

Take it to Heart: COVID-19 Vaccine Safer than Infection – Soundbite Transcripts

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“Viral infections, including COVID 19, are notorious for causing myocarditis and that’s one of the feared complications of developing COVID-19. So when you get the vaccine what that’s doing is revving up your immune system, so there is some inflammation that comes with that, so that may be why this is occurring.”

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“Typically the symptoms are mild and they resolve, unlike the COVID-19 situation, where children can end up in the hospital and sometimes even die with myocarditis, this is a much more benign sort of problem.”

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“There’s a broad inflammatory infection kids can get, and kids have actually died from this – it’s called MIS-C, and that’s kind of the worst case scenario, so if you get COVID-19, that’s a lot worse than getting myocarditis from the vaccine.”

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“In the case of COVID-19, you want to not only look at the risks and benefits of the vaccination, but also the risks and benefits of not getting the vaccination. When you weigh all of that, at least by the numbers, it’s a pretty simple decision.”