

Strong Push for Pediatric Flu Shots During COVID – Interview Transcripts

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“It is definitely possible that you could get both of these viruses and you could be co-infected, and you could be much sicker that you would if you just had one of them.” (:09)

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“If we can immunize as many children as we can, we can hopefully lower the incidents of flu that we see in children. And by doing that we can cut out the resources that would be used if a sick child presents to us and we do not know if this is COVID or if this is flu.” (:17)

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“Talking about the flu we must remember that this is actually an illness that can cause death in children. Last year there were 188 children who died because of influenza. 57% of those were absolutely healthy children. The median age of the children that died was six years old, and it ranges anywhere from two months to 17 years.” (:23)