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A bombshell new study has flipped the script on COVID-19 vaccine manda



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Some U.S. states mandated COVID-19 vaccinations during the pandemic to increase numbers. Yet recent research shows these governmental restrictions had unintended consequences and no influence on COVID-19 vaccine uptake.

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A [study in PNAS](#) found that state-level COVID-19 vaccine mandates did not impact vaccination rates during the weeks before or after the mandates went into effect, suggesting vaccine mandates do not directly affect COVID-19 vaccination.

Additionally, compared to states that banned vaccine mandates through legislative action, states that implemented COVID-19 vaccination experienced lower levels of subsequent boosters and reduced future vaccinations.

“The theory of psychological reactance serves as one longstanding explanation for why people resist restrictions in the form of governmental mandates cause people to reject the advice and that these reactions otherwise have unintended consequences,” the study authors wrote.

Mandates Had No Influence on COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

To determine the impact that state COVID-19 vaccine mandates had on vaccination rates, researchers examined epidemiological data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for eight weeks before and after a mandate was imposed.

They also examined the uptake of subsequent vaccines, such as COVID-19 booster shots and influenza vaccines, to see if restricting the freedom to choose whether or not to get vaccinated affected the adoption of future voluntary vaccinations.

To get a baseline on attitudes toward COVID-19 vaccine mandates, researchers used the [COVID States Project](#)—a 50-state survey project supported by the National Science Foundation. The COVID-19 vaccine was made available to the public.

A group of scientific researchers launched the COVID States Project in March 2020 to help states and governments make informed decisions, identify links between social behavior and disease transmission, and measure the impact that regulation and messaging have on public health outcomes in a crisis.

The study research suggests that people’s acceptance of vaccine mandates depends on their behavior before restrictions are implemented.

As part of their analysis, the researchers examined people who were already vaccinated before the week sampling time frame and found no statistically significant difference in vaccination rates before and after the mandate was imposed, nor were vaccination rates affected by the mandates toward COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

When adjusting the sampling window before and after mandates to four and 16 weeks, researchers observed the same trends, suggesting that COVID-19 vaccination requirements do not cause changes in vaccine adoption rates.

Unintended Negative Consequences for Boosters and Vaccines

Using CDC data from November 2021—when boosters became available—through examined weekly differences in state-level vaccination rates of COVID-19 booster vaccine mandates and 22 states that enacted legislation banning vaccination req

Additionally, they looked at those who received a booster and those who were eli as how state vaccination rates were impacted by legislation banning or mandatar study found COVID-19 booster uptake was lower in states that imposed vaccine i greater discrepancy among states with lower vaccination numbers.

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