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# Texas Parents Warn Against Vaccination After Measles Case

## Description

Despite the tragic loss of their unvaccinated 6-year-old daughter to measles on February 26, Texas parents express unwavering skepticism towards vaccination—a stance that remains unshaken even in the face of personal tragedy.

Through a translator, the parents conveyed that they still advise against vaccination, perceiving media portrayals as exaggerated. Their deeply held beliefs overshadow the devastating consequences of the recent outbreak.

Members of a Mennonite community in Gaines County, the couple discussed their views with Children's Health Defense executives in both English and Low German, illustrating their conviction that their daughter's death was part of a divine plan, insisting she is now in a better place.

The mother, resolute in her decision, stated, "We would absolutely not take the MMR," referring to the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, upholding her anti-vaccine stance despite her daughter's demise.

The parents reported that their four other children, who recovered swiftly with home remedies, further cement their belief that measles wasn't particularly severe. However, their daughter's condition deteriorated, leading to her hospitalization and eventual death.

Children's Health Defense shared their interview online. Nevertheless, Covenant Children's Hospital, where the daughter was treated, refuted claims, asserting adherence to evidence-based medical protocols. They highlighted measles as a highly contagious and potentially fatal disease.

With 279 cases reported in Gaines and neighboring counties, the outbreak highlights the necessity for informed health choices. The hospital urges individuals with measles concerns to consult healthcare professionals for guidance.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Skepticism** /'skep.tɪ.sɪ.zəm/ (noun): A skeptical attitude; doubt as to the truth of something.
2. **Adhere** /əd'hɪr/ (verb): To stick fast to a surface or substance; to believe in and follow the practices of.
3. **Perceiving** /pər'si:vɪŋ/ (verb): The process of becoming aware or conscious of something.
4. **Contagious** /kən'teɪ.dʒəs/ (adjective): Able to be transmitted from one person to another especially an infectious disease.
5. **Assert** /ə'sɜ:rt/ (verb): To state a fact or belief confidently and forcefully.
6. **Necessity** /nə'ses.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The state or fact of being required or indispensable.



## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which type of disease affects the heart and blood vessels?  
Option: Cardiovascular  
Option: Endocrine  
Option: Musculoskeletal  
Option: Neurological
2. What term is used to describe additional issues or problems that arise following a primary disease?  
Option: Allergies  
Option: Complications  
Option: Remission  
Option: Prevention

### Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the process of receiving a vaccine to build immunity against a specific disease.

### Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )

4. Diseases caused by pathogenic microorganisms are considered .
5. The act of admitting a patient to a hospital for treatment is known as .

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Cardiovascular 2. Complications

**Gap-Fill:** 3. Vaccination

**Matching sentence:** 1. Infectious 2. Hospitalization

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