

## **Something to Celebrate**

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In 2019, the World Health Organization stated that vaccine hesitancy was one of the top ten threats to global health. One of the reasons for this hesitancy was lack of confidence in vaccines.<sup>1</sup> The WHO vowed to overcome this, and organized summits and conferences during which this issue was front and center.

If one of the objectives of the COVID-19 fake pandemic and hysteria was to create a situation in which the governments of the world could overcome hesitancy by scaring people into getting vaccines, they failed miserably. Instead of making progress toward universal acceptance of vaccines, hesitancy has increased – significantly.

According to a new Kaiser Family Foundation Poll of American adults:<sup>2</sup>

- Only 11% of young adults (under age 30) have gotten the most recent COVID booster that was tested only on seven mice.
- Only 20% of all adults had already gotten the booster at the time of the survey.
- Over half of adults over age 65 have not gotten this booster.
- Over one third of vaccinated adults who have not yet gotten the booster say they do not think that they need it and a similar percentage report that they don't think that the booster provides enough benefit to warrant getting it.

Perhaps the best news is that the government and drug companies have seemingly overplayed their hand, reducing confidence in childhood vaccines too:

- One in six parents of children under age 18 thinks that the risks of MMR vaccines outweigh the benefit. One in four adults who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine holds this view.
- There was a significant change in attitudes toward vaccine mandates, with 71% of adults stating that MMR vaccines should be required to attend public school, an 11% decrease from 2019.
- Almost three in ten (28%) of adults now think that parents should have the right to not vaccinate their children, even if this creates health risks for other children, an increase from 16% in 2019.
- Just under two thirds (65%) of parents of children under age 18 think that children should be required to be vaccinated to attend public school, a reduction from 76% in 2019. One third of parents think that parents should make decisions concerning vaccines, not the government, up from 23% in 2019.

If overcoming vaccine hesitancy through coercion was one of the goals of the criminals in charge, they failed miserably.

Attitudes about COVID-19 have changed as well:

- Only 36% of adults say they are worried about becoming seriously ill from COVID-19.
- Almost half of parents say that they are concerned about their children getting seriously sick from COVID-19 or flu. Slightly more – 56% of parents – are concerned about serious illness from RSV.
- Yet only one third of parents report that their children received a flu vaccine for the current flu season.

These data are VERY encouraging. People are not afraid of COVID-19, most are not getting boosters, and more and more are changing their attitudes about vaccines and vaccine mandates. It is unlikely that the public would go along with another lockdown in response to any virus, and highly unlikely that the majority of the public can be coerced to get any vaccine.

We are winning, and they are losing; a great way to start 2023!

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<sup>1</sup> World Health Organization. Ten threats to global health in 2019. <https://www.who.int/news-room/spotlight/ten-threats-to-global-health-in-2019>

<sup>2</sup> Luna Lopes, Shannon Schumacher, Grace spikes, Marley Presadio, Liz Hamel, Mollyann Brodie. KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: December 2022 <https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/poll-finding/kff-covid-19-vaccine-monitor-december-2022/>