## Social Media and Vaccines: Best Practices 2019 MAIC Immunization Symposium October 25, 2019







#### **SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS**



**Facebook:** The Scrapbook Best for: Comments



**LinkedIn:** Peer-to-Peer Network Best for: Reputation



**Twitter:** The News Ticker Best for: Real-time



**Instagram:** The Photo Album Best for: Visuals



**YouTube:** All Things Video Best for: Searchable



**Pinterest:** "Look what I found" Best for: Re-sharing





## What are they doing about it? The New York Times

Pinterest Restricts Vaccine Search Results to Curb Spread of Misinformation

AMA urges Amazon, Facebook, Google and Twitter to do more to limit false anti-vaccine claims

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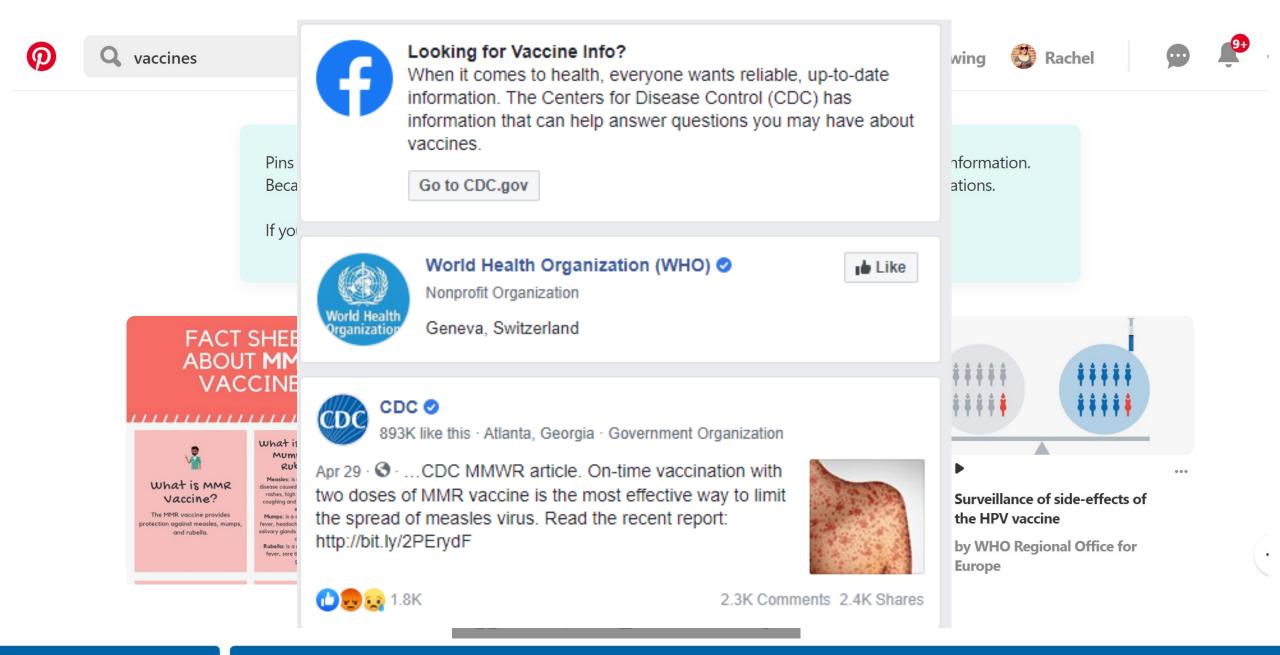
Instagram Blocks Anti-Vaccine Hashtags To Combat Misinformation

### **THE VERGE**

Twitter fights vaccine misinformation with new search tool











## **Misinformation & Disinformation**

#### Misinformation

inadvertently drawing conclusions based on wrong or incomplete facts

#### Disinformation

• the deliberate spread of falsehoods to promote an agenda





#### **Children's Mercy Strategy**

- Provide evidence-based, scientifically valid information to our channels
- Use a conversational, friendly tone to transmit information
- Share stories about why it matters
- Vaccine Myths Video

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Have you ever heard that vaccines cause autism? Or the flu vaccine will make you sick? Or that vaccines contain formaldehyde? There is a lot of misinformation out there about vaccines, so our doctors break down the top 10 myths about vaccines.



