

CDC's Updated Autism Webpage Misrepresents Science, Ignores Established Vaccine Safety Evidence, and Risks Confusing Families

The Indiana Immunization Coalition is deeply troubled by the CDC's recent revisions to its "Autism and Vaccines" webpage, which now cast doubt on the well-established fact that vaccines do not cause autism.

For families, caregivers, and clinicians who depend on clear, trustworthy public health guidance, this shift is both confusing and disheartening. More than 20 years of rigorous research from around the world have consistently demonstrated that there is no link between vaccines and autism. Scientific evidence shows that autism's origins are primarily genetic, with some prenatal and environmental factors contributing long before any vaccines are administered.

By elevating outdated, methodologically flawed studies and repeating claims that have been repeatedly disproven, the updated CDC page risks undermining public confidence and diverting attention from what truly matters: supporting autistic people and their families with meaningful services, research, and care. It also risks increasing vaccine hesitancy at a time when measles and whooping cough outbreaks are once again spreading.

We respectfully urge the CDC to restore accurate, evidence-based information affirming that vaccines do not cause autism. The Indiana Immunization Coalition remains committed to clear communication, strong science, and the health and well-being of all Hoosier families.