

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**  
**Wave 182: Health & Wellness**  
**October 20-26, 2025**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Note:** The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("don't know" in phone mode) and 99 (refusal in phone mode and no answer in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.

**PN = Programming note**

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**\*CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC\***

**X\_FORM**

- 1 Form 1
- 2 Form 2

Note: Flag to randomly assign panelists to one of two forms (Form 1, Form 2) and weight within form  
Source: Randomly assigned for each survey.

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-----**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE BEGINS HERE**-----  
-----**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.**  
-----**TXT:****[ PN: DISPLAY MMR\_RISKBENE1 AND MMR\_RISKBENE2 ON SAME SCREEN, IN ORDER ]****BAT: MMR\_RISKBENE1****ASK ALL:****[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]****[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Thinking about childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) how would you rate...**[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ]** Thinking about childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella, that is MMR (**PRONO: M-M-R**), how would you rate... (**INSERT ITEM**)?**[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ]** Next, how would you rate (**INSERT ITEM**)?  
(**READ AS NECESSARY:** Thinking about childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella, that is MMR (**PRONO: M-M-R**), how would you rate (**INSERT ITEM**)? (**READ LIST**))**BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a The risk of side effects
- b The preventive health benefits

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Very high
- 2 High
- 3 Medium
- 4 Low
- 5 Very low
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (**DO NOT READ**)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (**DO NOT READ**)** Refused

**QUE: MMR\_RISKBENE2****ASK ALL:**

Overall, do you think...

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (**READ LIST**)**

- 1 The benefits of childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella outweigh the risks
- 2 The risks of childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella outweigh the benefits
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (**DO NOT READ**)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (**DO NOT READ**)** Refused

**QUE: MMR\_REQUIRE****ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which comes closer to your views about childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella, even if neither is exactly right?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 Parents should be able to decide not to vaccinate their children, even if that may create health risks for other children and adults
- 2 Healthy children should be required to be vaccinated in order to attend public schools because of the potential risk for others when children are not vaccinated
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: CHILDVAX\_ISSUES****ASK ALL:**

How much do you, personally, care about issues related to childhood vaccines?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Not too much
- 4 Not at all
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**BAT: CHILDVAXVIEWS****ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Thinking about childhood vaccines in general, how confident are you that...

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Thinking about childhood vaccines in general, how confident are you that... **(INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Next, how confident are you that... **(INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a Childhood vaccines are highly effective at preventing serious illness
- b Childhood vaccines have been tested enough for safety
- c The children's vaccine schedule is safe, meaning the timing and number of vaccines that children get

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Extremely confident
- 2 Very confident
- 3 Somewhat confident
- 4 Not too confident
- 5 Not at all confident

**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**

6 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?

99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**BAT: VAXPROTECT****ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ASK ITEMS IN ORDER – DO NOT RANDOMIZE; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS SCICONTRIB, HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Just your impression, how much do childhood vaccines help to prevent serious illness among each of the following?

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Just your impression, how much do childhood vaccines help to prevent serious illness among each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. How much do childhood vaccines help to prevent serious illness among this group? **(READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Next, how about among **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:)** How much do childhood vaccines help to prevent serious illness among this group? **(READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

INDIV Children in your local community who get the vaccines

COMM Everybody in your local community

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Quite a bit
- 3 Some
- 4 Not too much
- 5 Not at all

**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**

6 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?

99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**BAT: CHILDVAX\_ACTORS****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: SPLIT ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS, WITH SCREEN 1 ALWAYS FIRST AND SCREEN 2 ALWAYS SECOND; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN]

[ PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN ]

[ PN: IF WEB: ] What role, if any, do you think each of the following groups should have in making decisions about policy issues related to childhood vaccines?

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] What role, if any, do you think each of the following groups should have in making decisions about policy issues related to childhood vaccines? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Would you say this group should have a... **(READ LIST)**

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** What role, if any, do you think this group should have in making decisions about policy issues related to childhood vaccines? **(READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

[ PN: SHOW ON SCREEN 1 ]

[ PN: NO ITEM A ]

- b The general public
- c Medical scientists
- d Health insurance company leaders

[ PN: SHOW ON SCREEN 2 ]

- e [ PN: IF WEB: ] Pharmaceutical (medical) industry leaders [ PN: IF CATI: ] Pharmaceutical **(PRONO: far-muh-SOO-tuh-kuhl)**, that is medical, industry leaders
- f Parents with young children
- g Federal government officials
- h State government officials

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 A major role
- 2 A minor role
- 3 No role
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**BAT: CHILDVAX\_RESEARCH****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS, WITH ITEM F ALWAYS LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]

[ PN: IF WEB: ] How often, if ever, do you think research findings from medical scientists about the health risks and benefits of childhood vaccines are influenced by each of the following?

