

The History of Vaccines

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With the news this week that a COVID-19 vaccine is well underway, we're taking a look at the historic origins of immunizations.

Have you ever wondered who thought it would be a good idea to inject ourselves with deadly diseases in order to get better? What made those early physicians try it out in the first place? And, how long have people been suspicious of vaccines? This Friday at noon, Dr. Nadja Durbach and Dr. Josefa Steinhauer will offer insights into the medical past as well as some context for the anti-vaxxer movement of today.

GUESTS

- [Dr. Nadja Durbach](#), professor of history at the University of Utah. She is the author of [Bodily Matters: The Anti-Vaccination Movement in England, 1853–1907](#). [[Amazon](#)]
- [Dr. Josefa Steinhauer](#), associate professor of biology at Yeshiva University.



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