**Children and COVID-19 Vaccination: Ethical Issues and Considerations**

**Time**: 13 September, 2021 1pm-2pm London time

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The following questions will form the basis of the seminar’s panel discussion. Seminar attendees are invited to submit questions in advance of the seminar when they register or during the live discussion.

1. What are the ethical considerations and issues associated with vaccinating children against COVID-19 given known risks and benefits and a context of relative uncertainty?
2. Where COVID-19 vaccinations have been authorized for children, should vaccination be made mandatory in schools?
3. Where COVID-19 vaccinations have not been authorized for children, should they ever be given off-label to this population?
4. Because children tend to be at lower risk than some other populations, should countries refrain from vaccinating children until the most vulnerable are vaccinated globally?

**Suggested reading materials:**

* Should we delay COVID-19 vaccination in children? <https://www.bmj.com/content/bmj/374/bmj.n1687.full.pdf>
* COVID-19 Vaccines for children in LMICs: another equity issue [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(21)01748-7/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2821%2901748-7/fulltext)
* Public perspectives on COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8035644/>