

# ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION

*Markkula Center for Applied Ethics  
Faculty and Scholars Provide Analysis of  
the Ethical Dilemmas Associated with  
COVID-19 Vaccination*

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-- What: Santa Clara University's [Markkula Center for Applied Ethics](#) presents its latest Ethics Spotlight on the [Ethical Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination](#). The collection of essays is authored by Ethics Center faculty, scholars, and ethicists. Some of the perspectives featured in the collection include:

["Thinking Ethically about Mask and Vaccine Mandates"](#) by Margaret R. McLean, senior fellow with the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics and a senior lecturer of religious studies at Santa Clara University.

"An American Freedom Worth Its Name: The Freedom not to get COVID-19" by David E. DeCosse (@DavidDeCosse), director of the Religious & Catholic Ethics and Campus Ethics programs at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics.

"During Our Continuing COVID-19 Crisis, Good Ethical-Decision Making May Be Our Only Hope" by Thomas Plante (@ThomasPlante) Augustin Cardinal Bea, SJ professor of psychology at Santa Clara University, faculty scholar with the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics and, adjunct clinical



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professor of psychiatry at Stanford University School of Medicine.

The authors featured in this Spotlight are available to speak with members of the media about these issues. Contact Joel Dibble to arrange an interview.

Why: While vaccines provide protection for individuals and communities against severe disease and death, this fight is far from over as we see infection rates climb, especially among children who cannot be vaccinated.

Where: Visit the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics' website to view the articles at: <https://www.scu.edu/ethics-spotlight/ethical-considerations-for-covid-19-vaccination/>.

This resource is part of the Ethics Spotlight series, which provides analysis of society's most pressing issues. Previous Spotlights have analyzed topics including the January 6 insurrection at the Capitol building, systemic racism, the climate crisis, and many others.

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