



# Twitter Report: Staying safe and informed on Twitter during COVID-19

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## Executive Summary

As the global community faces the COVID-19 pandemic together, Twitter is helping people find reliable information, connect with others, and follow what's happening in real time.

Throughout these unprecedented times, Twitter has continued to adapt and update our policies and enforcement, as well as increase transparency and share more data to ensure experts and the public can better analyse how discussion around COVID-19 continues to evolve. We have kept an updated blog with all relevant information on Twitter's efforts [covid19.twitter.com](https://twitter.com/covid19) and to date, **over 160 million people have visited the COVID-19 curated page, over two billion times.**

Below is an overview of the measures we have taken to protect the health of the public conversation while ensuring we are a collaborative and open partner in endeavours to address the challenging and changing online and offline issues society is facing.

- In December 2020 we expanded our COVID-19 misleading information policy to cover misleading information about vaccines, covering Tweets which advance harmful false or misleading narratives about COVID-19 vaccinations will be removed. In addition, starting in early 2021, we may label or place a warning on Tweets that advance unsubstantiated rumors, disputed claims, as well as incomplete or out-of-context information about vaccines.
- As part of our work to help people understand who they are interacting with on Twitter, in December 2020 we updated our [verification policy on the basis of feedback received from the public](#) through an open consultation.
- In January 2020 we launched a dedicated COVID-19 search prompt feature so that when somebody searches for COVID-19 they are met with credible, authoritative content at the very top of their search experience. **This has been expanded to over 80 countries worldwide, including 17 EU Member States, and is currently available in 29 languages.**
- In 2020, **we more than quadrupled the number of live #ThereIsHelp prompts.** We currently have **272 prompts active in 99 countries worldwide**, including EU Member States, covering 12 issue areas.
- In over 30 countries, we launched '[Twitter Events Pages](#)' that bring together the latest Tweets from a number of authoritative and trustworthy government, media and civil society sources in local languages. We regularly update these pages to ensure that people are met with credible information on Twitter.
- To date, Twitter has disclosed 85,267 accounts linked to state backed information operations.
- From 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2020 there were 1,081 Promoted Tweets that violated our COVID-19 policy.

This report contains information on policies, products, philanthropy activities and actions undertaken from 1 to 31 December 2020. Via the following links you can consult the reports submitted in [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#) and [November](#).



## Helping people find reliable information

### Initiatives to promote authoritative content and empower citizens

As countries all over Europe are facing a new surge of COVID-19 cases, we continue our efforts to protect the public conversation, elevate sources of reliable information, and build partnerships with governments and non-profit organisations.

In January 2020, before the official designation of the virus and in partnership with national public health agencies and the WHO, we launched a dedicated search prompt feature so that when somebody searches for COVID-19 they are met with credible, authoritative content at the very top of their search experience. We constantly monitor the conversation on the service to ensure that any keywords, including misspellings, generate the quality search results.

**Prompts have been expanded to over 80 countries worldwide and available in 29 languages.** In the EU, the prompt is active in: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden. In Belgium and Finland, a bilingual prompt was created. It is also available in the United Kingdom. *All countries in the EU were contacted and offered the opportunity to launch the prompt. This opportunity still stands.*

In 2020 the top hashtag used was #COVID19 which was **Tweeted nearly 400 million times**. This shows the value and importance of elevating credible information through search prompts. #Stayhome was the third biggest hashtag of the year, which highlights people sharing greater awareness and concerns for public safety, as well as promoting more ways to be active and entertained at home.

In over 30 countries, we launched '[Twitter Events Pages](#)' that bring together the latest Tweets from a number of authoritative and trustworthy government, media and civil society sources in local languages.

We continued to elevate the conversation addressing safety and effectiveness of mask wearing with a series of [Twitter Moments](#) in English, Spanish and Portuguese and [marketing campaigns](#) and a [customised emoji](#) that can be activated with the hashtag #WearAMask, which was translated into 20 languages.

