If a vaccine becomes available, would you inoculate your children with it?

Our children are grown with children of their own. We asked them.

R – answered in one word, "yes."

T- replied, "only if they say the kids are not allowed to go back to schools without it, otherwise probably not."

H – "My Kids could use to grow a 3rd arm. Maybe they'd finally make their beds." Y – "A" (his wife) "and I want to wait six months at least to see if there are any side effects. No trials have included children under 12, so we want to use other people's children as guinea pigs."

I group answered them by text, "I understood. After all," I assured them, "when the government says they are here to help, they always do things that work out for your best, right? "

My kids are used to my sarcastic humor with its touch of experienced geriatric observations.

"What about the long-term effects on your children?" I asked. "The Covid vaccines have been developed at a Warp Speed. What about a risk to your kids having kids someday or waking up one morning and finding out their toes fell off during the night?"

"Mom and I would not have inoculated you guys. The mortality risk to healthy children, even if they caught the virus, is minuscule. Standard childhood inoculations have a much higher risk than if a child gets Covid."

"Have you guys ever heard of Thalidomide? No, O.K. look it up."

"Dad, stop telling us to look up everything, just tell us what is what," H. said.

JK – "Thalidomide was a sedative prescribed commonly, in the 1950s, to pregnant women for nausea. Though the drug cleared the science, science did not know it was disastrous to babies in utero. It caused horrific birth defects. It led to the death of 2,000 babies, with serious birth defects to 10,000 before it was stopped."

Y – "Dad that is terrible. That is not like Covid that will kill millions upon millions."

JK- "Have you guys ever heard of the Cutter incident in the 1950s? The Polio vaccine company made a mistake. They gave live poliovirus vaccines, instead of the neutered strain, to 200,000 children with horrific results.

Just now, the current recommended dosage for one of the Covid vaccines was a mistake. It happened, Thank God, to be a positive mistake. Science –nearly f'd up big time."

R – "Dad, I am sure the science is doing their best job possible given the necessity of getting a vaccine asap. Things happen."

JK – "Yes, things happen, but do you want to risk it with your children?"

"Let's talk about what we know."

"The rush to the vaccine has been so great, pregnant women have been excluded from the testing. 2/3 of the hospital staff are women. They have no idea what the vaccine will do to a fetus or to women's reproductive considerations. They do not even know what Covid will do to them."

"Agreed upon Covid science says children are very low risk to get Covid or to pass it along. Why, they do not know."

"Many school systems are open and functioning without any of the kids having had a Covid vaccine. Others are shut down tight, fearing teachers will get it, or Grandma will get it from the kids after they come home from school."

"Science is very aware of the long term negative affect on school children by keeping schools closed. Politicians are making the decisions to open or close schools, not science."

"Yes, I know your state, despite the science, is keeping the schools closed. Who are they protecting? The kids? The teachers? For those teachers at risk, stay home and get paid anyway. They keep pushing the failed policies of remote learning. Seems to me like a free salary ride for little to no work."

"I know when the time comes, you guys will think long and hard before putting your kids at risk."

"Mom and I are not anti-vaxxers. We never were even after the government threatened to lock you out of school without your shots."

"We took you for all your shots from the time you were infants. At worst, they shaved a few points off your IQ scores. Certainly not enough were shaved off to keep you from being admitted to higher education and our having to pay your college bills, your fraternity fees, your beer bashing, and spring break partying costs."

"We, like you, just want to understand the risk of getting a hurried up, vaccine pushed by panicky politicians and big pharma making billions on the vaccine, for everyone whether they need it or not."

"If kids are so low risk, and herd immunity is the goal, why not focus on anyone over 30 for the shots. My generations always said don't trust anyone over 30. We are over 30 and I am telling you don't blindly trust anyone over 30."

"Most parents would step in front of a speeding bus to save their family...at least the ones they liked."

R – "So you are saying you guys would've let H get hit by the bus?" (Sibling ribbing is always around.)

Y – "Pretty sure they tried to push me a few times."

JK, "I was referring to Rosie (the family cocker spaniel). Mom and I liked her better than you guys half the time." (Grin)

"One question. Why the rush to inoculate children if the panic is to inoculate the adults to reach some sort of herd immunity? As far as agreed upon science knows, children are not super spreaders."

"Who is benefiting by the government terrifying the public, controlling our lives, and forcing a vaccine, without any long-term testing, into children. Follow the money. Ask who is getting the power to control you, and why? Who is getting rich?"

"Mom and I plan to take the vaccine if and when it is available. We plan to be around to irritate you guys for a long time. We are also planning on spending your inheritances."

"We are asking you to consider everything. All decisions have risk. This is a really, tough, tough one. Do not blindly accept what the government or some pharma company tells you is best for you and your families."

Your very not P.C. Dad