FINDING CREDIBLE COVID VACCINE INFORMATION

Now that there are authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines in the United States, accurate vaccine information is critical. Before considering vaccine information on the Internet, check that the information comes from a credible source and is updated on a regular basis.

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As you surf for vaccine information, consider guidance from these sources:

- The Immunization Action Coalition suggest: [vaccineinformation.org/internet-immunity-info](https://vaccineinformation.org/internet-immunity-info)
- [Who.int/vaccine_safety/initiative/communication](https://who.int/vaccine_safety/initiative/communication) suggests questions to ask when evaluating information.
- The University of California San Francisco’s: [uucsfhealth.org/education/evaluating-health-information](https://uucsfhealth.org/education/evaluating-health-information) page lists “Red Flags” every consumer needs to know.
- The [MLANET.ORG](http://mlanet.org) translates medical jargon ([Medspeak](http://medspeak.org)) into language everyone can understand.

While it’s a useful tool for researching health-related issues, the Internet does not replace a discussion with a healthcare professional.