

January 2022 Newsletter



January 2022 iConquerMS Spotlight



Welcoming Children and Teens to iConquerMS – Seeking your input!

iConquerMS (www.iConquerMS.org) is a virtual research community for people affected by MS, created and maintained by the nonprofit Accelerated Cure Project. Members of iConquerMS register on the iConquerMS.org website and participate in a variety of activities to shape and support research.

iConquerMS currently has over 7,500 members worldwide, all of whom are adults 21 years of age or older. We are in the process of expanding the initiative to include children and adolescents

as well as their parents and guardians as iConquerMS members. This project is being guided by a multi-stakeholder steering committee that includes adolescents with MS, parents of children with MS, advocacy groups, healthcare providers, and researchers.

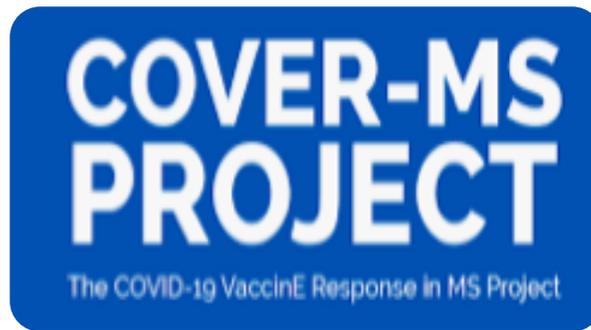


When finished, iConquerMS membership will be opened up to younger people with MS and their parents/guardians. We will also seek to partner with pediatric MS researchers to support their work, and will look for ways to support pediatric MS healthcare providers and their needs for information and resources.

We are looking for feedback from children and teens with MS, their parents and guardians, healthcare providers and researchers as we design and implement support for pediatric MS within iConquerMS. Those interested in sharing their perspectives can complete this [survey](#), which should take about 10 minutes to complete. At the end of the survey children and teens, their parents and guardians be invited to go to another form where you can provide your contact information if you'd like to be sent a \$5 gift code for completing the survey and/or be kept informed about iConquerMS.

Thank you, in advance, for sharing your insights and helping us to make the iConquerMS initiative inclusive of this very important age group!





iConquerMS members shed light on the impact of COVID-19

In our last update we shared a summary of the initial findings from COVER-MS, namely, having MS does not appear to increase the likelihood someone will experience vaccination reactions. These findings were made possible by the data **you** contributed.

Read on for how you can access the full results of this analysis, learn what's next for COVER-MS, and more!

First journal publication: Our vaccination reaction findings have just been published in the medical journal *Neurology: Neuroimmunology and Neuroinflammation*. You can read the [full article on the journal website](#), and you can also find the highlights in [this infographic](#) as well as [this summary from the National MS Society](#).

We hope these results provide reassurance about the safety of COVID-19 vaccines for people with MS. Please help spread the word by sharing the findings with others who are looking for information on this topic. If you have any questions about the results, [let us know](#).

What's next? With the initial findings published, we're turning our attention to additional questions about how the COVID-19 vaccines are working in people with MS. Topics under consideration include breakthrough infections and effect on MS symptoms. We're also developing a study of antibody responses to the vaccine that

will enroll a subset of COVER-MS participants.

Now would be a great time to make sure your study information is up to date!

- Have you **tested positive for COVID-19** or **been diagnosed with COVID-19** since you were vaccinated? Please complete the COVID-19 Infection survey.
- Have you **received a booster** or an additional vaccine dose? Please fill out the Vaccination Details survey on the COVER-MS dashboard.
- Have you **had an MS relapse** or experienced any **changes in your MS symptoms**? Please fill out the MS Symptoms survey.

To update your data, just log into your [iConquerMS](#) account and click “Participate in the COVID-19 Vaccination Study.” Your information is valuable and appreciated!



Update Your
COVER-MS
Data Now!