

**Dr. Harvey Risch Town Hall – Moderated by State Rep. Kimberly Fiorello
January 30, 2022**

Below is summary of key points from the Dr. Risch town hall meeting that might be helpful in case you don't have time to view the entire video.

Dr. Risch is one of the expert medical voices who has shifted the conversation around covid and confirmed many of the ongoing concerns expressed by parents. Certainly, parents have understood that in "the fog of war" we should do what is possible to keep our community safe, but now we know so much more, so how we handle it must change too.

KEY POINTS FROM THE 1/30/22 TOWN HALL MEETING WITH DR. HARVEY RISCH

On Sunday evening, Rep. Kimberly Fiorello hosted a town hall with Dr. Harvey Risch, a renowned epidemiologist from Yale University, who I've referred to a few times. With 558 registrants for the call, he answered questions from about 300 members of the community about masks, vaccines, and other covid insights (even when there was an NFL playoff game at the same time!).

Dr. Risch has an MD from U.C. San Diego and a PhD from U. of Chicago. He has authored more than 350 original peer-reviewed research publications which have been cited more than 43,000 times. He's also a member of the Connecticut Academy of Sciences and Engineering.

EARLY TREATMENT

- The research he did on **outpatient treatment** early in the pandemic led to a critical observation: his conclusions were very different than what he was seeing from the NIH/CDC/FDA and in the media. He claims **Hydroxychloroquine** works. It should have been used as an early treatment intervention, but it was not, due to financial reasons, since it was a cheap generic. Same with ivermectin, budesonide, and other treatments.
- **Vitamin D works** to reduce risk of infection, and everyone should consider taking it daily, probably on the order of 5,000 units, depending on body weight.

OMICRON

- Delta is virtually gone and **Omicron will be completely gone** down to the level of all the other previous strains in another week or two. Once that happens, the probability of a more damaging strain coming out from any of those is virtually zero. He referenced the concept of Muller's Ratchet, which states that a virus will always evolve to be more contagious, and always more mild.
- The omicron variant, which is **asymptomatic for 75-85% of people**, is estimated to be no more serious than what we'd see in a normal flu season; we don't have an emergency because of the flu and common cold, so we should not have an emergency anymore for covid.

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VACCINES

- People who are vaccinated and boosted have a **higher incidence of covid than the unvaccinated**. He cited international studies out of Israel, UK and others.
- Vaccinated people have concentrations of the **virus in their noses in the same or higher levels** than in unvaccinated people, so there's no reason to think that there's any benefit of vaccination for reducing transmission — as such, the **vaccines are no longer functional** in his opinion. He said the covid vaccines may have worked temporarily, but don't work now and are actually counterproductive.
- People are getting **injured and dying from the vaccines**, but the media isn't covering it. He offered an example of 300 athletes, half of whom have died, and the other half of whom have been seriously injured and can no longer play sports due to myocarditis. He also cited VAERS and the Department of Defense's DMED system for evidence of the prevalence of serious adverse effects, including death.
- **We should not be force vaccinating children and young adults** who have essentially zero risk of a bad outcome with covid. And **vaccine mandates are "irrational"** given that they do not stop infection nor transmission.
- The Israeli experience shows us that the **vaccines are now counterproductive**. The population is 80% double-vaxxed, 55% triple-vaxxed and they are starting fourth doses. Yet now they have the highest covid rates in the world.
- mRNA technology has almost completely **failed in almost every veterinary science case** in the last ten years, and has never worked in humans before.
- **Myocarditis is a very serious condition**. Young males develop it at a range of about 1 in 2800 as a result of covid vaccination.
- **VAERS is one of 9 databases the CDC uses to track vaccine injury** information. He also mentioned Attorney Thomas Renz's effort to bring to light the findings in the DMED military database. The true number of vaccine injuries and deaths could be far greater than anyone imagined.
- These vaccines are **"genetic instruments"** which uses a completely different technology from previous vaccines. Therefore one cannot extrapolate data based on previous vaccines.

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NATURAL IMMUNITY

- **Natural immunity provides superior protection** because you're getting a broader range of antibodies. The vaccines are calibrated to only one particle of the virus (the spike protein), whereas natural immunity covers all. He referenced 146 studies that show natural immunity is superior to covid shots.

ISSUES WITH CURRENT PROTOCOLS

- **Masks are generally ineffective.** They are theater, based on fear. He referenced on the Brownstone Institute's website, Dr. Paul Alexander's list of 150 studies on masking for the scientific evidence against masks.
- **PCR tests don't necessarily reveal current infection,** but often show past infection.
- Counter to long-standing medical ethics protocols, **social justice-related considerations** for covid treatments are now being implemented, which he found baffling.
- There is a concerning **bias in terms of what gets published in the medical literature** today, and the current narrative is enforced by journal editors whose salaries are paid by reviewers who are consultants for Big Pharma. There is also a huge amount of corruption in medical literature, so it pays to read the research yourself with a critical eye.
- **There is no emergency.** Of 3.2M people in CT, currently only 1,192 are in the hospital WITH covid, not necessarily DUE to covid. [Note that in CT, we have 8,791 staffed beds across 41 hospitals, so there is no overcrowding.] We need to immediately **end all covid restrictions and end vaccine mandates since they don't make sense.** He said "We have been very gracious in giving up human rights during an emergency, but now we need to get all of our rights back."

Watch the Recording of Rep. Kimberly Fiorello's Town Hall with Dr. Harvey Risch

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