Looking back on 2020 as a whole, what was clear from the trends that there was an increased sense of gratitude and support for communities everywhere, with Tweets expressing being grateful or thankful increased by 20% globally, with a particular recognition of doctors (+135%), teachers (+30%), and essential/frontline workers (that phrase was Tweeted more than 17 million times in 2020).



## Addressing the wider impact of COVID-19

In addition to the numerous measures taken to promote reliable sources of information summarised above and detailed in the previous reports, we continue to engage in addressing new and emerging challenges that COVID-19 has exacerbated.

**In 2020, we more than quadrupled the number of live #ThereIsHelp prompts.**

**We currently have 272 prompts active in 99 countries worldwide, including EU Member States, covering 12 issue areas.** (COVID-19, vaccines, suicide and self-harm, child sexual exploitation, 5G conspiracies, disaster preparedness, addiction, eating disorders, census, civic engagement, and election pre-bunks.)

All prompts are available in the national language(s). Of the 33 languages currently covered, the following European languages were added in 2020: Danish, Greek, Polish and Russian.

### Fighting eating disorders

The COVID-19 pandemic, leading to shelter-in place restrictions, job loss and the threat of getting infected, has caused an increase in mental health issues in the general community, with particularly strong and wide-ranging effects on people with anorexia and bulimia nervosa, as reported in a [study](#) in the International Journal for Eating Disorders.

On the first of December, Twitter introduced a new prompt in [Ireland](#) and the [UK](#), in partnership with the nonprofits Bodywhys and Beat Eating Disorders respectively. The prompt urges the person to call the charity or send a direct message if they or someone they know needs help.

### Help is available

If you're controlling your food, or it's controlling you, you're not alone. Our partner Bodywhys can help - call 01 2107906 or email [alex@bodywhys.ie](mailto:alex@bodywhys.ie).

[Bodywhys.ie](https://www.bodywhys.ie)

[@Bodywhys](https://twitter.com/Bodywhys)



## Empowering non-profit organisations fighting the COVID-19 pandemic

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Red Cross has been on the frontlines, working tirelessly to help the most vulnerable and provide support to individuals, families and communities with a broad range of services and interventions. We have supported Red Cross organisations in numerous EU countries through Ads for Good (see previous reports) since the early stages of the COVID-19 emergency. As we recently received feedback from one of the recipients, the Italian Red Cross, we would like to share it in this report.

In April 2020 we supported the Italian Red Cross with an Ads for Good grant, i.e. pro-bono advertising credit, of the value of \$10,000 to raise funds through a click to link campaign composed of two Tweets, one in Italian and one in English, which landed to the webpage dedicated to donations. In ten days, the Tweet received 2,242,843 views in Italian and 3,060,361 views in English.



To help the Italian Red Cross and its regional and local committees throughout the country to make the most of the power of Twitter, notably in the context of emergency response, and to hone their ability to disseminate the most critical information to the largest amount of people in the shortest amount of time, Twitter offered a tailored workshop in Italian which was attended by approximately 80 participants from all over Italy. The workshop focused on how to prepare and respond to emergencies and covered how



to use Twitter, what content to post and how to engage with the community in the various phases, from preparedness to live emergency, from recovery to mitigation, and gave useful advice on how to make communication on Twitter as effective as possible. The workshop was well received as can be seen in the [Tweet](#) below.



## Supporting government organisations on Twitter

In early December we provided training to the two German health organisations regarding COVID-19: Robert Koch-Institut and Bundeszentrale für gesundheitliche Aufklärung on safety and security. We also held a training for the German Foreign Office to support their diplomats around the world with regards to safety and security on our service.

## Ads for Good grants to support Member States and non-profits

We continued to support non-profit organisations on the platform to disseminate key public health and safety information around COVID-19, to promote media literacy, as well as to tackle issues that were exacerbated during the pandemic, such as mental health-related and discrimination issues.

**So far, we have supported over 140 organisations with Ads for Good grants across 55 countries.**

Examples of organisations and campaigns promoted in December through Ads for Good include:

### Children's Books Ireland

Through Twitter's #ImpactNest series (see previous reports) we supported social entrepreneurs such as Children's Books Ireland with workshops on social media strategies, communications and digital marketing. In addition, we supported their advertising on Twitter through Ads For Good grants. Children's Books Ireland shared [their vision](#) through Twitter Ads with the objective to encourage children across the country to discover their passion for reading.



