

Judging the Accuracy of the News: Assessing Your News Source



Select a news story from your source of choice.

News Story Title:

More than 99% of people hospitalized with COVID in N.J. have been unvaccinated, Murphy says

Date Created/Published:

7/26/21

News Source Type:

Online article (NJ.com)

Use the 6 question method to assess the accuracy of your chosen news source:

Who wrote/created this piece of news?

Karin Price Mueller

Who is the target audience of this piece of news?

People living in New Jersey including

- people refusing a vaccine
- people unable to get vaccinated
- residents worried about the spread of Covid-19
- public health and government officials

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Who is paying for this? Or, who will get paid if you click on this piece of news?

- NJ Advance Media
- Advance Publications
- the Newhouse family (owners)

Who could benefit or be harmed by the message of this piece of news?

All residents of NJ could benefit from being aware of the dangers of being unvaccinated and the benefit of continuing to be careful concerning Covid-19.

What piece of the story is being left out (that may be important to fully understand what is going on)?

The story covers the multiple factors involved in Covid related hospitalization. It does not discuss immunocompromised individuals who cannot get vaccinated for health reasons.

Is this a credible source (and why do you believe this)?

Yes, I believe it is credible because it confirms the Governor's statements with a public health expert and references data from both individuals.

What did you learn from this article?

Getting vaccinated is important to protecting individuals and communities from Covid. Not doing so is dangerous.