

> On Nov 9, 2007 12:08 PM, ██████████ ██████████ (CDC/OD/OEC) <██████@cdc.gov>
> wrote:
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>> Hi Ashley,
>> What questions do you have about autism? Here's the website
>> www.cdc.gov/autism.
>> Thanks much!
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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ashley Reynolds [mailto:areynolds.autism@gmail.com]
> Sent: Friday, November 09, 2007 2:32 PM
> To: "██████████" (CDC/OD/OEC)
> Subject: Re: CDC-your request

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> Hi ██████████
> Thanks for getting back to me.
> I am attaching my list of questions along with the cited studies.
> I would love to work out getting someone with the CDC on camera to
> answer our questions. If this is not possible, then I need in the
> statement stating why---or you have a policy you don't do on camera
> interviews etc.
> Also, in the quotes we have on camera, I can send you video clips of
> the statements if you would like to see them.
> We will air your response to our questions and put the hard copy
> document on our website once we air the series. We will also be
> showing our viewers the questions we are asking online. I need this
> ASAP....at least by next Friday.

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> Please send me the answers addressed to KOMU TV 8 in a CDC letter
> head....

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> Our address is
> KOMU-TV 8
> Attn: Ashley Reynolds
> 5550 Highway 63 South
> Columbia, Missouri 65201

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> Any questions-Call me or email me...██████████████████

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> Thanks!

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On Nov 9, 2007 3:04 PM, ████████ (CDC/OD/OEC) <██████@cdc.gov> wrote:

> Ashley,

> Thanks so much for the questions. With Monday being a federal holiday,

> I'll be in touch on Tuesday.

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Ashley Reynolds <areynolds.autism@gmail.com>

Date: Nov 9, 2007 3:25 PM

Subject: Re: CDC-your request

To: "██████████ (CDC/OD/OEC)" <██████@cdc.gov>

sounds good! Thanks!

On Nov 16, 2007 10:15 AM, ████████ ████████ (CDC/OD/OEC) <██████@cdc.gov> wrote:

> In response to your questions. CDC will not be able to provide an subject

> matter expert to debate on camera Doctors Haley and Engley. Below you can

> find our statement. For additional information and responses to your

> questions, please visit

> <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/safety/default.htm> ,

> <http://www.cdc.gov/od/science/iso/concerns/thimerosal.htm>

> , http://www.cdc.gov/od/science/iso/concerns/thimerosal_faqs_thimerosal.htm ,

> http://www.cdc.gov/od/science/iso/concerns/thimerosal_faqs_availfree.htm ,

> http://www.cdc.gov/od/science/iso/concerns/thimerosal_faqs_mercury.htm .

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> CDC places a high priority on vaccine safety and the integrity and

> credibility of its vaccine safety research. This commitment not only stems

> from our scientific and medical dedication, it is also personal--for most of

> us who work at CDC are also parents and grandparents. And as such, we too,

> have high levels of personal interest and concern in the health and safety

> of children, families and communities. We simply don't know what causes most

> cases of autism, but we're doing everything we can to find out.

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> CDC is fully committed to the health and well-being of children. Our highest

> priority is to protect the health of children and to ensure that all

> children can live, play and learn to their fullest potential. We have

> learned a lot about the symptoms of autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) and