**Children's Books Ireland**  
@KidsBooksIrel

Children's Books Ireland is the national charity and arts organisation that champions every child's right to develop a love of reading. Watch this video to see how we're working towards our vision: [#EveryChildAReader](#)



1:26 This year we gave away over 16,000 books to children

Children's Books Ireland  
[childrensbooksireland.ie](http://childrensbooksireland.ie)

2:48 PM · Dec 15, 2020 · Twitter for Advertisers

## Irish Refugee Council

We supported the Irish Refugee Council with an Ads For Good grant for their campaign around their alternative Christmas advert. With this advert the Irish Refugee Council is advocating to support refugees and those seeking protection in Ireland.

**Irish Refugee Council** ✓  
@IrishRefugeeCo

Replying to @IrishRefugeeCo

We finish the year with a re-run of our Alternative Christmas Advert.

This Christmas support refugees.

[irishrefugeecouncil.ie/donate/donate/...](http://irishrefugeecouncil.ie/donate/donate/...)



1:39 31.2K views

7:18 AM · Dec 18, 2020 · Twitter Web App



## Reporters Without borders Sweden

Reporters Without Borders promotes and defends the freedom to be informed. To provide people with accurate information is even more crucial during a pandemic. In December, we awarded the Swedish branch with an advertising grant to promote their work on protecting journalists and the freedom of expression. The grant will help the organisation reach more people with their crucial messages of allowing the free and fair disbursement of information, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Donations

We provided donations to several organisations towards the end of 2020 to support their ongoing work, including:

[Amadeu Antonio Foundation](#): Twitter supported the Foundation with a donation grant to monitor developments online with the aim to work on support activities for NGOs and to encourage a respectful debating culture online.

[Correctiv.org](#) : Twitter supported Correctiv with a donation for their efforts to further promote educational and public safety through media literacy and awareness raising on issues such as disinformation that put health and safety at risk.

## Improving awareness

### Initiatives and tools to improve awareness

As the global community faces the COVID-19 pandemic together, Twitter is helping people find reliable information, connect with others, and follow what's happening in real time. In serving the public conversation, our goal is to make it easy to find credible information on Twitter and to limit the spread of potentially harmful and misleading content. We are open about the challenges we are facing and the measures we're putting in place to serve the public conversation at this critical time.

### Data Access

Twitter firmly believes in open data access to study, analyse, and contribute to the public conversation; which is why we continue to maintain a broad public API. Researchers use Twitter data to provide valuable feedback on how the online conversations and interactions evolve on and off Twitter. We continue to provide more accessible ways to make data and information publicly available to researchers.

**Background:** Since 2006, [Twitter's APIs](#) have given researchers and developers the opportunity to tap into what's happening in the world. Twitter's APIs are a unique data source for academics and are used around the world in a wide range of fields, from disaster management to political science, every day. Every major social science conference likely features multiple papers based wholly or largely on Twitter data. Our service is the largest source of real-time social media data, and we make this data available to the public for free through our public API. No other major service does this. You can find out more [here](#).

### State backed Information Operations

Twitter [discloses state-backed actors'](#) attempts to disrupt the conversation on the service. Twitter has disclosed 85,267 accounts linked to state backed information operations to date. Our recent Transparency report highlights that we took action on more than 52,000 accounts that we reliably



attributed to information operations originating within [China](#), [Russia](#), [Turkey](#), [Serbia](#), [Honduras](#), [Egypt](#), [Indonesia](#), [Ghana](#) and [Nigeria](#) as well as a [KSA-affiliated actor](#).

## Free COVID-19 API Endpoint

To further support our ongoing efforts to protect the public conversation, and help people find authoritative health information around COVID-19, Twitter released a [specific COVID-19 API endpoint](#) into Twitter Developer Labs to enable approved developers and researchers to study the public conversation about COVID-19 in real-time.

