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You're in a WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger group with people you know and interact with regularly. Maybe it's a family group that also includes some extended, not-so-well-known family. Maybe it's a local group for parents of kids who attend the same school. And because the Covid-19 pandemic is still alive and present, chatter turns to Covid-19 vaccines and someone — not someone close to you — shares information that's not quite correct. Do you respond? Why not?

These are the questions behind a [recently released report](#) from researchers associated with the Everyday Misinformation Project at Loughborough University in the U.K.

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