

Doctors urge Facebook to disclose data on COVID-19 misinformation | TheHill

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Hundreds of healthcare professionals are urging Facebook to disclose data on the breadth of COVID-19 disinformation on the platform, piling onto the criticism the social media giant has faced in recent weeks after a whistleblower leaked internal company documents.

The healthcare workers underscored the importance of combating false claims after the vaccine became available to younger children.

“We simply cannot afford another deadly round of covid and vaccine misinformation,” they wrote in a letter to the company, now under the parent name Meta, Thursday.

“All of us — including technology platforms like Facebook — have a moral and civic duty to limit the spread of health disinformation,” the letter continues.

The Doctors For America letter was signed by more than 500 healthcare professionals, including medical professors at New York University, Columbia University and Johns Hopkins Medicine.

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