

**FALSE  
NARRATIVE**

## **Early polio vaccines are the cause of RSV**

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### **The False Narrative**

Polio vaccines manufactured in the 1950s and 1960s included a monkey virus called chimpanzee coryza virus that introduced respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) to the general public.

### **The Facts**

It is baseless to claim that polio vaccines ever contained a monkey virus that introduced RSV to the general population. Cherie Duvall-Jones, a press officer for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, told NewsGuard in a February 2024 email: “The assertion that RSV originated from polio vaccines is false.”

Amesh Adalja, a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, told NewsGuard in a January 2024 email that there is “zero veracity” to the notion that polio vaccines introduced RSV through a monkey virus known as the chimpanzee coryza virus. “It is basically an arbitrary assertion made devoid of any evidence,” he said. “The claim is entirely false.”

Adalja noted that some polio vaccines manufactured in the 1950s and 1960s were indeed contaminated with a monkey virus called SV40, which was found to have no ill effects on humans. He said that polio vaccines were “never” contaminated with the chimpanzee coryza virus, which, according to the American Society for

Microbiology, was first identified in chimpanzees used for polio research in 1956. Adalja explained that RSV was once known as the chimpanzee coryza virus, “because it was first identified in chimpanzees before being recognized as a human pathogen that humans had coincidentally infected chimpanzees with.”

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, polio vaccines have proven to be safe, and “the body of scientific evidence overwhelmingly supports their safety.” Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia states on its website that side effects of polio vaccines include pain, redness, and swelling at the injection site, while polio itself carries risks including fever, permanent paralysis, and death.

## **How the False Narrative Emerged**

The claim appears to have originated with an episode of “The Highwire With Del Bigtree,” a talk show hosted by anti-vaccine activist Del Bigtree. In an episode posted to BitChute.com on Jan. 19, 2024, Bigtree stated: “Forget the fact that RSV appears to be a problem in the world because of the polio vaccine. In fact, that was a derivative — it came from a monkey virus that, in the manufacture of the polio vaccine, we introduced to the world. You’re welcome!”

## **Where the False Narrative Spread**

The claim was advanced on sites that were found by NewsGuard to repeatedly publish false or egregiously misleading information, including The Expose, SGT Report, and DC Clothesline. The claim has also spread across websites in the Natural News network, including VaccineInjuryNews.com and PharmaceuticalFraud.com.

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## **Examples of this False Narrative ⓘ**

## FIRST APPEARANCE

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- [https://www.planet-today.com/2024/01/rsv-introduced-into-population-by-polio.html?utm\\_campaign=shareaholic&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_source=socialnetwork](https://www.planet-today.com/2024/01/rsv-introduced-into-population-by-polio.html?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork)

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- <https://expose-news.com/2024/01/24/polio-vaccines-introduced-rsv-into-populations/>

“It has been known for a long time that polio vaccines contained a monkey virus called the coryza virus, which was later renamed respiratory syncytial virus (“RSV”).”

 7.5/100 [expose-news.com](https://expose-news.com) (en\_GB)

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- <https://dccllothesline.com/2024/01/27/rsv-introduced-into-population-by-polio-vaccines-now-pfizers-rsv-vaccines-risk-harming-killing-people/>

“It is true. The polio vaccines our parents and grandparents received contained a monkey virus called the coryza virus that, once it was injected into tens of millions of bodies, the medical establishment quietly renamed it as RSV to hide its true origins as a vaccine-induced illness.”

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“Most of America has no clue that RSV is basically a vaccine side effect, even as millions are herded into taking Abrysvo for their own "protection.”

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Reliable Sources ⓘ

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(RSV OR "respiratory syncytial virus") AND "polio vaccine"

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### Associated Labels ⓘ

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[sgtreport.com \(en\\_US\)](#)

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