This is a unique dataset that covers many tens of millions of Tweets daily and offers insight into the evolving global public conversation surrounding an unprecedented crisis. Making this access available for free is one of the most unique and valuable things Twitter can do as the world comes together to protect our communities and seek answers to pressing challenges.

Most common issues researchers focus on: how misinformation spreads, public perceptions of policies or official statements, or long-term impacts of the virus on mental health, vulnerable communities, and social behavior.

We are gathering further feedback from researchers who have completed projects throughout the year using the free COVID-19 API access and will update with details in our January 2021 report.

## Verification

Since March 2020, we have been working with global public health authorities to identify experts Tweeting about COVID-19 and have already verified hundreds of accounts as a part of this collaboration.

At the end of November we [announced our plan](#) to bring back our public verification program in 2021, shared a draft of our new policy, and asked for public feedback to help shape our approach. This new policy lays the foundation for future improvements by defining what verification means, who is eligible for verification and why some accounts might lose verification to ensure the program is more equitable.

Public feedback has become a critical part of our policy development process by making sure our policies reflect the global nature of our service and the people who use it. In the two weeks during our public feedback period, we received more than 22,000 survey responses, which contributed to shaping this [policy](#) as illustrated [here](#).

We will begin enforcing this policy on January 22, 2021. Under our policy, we may also remove verification from accounts that are found to be in severe or repeated violation of the Twitter Rules. We will continue to evaluate such accounts on a case-by-case basis.

Verification is just one part of our work to help people understand who they're interacting with on Twitter.

In this context, we have also started rolling out profile labels for political candidates, government accounts, and state-affiliated media. In addition to the changes we're making as we re-introduce verification, we're also working on new ways to designate different account types, starting with automated accounts (also called bots) and memorial accounts.



Our work here is far from finished, but we want to give you a look ahead at what we’re doing in this space so you can understand our approach. Further information can be found [here](#).

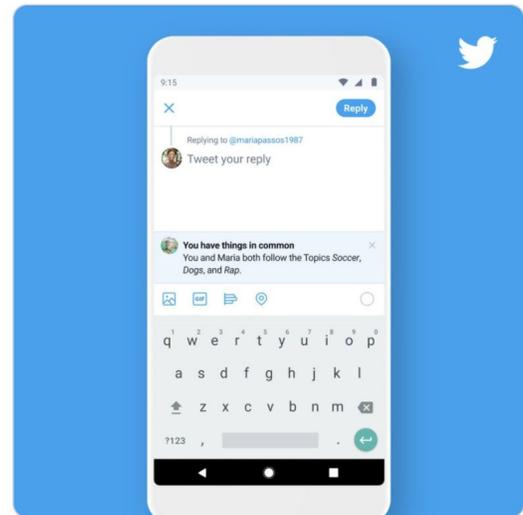
### Other product developments

On Android, [we are testing](#) a way to highlight things you have in common when you reply to someone you don’t follow or engage with. We may show the Topics you both follow, your mutual connections, or their profile bio. This is to help encourage greater connections, empathy, and understanding of other people on the service, particularly when responding to Tweets.



Sometimes you have more in common than you think.

On Android, we’re testing a way to highlight things you have in common when you reply to someone you don’t follow or engage with. We may show the Topics you both follow, your mutual connections, or their profile bio.



10:02 PM · Dec 17, 2020 · Sprinklr

213 Retweets 315 Quote Tweets 947 Likes

## Manipulative Behaviour

It is prohibited to use Twitter’s services in a manner intended to artificially amplify or suppress information or engage in behaviour that manipulates or disrupts people’s experience on Twitter.

We want Twitter to be a place where people can make human connections, find reliable information, and express themselves freely and safely. To make that possible, [we do not allow spam or other types of platform manipulation](#). We define platform manipulation as using Twitter to engage in bulk, aggressive, or deceptive activity that misleads others and/or disrupts their experience.

