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PARENTAL RIGHTS AND VACCINATION CHOICE ARE ESSENTIAL

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NEW JERSEY - Vaccination is a medical procedure that carries with it the possibility of injury and death for some. In 1986, Congress declared that vaccines are "unavoidably unsafe." Parents must have the right to decide if their child(ren) should receive some vaccines, all vaccines or no vaccines. Any medical procedure that carries risks must have the option to be declined.

The measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR) is a live virus vaccine with the potential of recipient shedding for several weeks. It is a known fact that those who are immunocompromised should avoid contact with the recently vaccinated. "Why are we blaming the non-vaccinated for disease outbreaks when there is evidence that vaccinated individuals can spread disease?" asked Sue Collins, Co-Founder of the New Jersey Coalition for Vaccination Choice. <http://www.westonaprice.org/press/studies-show-that-vaccinated-individuals-spread-disease/>

"The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 removed all liability from the vaccine manufacturers. There is no incentive for them to make a safer product. The fact that there is talk about suing parents of the unvaccinated for a disease of nature, yet parents cannot sue a vaccine manufacturer when their child(ren) has been injured or killed by a vaccine does not make any sense," added Collins. Since 1990, In the United States there have **been 6,674 reports of SEVERE adverse effects and 261 DEATHS associated with the measles vaccines** as reported to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#). Furthermore, the federal government has paid out nearly \$3 billion in compensation to families that have suffered vaccine injury and death. <http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/statisticsreport.pdf>

"Vaccination awareness groups are forming because parents are experiencing, as clearly documented, some very negative outcomes with vaccines. In order to strengthen the vaccination program, parents need less mandates, more choices. There is a clear conflict of interest when the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is responsible for promoting vaccines and vaccine safety. There is plenty of data to suggest that vaccine safety is not a top priority, and that needs to be reviewed. Removing the liability protection for the pharmaceutical industry is a good place to start." added Anne Downing, NJCVC Advocate and parent of a vaccine injured child.

The New Jersey Coalition for Vaccination Choice (NJCVC) was formed in 2008. It is a statewide organization made up of individuals and organizations dedicated to promoting vaccination choice and preserving the right to informed consent regarding vaccination.

Something to Think About: New Jersey currently has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country with over 95% vaccinated. NJ also requires more vaccinations than most states, and NJ is one of the leaders in developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, and ADHD, among others.