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Dear Mr. Kuntz:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 11, 2026, offering your well wishes and congratulations on my new role as Chief Public Health Officer of Canada (CPHO), and for sharing your concerns and suggestions regarding the statement on our [web page](#) indicating that autism is not caused by vaccination.

I understand that vaccine safety is of the utmost concern to parents, as it is to advocates such as yourself, health care providers, and public health professionals. As you likely know, the question of whether vaccines cause autism has been studied extensively for more than two decades by researchers around the world. Large, well-designed studies involving hundreds of thousands of children across multiple countries have consistently found no evidence that vaccines cause autism. A synthesis of this research is outlined in the [report from the World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#), which was released in support of the [statement](#) you referenced in December 2025.

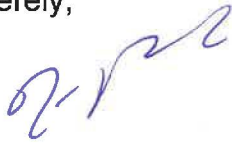
Public health guidance is based on the quality, consistency and strength of available evidence and is communicated to the public in clear, plain language that accurately reflects that evidence. In this instance, the findings are consistent, and draw on numerous high-quality studies conducted over many years across diverse populations and settings. Collectively, this body of evidence demonstrates that vaccines are not associated with an increased risk of autism, which is reflected on the Canada.ca website.

As part of its mandate, the Public Health Agency of Canada will continue to review and assess emerging evidence and update public health guidance and communications as appropriate, based on the conclusions drawn from that evidence.

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Again, I appreciate you taking the time to write on this issue. In my new role as the CPHO, I believe it is important to engage in dialogue on issues that affect people in Canada and to work together in support of public health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Joss Reimer". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and "R".

Dr. Joss Reimer