

Parental Perspective and Decision Making on SARS-COV-2 Vaccines for Their Children

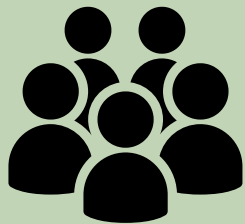


SUMMARY

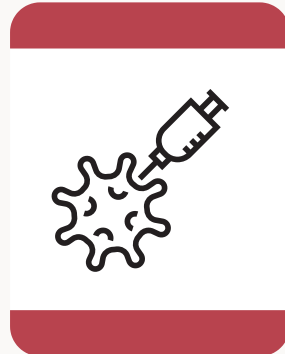
There is a need for clear, accessible evidence about the benefits of vaccines, the risk of COVID-19, and further transparency of what is underlying shifting in messaging as the science evolves.

STUDY DESIGN

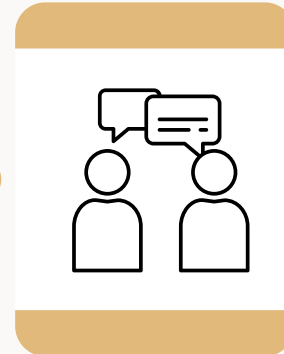
A qualitative study that included **8 online focus group discussions** with caregivers of children aged 5-11 years years recruited from Toronto schools and Community Health Centres. Data was collected between July 26th to November 8th, 2022



STUDY RESULTS - THEMES



Parents of vaccinated and unvaccinated children employed language of **risk-benefit analysis** to inform their decision-making



Parents with **unvaccinated children** were more concerned with the potential risk of side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine than the risks posed by their children contracting COVID-19



Parents of **vaccinated children** were concerned about the health of family members and the community, as well as the potential risk of long COVID-19 in their child



Many participants also perceived a **lack of transparency** and many changing messages from the government and public health agencies