[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ] How often, if ever, do you think research findings from medical scientists about the health risks and benefits of childhood vaccines are influenced by each of the following? First, what about by (INSERT ITEM)? Would you say... (READ LIST)

(READ AS NECESSARY: How often, if ever, do you think research findings from medical scientists about the health risks and benefits of childhood vaccines are influenced by (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST))

[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ] What about by (INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: How often, if ever, do you think research findings from medical scientists about the health risks and benefits of childhood vaccines are influenced by (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST))

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

[ PN: NO ITEM A ]

b Concern for the best interests of children's health

c Their own personal political leanings

[ PN: NO ITEM D ]

e The best available scientific evidence

f [ PN: IF WEB: ] The interests of pharmaceutical (medical) companies [ PN: IF CATI: ] The interests of pharmaceutical (PRONO: far-muh-SOO-tuh-kuhl), that is medical, companies

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Most of the time

2 Some of the time

3 Not too often

4 Never

98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know

99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: COVVAX25****ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

The federal government recently approved an updated vaccine for COVID-19. Which of the following best describes you...

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 I want to get an updated vaccine
- 2 I don't want to get an updated vaccine

**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**

- 3 I already got an updated vaccine
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: VAXREC\_HEARD****ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** As you may know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) makes vaccine recommendations. How much, if anything, have you heard about recent changes the CDC has made to their COVID-19 vaccine recommendations?

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**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Nothing at all
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: VAX\_DECIDE****ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT RECOMMENDATION CHANGE****(VAXREC\_HEARD=1,2):**

How much influence did these recent changes to the CDC's COVID-19 vaccine recommendations have on your decision [ **PN: INSERT IF COVVAX25=1,2,98,99:** about whether you want ] to get an updated COVID-19 vaccine?

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 Major influence
- 2 Minor influence
- 3 No influence
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: VAXTRUST****ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT RECOMMENDATION CHANGE****(VAXREC\_HEARD=1,2):**

[ **PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 HOLDING 3, 4, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

Do these recent changes to the CDC's COVID-19 vaccine recommendations make you more trusting or less trusting of other vaccine recommendations that come from the Trump administration?

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 More trusting
- 2 Less trusting
- 3 Has had no effect
- [ **PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE** ]
- 4 Don't know enough to say
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.**

**QUE: KIDS1****ASK ALL:**

Are you the parent or guardian of any children under age 18?

[ PN: IF CATI: ] **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: KIDSAGEGRP****ASK IF PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF CHILD UNDER 18 (KIDS1=1):**

[ PN: PROGRAM A NUMERIC TEXT BOX TO THE RIGHT OF EACH AGE RANGE; VALID RANGE FOR RESPONDENT=0-9; VALID RANGE FOR PROGRAM=0-99; NO LETTERS OR DECIMALS ]

[ PN: IF WEB AND BLANK, SOFT PROMPT: "Please enter a number in each box. If you would like to skip, click Next." ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN WITHOUT A RESPONSE; IF CATI, INTERVIEWERS MUST ENTER A RESPONSE FOR EACH AGE RANGE, OR SELECT DK OR REFUSED ]

[ PN: IF ENTERS A NUMBER GREATER THAN 9, BUT LESS THAN 100 SOFT PROMPT: "If you have more than 9 children in this age group, please enter 9 and click Next." ]

[ PN: IF ENTERS A NUMBER GREATER THAN 99 HARD PROMPT: "The number you entered is too large"]

How many children do you have in the following age groups?

[ PN: IF WEB: ] *[Enter number of children in each age category. Enter 0 if none]*

[ PN: IF CATI: ] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 0 to 4 years old [ PN: PROGRAM NUMERIC TEXT BOX ]
- 2 5 to 12 years old [ PN: PROGRAM NUMERIC TEXT BOX ]
- 3 13 to 17 years old [ PN: PROGRAM NUMERIC TEXT BOX ]
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ PN: CREATE 3 KIDSAGEGRP\_REFUSED VARIABLES, ONE FOR EACH AGE RANGE ]

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