Platform manipulation can take many forms and our rules are intended to address a wide range of prohibited behaviour, including:

- commercially-motivated spam, that typically aims to drive traffic or attention from a conversation on Twitter to accounts, websites, products, services, or initiatives;
- inauthentic engagements, that attempt to make accounts or content appear more popular or active than they are;
- coordinated activity, that attempts to artificially influence conversations through the use of multiple accounts, fake accounts, automation and/or scripting; and
- coordinated harmful activity that encourages or promotes behaviour which violates the Twitter Rules.



## COVID-19 Guidance Enforcement

We are currently reviewing our processes and analysis to provide more accurate updates and data. We will update the following reports with updated information.

## Advertising on COVID-19

Twitter has restricted advertising containing implicit or explicit reference to COVID-19. More specifically, advertising containing implicit or explicit reference to COVID-19 is allowed when refers to adjustments to business practices and/or models in response to COVID-19 and support for customers and employees related to COVID-19, with the following restrictions:

- distasteful references to COVID-19 (or variations) are prohibited
- content may not be sensational or likely to incite panic
- prices of products related to COVID-19 may not be inflated
- the promotion of certain products related to COVID-19 may be prohibited
  - We currently prohibit the advertising of medical face masks and alcohol hand sanitisers (with or without reference to COVID). Other products may be added to this list and enforcement can be retroactive.
- the mention of vaccines, treatments and test kits is permitted, only in the form of information, from news publishers which have been exempted under the Political Ads Content policy.

Public Service Announcements related to COVID-19 from governments and supranational entities (for example, World Health Organisation), as well as trusted partners approved by the Public Policy team are permitted. Also allowed are news related to COVID-19 from media publishers who have been exempted under the Political Ads Content policy.

For complete information about Twitter's Ads Policies, visit [Twitter.com/adspolicy](https://twitter.com/adspolicy) and [Twitter Ads Policy update log](#).

Twitter released some [guidelines](#) on [brand communication in times of crisis](#) in order to help brands communicate with their customers, employees, and the broader ecosystem during the pandemic. The focus was on reflecting on what was appropriate in the tone and content of the communication.

## Violations of COVID-19 advertising policy

Our advertising policy on COVID-19 is very strict so violations of that policy do not in any way imply misinformation or disinformation.

From 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2020 there were 1,081 Promoted Tweets that violated our COVID-19 policy.

- We reviewed a random sample of 100 ads from that cohort and did not find any which contained misinformation.
- We estimate that about 93% of the violating content during that time was detected by our automated systems, and approximately 7% was brought into human review and rejected for policy violations.



# Vaccines

## Fighting misinformation and disinformation around vaccines

As the world continues to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and the global distribution of vaccines is underway, people continue to turn to Twitter to discuss what's happening and find the latest authoritative public health information.

In previous reports, we shared our [approach](#) around the conversation surrounding COVID-19 on Twitter. In this report we provide information and guidance on our expanded [approach to misleading information around COVID-19 vaccines](#). Starting the week of 21 December, we prioritize the removal of the most harmful misleading information, and during the coming weeks, we will begin to label Tweets that contain potentially misleading information about the vaccines.

In the context of a global pandemic, vaccine misinformation presents a significant and growing public health challenge. We are focused on mitigating misleading information that presents the biggest potential harm to people's health and wellbeing. Twitter has an important role to play as a place for good faith public debate and discussion around these critical public health matters.

Under our current COVID-19 misinformation policy, [we already require the removal](#) of Tweets that include false or misleading information about:

- The nature of the virus, such as how it spreads within communities;
- The efficacy and/or safety of preventative measures, treatments, or other precautions to mitigate or treat the disease;
- Official regulations, restrictions, or exemptions pertaining to health advisories; and
- The prevalence or risk of infection or death.

Moving forward and beginning next week, we are expanding the policy and may require people to remove Tweets which advance harmful false or misleading narratives about COVID-19 vaccinations, including:

- False claims that suggest immunizations and vaccines are used to intentionally cause harm to or control populations, including statements about vaccines that invoke a deliberate conspiracy;
- False claims which have been widely debunked about the adverse impacts or effects of receiving vaccinations; or
- False claims that COVID-19 is not real or not serious, and therefore that vaccinations are unnecessary.

