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From HPV to Covid-19: Personal stories power anti-vaccine misinformation | First Draft

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For more than a decade, misinformation has hindered uptake of the vaccine against human papillomavirus (HPV), the common sexually transmitted infection that can cause cervical cancer in women. Today, outlets historically dedicated to misinformation around the HPV vaccine are pivoting to Covid-19, targeting those who are already vaccine hesitant.

The HPV vaccine is safe and more than 99% effective at preventing cervical cancer caused by high-risk strains. But emotive misinformation that the jab has caused chronic health issues has damaged HPV vaccine campaigns in Ireland, the US, Japan and Denmark.

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