>
<p><b>CG: Jacqueline Hoying, PhD, RN</b> Ohio State College of Nursing</p>	<p><i>“Consumers should be asking themselves some of these questions: Who wrote it? Who’s reviewed it? And how recent is the information?” :08</i></p>
<p>Shots of Hoying verifying info for Community Core</p>	<p>OHIO STATE’S FULD INSTITUTE FOR EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE HAS LAUNCHED THE COMMUNITY CORE<sup>2</sup>, WHICH OFFERS EXPERTISE IN FINDING VERIFIED, EVIDENCE-BASED INFORMATION PEOPLE CAN TRUST TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR HEALTH. :07</p>
<p><b>Jacqueline Hoying (CG’d earlier)</b></p>	<p><i>“We also aim to educate people about being able to look at a website and decide for themselves, is this accurate or not?” :08</i></p>
<p>Shots of Katharine with her son</p>	<p>AFTER TALKING WITH HER DOCTOR, KATHARINE KNEW VACCINATION WAS THE BEST CHOICE FOR BOTH HER AND BABY JENSEN. :05</p>
<p><b>Katharine Hayes (CG’d earlier)</b></p>	<p><i>“If it was more of the honest, the true information that was coming out and people were reading more often, I think we’d have a lot more people vaccinated and we’d be further along through this pandemic than we are now.” :10</i></p>
<p><b>Dr. Colburn (CG’d earlier)</b></p>	<p><i>“That is the way that we’re going to end this pandemic, is everybody getting vaccinated so this virus doesn’t have a place to go and infect more people.” :08</i></p>
<p>Shots of Katharine with her son</p>	<p>AT THE OHIO STATE WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER,</p>

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**CG: Dr. Nora Colburn**  
**Ohio State Wexner Medical Center**

Colburn explains how the vaccine was developed quickly:  
*“There was funding and there was a lot of patients available. Whereas normally in vaccine trials, it takes a very long time to recruit people. It takes a very long time to get the funding and it’s a very slow process. So all that red tape was cut out.” :13*

Colburn says it is difficult to combat myths and it can be defeating:  
*“My colleagues are tired. They feel defeated. And we feel like we are just screaming into the void. We have the tools to prevent these infections and people aren’t taking them.” :13*

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Hoying offers some tactics to verify a website as credible:  
*“Is there an email? Is there a phone number? Look at the privacy policy section. Do they want your information? What are they going to do with it? And then, what’s their mission? Why does this website exist?” :13*

**CG: Jacqueline Hoying, PhD, RN**  
**Ohio State College of Nursing**

Hoying says doing research doesn’t always mean you’re looking at credible information:  
*“Research is a loose term. People use that, right, to mean that they’ve looked at whatever on media outlet sites. But research and evidence-based, when we talk about that, we’re talking about the scientists who have run the study, they’ve run the research consistently.” :17*

Hoying says if information seems too good to be true, maybe it is:  
*“If you do see information and it seems too good to be true, or it seems unbelievable, maybe it is, and you should probably verify it. So go back and look at the site, look at the contact information, see who’s directing it. Where is it coming from?” :15*

Hoying says people should avoid sharing unverified information:  
*“If you’re concerned about it, don’t share it. We really need to be thinking a little bit, just slow down and take in the information first before we just retweet it or put it back out there.” :11*

**CG: Katharine Hayes**  
**Received the COVID vaccine while pregnant**

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Katharine says she got her vaccine to protect her baby:  
*“When we found out that we were pregnant after 12 years of not being able to have kids, I knew for sure that I would want to 100%, but I was a little nervous with this baby that came out of nowhere. It was pretty much a miracle. It was important to keep him and I protected as much as possible so I decided that I was going to do it. I did a lot of research.” :21*

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**CG: Katharine Hayes**  
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Katharine says she consulted with her doctors about getting the vaccine during pregnancy:

*"I talked to my primary care doctor and my OB-GYN, and they both said that they completely felt comfortable with me getting it, that they didn't think it was going to harm the baby at all, or harm me at all in any way or I was going to have any more side effects than anybody else. That made me feel even more comfortable getting it."* :16

Katharine says her older children and the rest of her family are vaccinated:

*"Our older children decided that they wanted to get vaccinated to also help protect the baby, to help protect older members of our families. Even our extended family, they've all gotten vaccinated because they knew that we were bringing this baby into the family and it was important for us all to remain healthy, not just for ourselves, but so we could get together sooner and everyone could get a chance to see each other, including the new baby."* :19

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