Starting in early 2021, we may label or place a warning on Tweets that advance unsubstantiated rumors, disputed claims, as well as incomplete or out-of-context information about vaccines. Tweets that are labeled under this expanded guidance may link to authoritative public health information or the Twitter Rules to provide people with additional context and authoritative information about COVID-19.



Using a combination of technology and human review, we began enforcing this updated policy on December 21, We will expand our actions during the following weeks. We will enforce this policy in close consultation with local, national and global public health authorities around the world, and will strive to be iterative and transparent in our approach. We remained focused on helping people find credible health information, verifying public health experts, and updating our policies in an iterative and transparent approach.



As the global distribution of #COVID19 vaccines begins, we're providing guidance on how we'll address potentially harmful misleading content about these vaccines and help people stay informed.



9:00 PM · Dec 16, 2020 · Twitter Web App

285 Retweets 366 Quote Tweets 761 Likes

## Elevating authoritative information on vaccines

Twitter supports authoritative and credible information around the topic of vaccines - no matter whether authoritative and reliable sources will ultimately advocate for or against a vaccine. Our role is to ensure people have the credible information necessary to make informed decisions.

Today it is indeed more important than ever for people to be able to make informed decisions about their health and the health of their family. We understand the importance of vaccines in preventing illness and disease, and recognise the role that Twitter plays in surfacing credible public health information. As part of our efforts to protect the health of the public conversation, we are partnering with health organisations in Europe and worldwide to ensure that people seeking information about vaccinations on Twitter can easily access reliable and accurate information in their language.



## Connaître les faits

Pour s'informer et comprendre les vaccins et la vaccination, rendez-vous sur le site de référence des pouvoirs publics.

[S'y rendre](#)

[Santé Publique France](#)

A vaccine prompt, in partnership with national or federal public health agencies or (when not possible) the WHO, is currently available in 37 countries and 15 different languages, including Belgium, France Germany, Ireland, Norway, Spain, and the UK. The prompts direct people who search for keywords associated with vaccines to the webpage of the health organisation in charge, where authoritative and trustworthy information is provided. We are liaising with governments to roll out the prompt in additional EU countries.

To ensure we are surfacing credible public health information on the COVID-19 vaccine, countries that choose to can update the COVID-19 #ThereIsHelp prompt to include a link specific for the vaccine. This will be determined market by market in partnership with national or federal public health agencies or equivalent organisations, and was released first in Denmark, as can be seen below.

## Kend fakta

For at sikre, at du får den bedste, og mest opdaterede viden om ny coronavirus (COVID-19), kan du med fordel læse videre her, på Sundhedsstyrelsens hjemmeside.

[Sundhedsstyrelsen](#)

[Vaccination mod COVID-19](#)

We are working in partnership with EU Member States to update the COVID-19 prompts so as to include information on COVID-19 vaccines and we are regularly update our curated COVID-19 pages to ensure people can continue to find accurate and up to date information around COVID-19 from trustworthy and official sources.

Coverage of the expanded COVID-19 vaccine disinformation policy can be found below.

[New York Times](#): **Twitter will begin removing vaccine misinformation.**



Twitter said on Wednesday that it would begin removing misinformation about coronavirus vaccines. The planned takedowns, which will begin next week, were announced as misinformation about the vaccines, which are just starting to be distributed in the United States, is increasing.

**[NPR: Twitter To Remove Or Place Warning Labels On COVID Vaccine Conspiracy Tweets](#)**

Debunked claims about COVID-19 vaccinations will be swiftly removed from Twitter starting next week, the company announced on Wednesday.

**[Associated Press: Twitter to start removing COVID-19 vaccine misinformation](#)**

Twitter said Wednesday that it will begin removing misinformation about COVID-19 vaccinations from its site. It listed among posts that will be removed as those including false claims that the virus is not real, debunked claims about the effects of receiving the vaccine and baseless claims that suggest that immunizations are used to harm or control people.

