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Request for Information: Call for Stories and Research on Health Misinformation | Office of the Surgeon General

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> U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy is calling for research, data, and personal experiences related to health misinformation, in an effort to deepen our collective understanding of its sources and impact.
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> Why is this important?
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> During the pandemic, many of us have been exposed to health misinformation—information that is false, inaccurate, or misleading according to the best available evidence at the time. It can be really hard to know what is true amidst all this misinformation.
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> Health misinformation has caused confusion and led people to decline COVID-19 vaccines, reject public health measures such as masking and physical distancing, and use unproven treatments. It has also led to harassment of and violence against public health workers, health care workers, airline staff, and other frontline workers.
> In 2021 Surgeon General Vivek Murthy released a Surgeon General's Advisory on Confronting Health Misinformation, accompanied by a toolkit for community leaders. As the next step in this work, and as part of an ongoing dialogue with the American public, the Surgeon General is now putting out a Request for Information (RFI) on the Impact of Health Misinformation in the Digital Information Environment in the United States Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic.
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