> have improved efforts to track the disorders, but we still don't know a lot

- > about the causes of ASDs. Scientists think that both genes and the
- > environment play a role, and there might be many causes that lead to ASDs.
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- > There is, however, no convincing evidence that the low concentrations of
- > thimerosal in vaccines have caused any harm other than minor reactions such
- > as redness or swelling at the injection site. As a precautionary measure
- > designed to help reduce children's exposure to mercury from all sources, the
- > U.S. Public Health Service, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and vaccine
- > manufacturers agreed in July 1999 that thimerosal should be reduced or
- > eliminated from vaccines, one of the few sources where such action could be
- > taken. To date, the vast majority of science to date does not support an
- > association between thimerosal in vaccines and autism.
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- > Today, with the exception of some influenza (flu) vaccines, none of the
- > vaccines used in the U.S. to protect preschool children against 12
- > infectious diseases contain thimerosal as a preservative. Many vaccines,
- > including the Measles-Mumps-Rubella and chickenpox vaccine never contained
- > thimerosal, and there brands of influenza vaccine that are thimerosal
- > preservative-free.
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- > Finally, it is important to remember, vaccines protect and save lives.
- > Vaccines protect infants, children and adults from the unnecessary harm and
- > premature death caused by vaccine-preventable diseases.
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- > Autsim studies
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- > CDC is conducting a study to rigorously examine the potential association
- > between thimerosal exposure and autism. The study is comparing children with
- > autism with those without autism in an effort to determine whether
- > thimerosal exposure in infancy or in-utero is related to the development of
- > autism. The study also will evaluate whether thimerosal exposure in infancy
- > is related to development of autism predominately associated with
- > regression. The findings from this study should provide the best available
- > scientific information about a possible causal association between
- > thimerosal exposure and the development of autism.
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- > CDC has completed a retrospective cohort study that provides additional
- > information about the potential relationship between thimerosal and
- > neurodevelopmental disorders. This study compared the neuropsychological
- > performance among children at ages 7 to 10 years who had been exposed to
- > different quantities of thimerosal from vaccines and immune globulins
- > administered in-utero through the first seven months of life. The
- > researchers did not assess autism as an outcome, but did look at speech and
- > language skills, fine motor coordination, motor tics, academic and
- > intellectual functioning, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

- > (ADHD).
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- > CDC is collaborating with researchers in Italy to evaluate children who were
- > randomly exposed to differing amounts of thimerosal during infancy as part
- > of a clinical trial of acellular pertussis (whooping cough) vaccines. The
- > vaccines studied in the Italian clinical trial included
- > thimerosal-containing and thimerosal-free preparations. Although thimerosal
- > exposure was not studied at the time, researchers now are comparing the
- > occurrence of neurological developmental disorders among the clinical trial
- > participants related to the level of thimerosal exposure.
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- > CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities is one
- > of six sites across the country participating in a Centers of Excellence for
- > Autism and Developmental Disabilities Research and Epidemiology (CADDRE)
- > study investigating risk factors and causes of autism in 2- to 5-year-olds.
- > The study is targeting approximately 2,700 children among three groups: ASD
- > cases, a neurodevelopment comparison group and a typically developing
- > population comparison group. Data collection began in spring 2007.
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- > CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and the National Center for
- > Health Statistics are conducting a study looking at all mercury exposures
- > and working with the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
- > (NHANES). NHANES 4 will collect samples of blood, hair and urine from women
- > of reproductive age and children under five in order to assess mercury
- > levels in the body from all sources of environmental exposure. Results of a
- > study conducted using NHANES 3 data to check blood and hair mercury levels
- > suggest that the mercury levels in young children and in women of
- > childbearing age are generally below the level considered hazardous
- > (MMWR;50, 140-143).

-----Original Message-----

From: Ashley Reynolds <areynolds.autism@gmail.com>

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (CDC/OD/OEC)

CC: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (CDC/OD/OEC)

Sent: Fri Nov 16 18:45:22 2007

Subject: Re:

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED],

I just read over what you sent me. Thanks for sending it to me.

Because my direct questions were not answered, I will have to mention this in our series. Let me know if you want to answer my direct questions. We start to air Dec 3rd.

Thank you,

Ashley

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (CDC/OD/OEC) <[REDACTED]@cdc.gov>
Date: Nov 18, 2007 7:47 AM
Subject: Re:
To: areynolds.autism@gmail.com
Cc: "[REDACTED] [REDACTED] (CDC/OD/OEC)" <[REDACTED]@cdc.gov

They are all answered on the web in the links I sent we are not going to engage in debate with the scientist. We you have our statement and the answers to your questions.

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