

## **COVID Breakthrough Cases and the Importance of Vaccination**

### ***(Interview Transcripts)***

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“Just because there are breakthrough cases doesn’t mean the vaccine is not effective. It means the vaccine is really effective because there are breakthrough cases and they are not hospitalized. And that’s the goal of vaccination is for our community to not succumb to a virus that we have a solution for.” (:18)

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“It’s allergy season. Everyone’s eyes are watering, things are in the air. We have to be more cautious. Testing is widely available and quick tests are very accurate. Testing has become wonderful. It’s really important that if we don’t feel well, even a little unwell, that we are more cautious.” (:22)

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“It’s really important to take that lens that says ‘I’m going to use only evidence to make my decision and evidence to carry forward.’ I think we need to be courageous. This is a worldwide pandemic that has gone on for a long time. We have a solution – please be part of the solution.” (:19)

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“Trust science. Trust your providers. Continue to ask questions. Please don’t use social media as your advice – it’s not the source of truth. The source of truth is science in this – and it’s only a scientific conversation.” (:18)