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RE: Your Letter to the Attorney General's Office

Dear Mr. Meiswinkle,

Thank you for your letter to us at the Washington State Attorney General's Office. I'm very sorry that you have come across false information related to the COVID vaccines. These vaccines have been subject to intense scrutiny and research and we can say with certainty that the vaccines are safe and remain effective. Unfortunately, there is a lot misleading, distorted and flat out wrong information about the vaccines floating around. But fortunately, there are also lots of sources of reliable information as well. One great place to start is with your doctor. Below are links to reliable information about the COVID vaccines that will, I hope, dispel any myths you have heard about the various COVID vaccines' safety.

- [Myths and Facts About COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)
- [VAERS | Vaccine Safety | CDC](#)

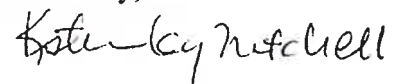
One persistent form misinformation is that any "adverse event" reported to VAERS was actually related to or caused by a COVID vaccination. As the link above explains, the raw data from VAERS cannot be used to extrapolate any conclusions about the actual number of adverse events caused by the COVID vaccines or the safety of the vaccines. It is not scientifically valid to do so. However, we do have reliable and verified information about the efficacy of the COVID vaccines including the enormous numbers of hospitalizations and deaths that were prevented by the vaccines. Here is a link to a recent study finding the vaccines prevented 18 million hospitalizations and 3 million deaths in the United States.

- [Covid Vaccine Reduces Transmission | Commonwealth Fund.](#)

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Stay safe and thank you for reaching out to our office with your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristen K. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and "M".

KRISTEN K. MITCHELL
Deputy Attorney General

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