

May 5, 2025

Dear Toronto Board of Health,

Re: Agenda Item #5 Toronto Public Health 2025 Risk Management Plan

The 2025 Risk Management Plan identifies “Challenges in Public Confidence in Public Health Advice” as part of one of the four risks facing Toronto Public Health, and cites “misinformation” and “disinformation” as part of the problem:

“3. Challenges in Public Confidence in Public Health Advice This is a stakeholder/public perception risk with a score of 12: 3 impact and 4 likelihood. This was also identified as a risk in 2024. **Misinformation, disinformation, and exhaustion from the pandemic can decrease public confidence in public health advice.** This increases the need for meaningful population engagement to maintain public trust. Strategies to mitigate this risk include: monitoring the public's expressions of concerns to address them through strategic communications; positioning of Toronto Public Health as a trusted and reliable source of health information; enhancing the toronto.ca website to promote valuable, reliable, inclusive and accessible information; collaboration and partnership with trusted community leaders and organizations on public health initiatives; and continued deployment of evidence-based public health interventions and programs.”

I agree that misinformation and disinformation are a problem. However, it is also a problem as to what is judged to be “misinformation” and “disinformation.”

During the past few years, I have seen a lot of good, important information being labelled as “mis” or “dis” information, in particular any info questioning the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines.

In Canada, two recent significant scientific items include:

1. A 2024 paper in the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons by mostly Canadian scientists summarizing issues with the Pfizer COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (poor testing, inefficacy, vaccine adverse events, etc.) that says “they should be removed from the market and their use in humans ... stopped.”¹
2. An Open Letter of Concern authored by Canadian scientists & clinicians calling for an immediate halt to the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines, citing DNA contamination, SV40 DNA sequence in the Pfizer vaccine, batch inconsistencies, ribosomal frameshifting, and shift to IgG4 antibodies. <http://www.call2halt19.ca>

These are good, solid, pieces of science that need to be read. (I picked them for you because they are both summaries. The first one covers earlier discovered issues. The second one covers more recently discovered issues. Together they cover most if not all of the known issues.) They are not misinformation or disinformation.

¹ Oldfield, P. R.; Gutschi, L. M.; McCullough, P. A.; Speicher, D. J. Pfizer/BioNTech’s COVID-19 modRNA vaccines: Dangerous genetic mechanism of action released before sufficient preclinical testing. Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons 2024, 29(4), 118-126. <https://jpands.org/vol29no4/oldfield.pdf>

For me, it is clear that these COVID-19 mRNA vaccines have not been safe. I have reviewed the science. I have also met people injured by the vaccine, and known of those with worse fates.

Your risk management report talks about “positioning Toronto Public Health as a trusted and reliable source of health information.” For me to trust again, I would need acknowledgement of the true extent of harms done by the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines.

Some local jurisdictions in the world have started to acknowledge potential harms and suspend use of these vaccines. For example: 15 local councils in Australia have passed motions to suspend Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines. <https://porthedlandmotion.info/>

Toronto too can be a leader in turning the tide, and restore the public’s trust. Reconsidering what is “misinformation” and “disinformation” would be key.

Regards,

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