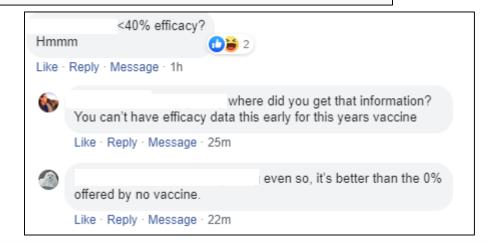




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## **Children's Mercy Strategy**

- Negative comments
  - Let your own community defend you
  - Be careful moderating comments
  - Do not block / delete comments unless they're vulgar or threatening







## Hashtags

#### **Related searches**

#flufighter

#vaccinessavelives

flu jab

hpv vaccine



National Ambulance Service @ @AmbulanceNAS · Oct 8 Have you got your #FluVaccine yet? Don't let the #flu get you. @HSELive @NasDirector



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# #Vaccines #FluVaccine





## Hashtags

- #WhyIVaccinate
- #VaccinesWork
- #VaccinesSavesLives

1 WendySueSwanson MD Retweeted

T. Eugene Day @EugeneDayDSc · Oct 8

Why am I, a healthy 45-year-old man getting the flu vaccine? Because the flu sucks. And because lots of people who aren't healthy can't get the flu vaccine, and they need me to not get sick to help keep them from getting sick. #VaccinesWork #VaccinesSaveLives







### **Social Media Strategy**

- Combat the spread of misinformation with scientifically valid, evidence-based information
- If your audience is patients / families, use conversational tone
- Do not engage in online back and forth with anti-vax commenters
- Flood your timeline with positive messaging!

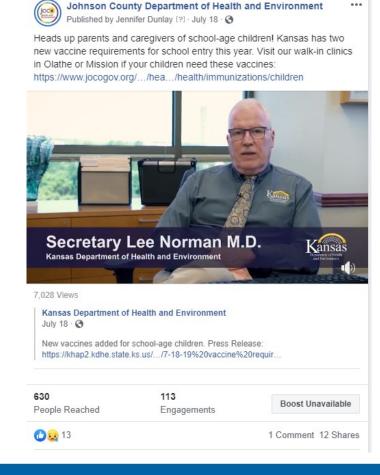








#### Johnson County Health & Environment Social Media Examples





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#### Time for Back to School Immunizations

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We make getting back-to-school immunizations easy!

 We offer walk-in hours at our Olathe (Mon-Fri) and Mission (Tue/Thur) clinics. No appointment needed. https://www.jocogov.org/dept/health-andenvironment/health/immunizations/children

2. Our Mission clinic is steps away from a RideKC bus stop. Our Olathe clinic is 5 minutes from the I-35/119th St exit.

 No health insurance? We are a provider of the Vaccines for Children program which offers vaccines at no cost to eligible children. Ask us if your child qualifies.

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August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Ask us about the new Kansas requirements for Kindergarten/1st grade, 7th, and 11th grade. Visit our clinics in Olathe and Mission today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Olathe tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. https://www.jocogov.org/ .../hea.../health/immunizations/children #ivax2protect



FOX4KC.COM Johnson County health clinics see surge of children seeking immunizations



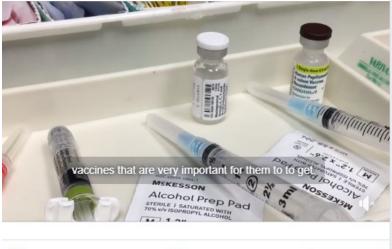


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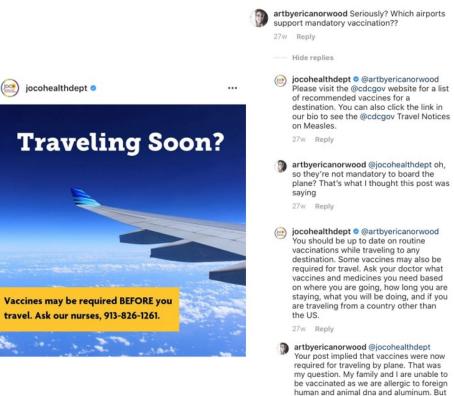
From newborns to college, you can help protect your children from 16 serious diseases by getting them vaccinated. Visit our walk-in immunization clinics in Olathe and Mission before the back-to-school rush: https://www.jocogov.org/.../../health/immunizations/adolescents



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