

# Wisconsin United For Freedom -Vaccine Facts

### 1 – Vaccines are liability-free products

Vaccine manufacturers and providers who administer vaccines are shielded from liability for vaccine injuries and deaths. Following a 1986 law, the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program<sup>1</sup> was created – removing the right for victims of vaccine injury /death to sue manufacturers. Subsequently, pharmaceutical companies are disincentivized to conduct proper safety testing on these products.

#### 2 – Vaccines can and do cause injury and death

Since 1989, the U.S. Government has paid out over \$4.5 billion to victims of vaccine injury through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.<sup>2</sup> Rather than holding pharmaceutical companies fiscally responsible for the harm their products cause, NVICP is funded by U.S. taxpayers through a 75-cent excise tax imposed on each vaccine dose.<sup>3</sup>

#### 3 – The growing vaccine schedule has never been tested for safety

The CDC recommends that all children receive 50 doses of 14 vaccines between birth and age six and at least 69 doses of 16 vaccines between birth and age eighteen.<sup>4</sup> This more than **doubles** the childhood schedule of 34 doses of 11 vaccines in the year 2000.<sup>5</sup> While continuing to ardently add new vaccines and doses, the CDC has never conducted a <u>single study</u> on whether or not this growing vaccine schedule is safe for our children.<sup>6</sup>

## 4 – Profitable vaccine market

The U.S. Vaccine Market was \$36.45 Billion in 2018 and expected to reach \$58.4 billion by 2024.<sup>7</sup> This is an influential industry with endless resources to lobby and influence policy. The larger pharmaceutical / health products industry, which includes medical devices and dietary supplement companies along with drug makers, spent \$306 million on lobbying in 2020, in which Pfizer, the pharmaceutical company, spent about \$10.8 million.<sup>8</sup>

## 5 – All pharmaceutical products contain risk

Vaccine risks are facts. As of April 1, 2021, in Wisconsin alone, there have been at least **14,184** reports of vaccine reactions, hospitalizations, injuries, and deaths following vaccinations made to the federal Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), including 111 related deaths, 813 hospitalizations, and 259 related disabilities.<sup>9</sup> VAERS is a VOLUNTARY reporting system and a 3 year review completed by the Harvard Medical School and funded by the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) found that "*fewer than 1% of vaccine adverse events are reported*" to VAERS.<sup>10</sup>

#### References

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Code <u>42 USC CHAPTER 6A, SUBCHAPTER XIX, Part 2: National Vaccine Injury Compensation</u> <u>Program From Title 42—THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE - CHAPTER 6A—PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE</u> <u>SUBCHAPTER XIX—VACCINES</u> (https://tinyurl.com/y3w4mhn4)

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<sup>5</sup> CDC <u>Notice to Readers: Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule -- United States, 2000</u> *MMWR* April 1, 2000; 49(02);35-38,47. (https://tinyurl.com/yy6nkadw)

<sup>6</sup> Institute of Medicine Committee on the Assessment of Studies of Health Outcomes Related to the Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule. The Childhood Immunization Schedule and Safety: Stakeholder Concerns, Scientific Evidence and Future Studies. <u>Conclusions About Scientific Findings</u>. Summary: Pages 10-11 Washington, DC: *The National Academies Press* 2013. (https://tinyurl.com/y45odlrb)

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<sup>8</sup> Center For Responsive Politics. (2021). *Industry Profile: Pharmaceuticals/Health Products*. Open Secrets. Accessed April 11, 2021. (https://tinyurl.com/4echzdmw)

<sup>9</sup> United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Public Health Service (PHS), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) / Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) 1990 - 4/2/2021, CDC WONDER On-line Database. Accessed at http://wonder.cdc.gov/vaers.html on Apr 11, 2021.

<sup>10</sup> AHRQ <u>Electronic Support for Public Health–Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (ESP:VAERS)</u> Dec 1, 2007-Sep. 30, 2010. (https://tinyurl.com/lzecs3v)