**[Wall Street Journal: Twitter to Take Down False Claims About Covid-19 Vaccines](#)**

Under the new rules, Twitter said it would remove tweets that suggest vaccines are used to cause harm to populations; false claims that have been widely debunked about the adverse impacts of receiving vaccines; and posts that suggest Covid-19 isn't serious and therefore doesn't warrant a vaccine.

**[Reuters: Twitter bans harmful false claims about COVID-19 vaccinations](#)**

The policy, announced the same week that the first Americans received COVID-19 vaccinations as part of a mass immunization campaign, will also apply to false claims that the pandemic is not real or serious and vaccinations are unnecessary. Twitter said it will also apply to widely debunked false claims about the adverse effects of receiving COVID-19 vaccines.

**[Fox News: Twitter to expand COVID-19 vaccines policy to combat 'harmful,' 'misleading' tweets](#)**

Under the platform's policy, Twitter requires the removal of tweets that include false or misleading information about the nature of the virus — such as how it spreads within communities — the "efficacy and/or safety of preventative measures, treatments, or other precautions to mitigate or treat the disease, official regulations, restrictions or exemptions pertaining to health advisories, and the prevalence or risk of infection or death."

**[The Verge: Twitter says it will start removing COVID-19 vaccine misinformation](#)**

Any tweets claiming that vaccines "intentionally cause harm to control populations" or invoke conspiracy theories will be subject to removal, according to Twitter's blog post. Tweets falsely suggesting that COVID-19 doesn't exist or espouse "widely debunked" claims may also be removed. Enforcement of the new policy will begin next week.

**[CNBC: Twitter will label and remove misinformation about Covid-19 vaccines](#)**

Specifically, Twitter said it will take action on false claims that suggest immunizations and vaccines are used to control populations, false claims that have been widely debunked about the adverse impacts of the vaccines, and false claims that Covid-19 is not real and therefore vaccinations are unnecessary. The company added that it will take action on statements about the vaccines that invoke deliberate conspiracy.



**[NBC News](#): Twitter to remove false vaccine conspiracy theory tweets**

Twitter announced on Wednesday it would remove false or misleading claims about Covid-19 vaccines. The move follows similar actions by YouTube in October and Facebook in December. Twitter said it would remove tweets that advance “harmful or misleading narratives,” including false claims about the vaccines that have been “widely debunked about the adverse impacts of receiving vaccinations” and false claims that Covid-19 is “not real or not serious.”

**[USA Today](#): 'Significant and growing public health challenge,' Twitter cracks down on COVID-19 vaccine misinformation**

With coronavirus vaccine misinformation spreading via social media at an alarming rate, Twitter said it would remove claims that vaccines intentionally cause harm or are unnecessary as well as debunked conspiracy theories about the adverse effects of vaccines.

**[The Wrap](#): Twitter to Moderate, Remove ‘Harmful’ Tweets on COVID-19 Vaccines**

Twitter said it will moderate or remove these kinds of tweets starting next week. Moving forward into 2021, the company said it may begin adding warning labels to tweets “that advance unsubstantiated rumors, disputed claims, as well as incomplete or out-of-context information about vaccines.”

**[Euronews](#): Twitter to remove COVID-19 vaccine conspiracy theories**

**[SkyNews](#): COVID-19: Twitter vows to censor 'misleading' tweets about vaccines**

**[The Guardian](#): Twitter to remove tweets that spread lies about Covid vaccines**

**[Heise Online](#): Twitter geht gegen Falschmeldungen zu Corona-Impfungen vor**

**[Washington Post](#): Twitter will remove or label misinformation about coronavirus vaccines.**

**[Protocol's Source Code](#): Twitter promises to remove false COVID vaccine tweets**

**[CNet](#): Twitter to remove misleading tweets about COVID-19 vaccines**

**[TechCrunch](#): Twitter will force users to delete COVID-19 vaccine conspiracy theories**

**[The Hill](#): Twitter to label, remove coronavirus vaccine misinformation**

**[AdWeek](#): Twitter Rolls Up Its Sleeves to Take On Covid-19 Vaccine Misinformation**

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**[Forbes](#): Twitter To Remove Tweets Containing Vaccine Misinformation**

**[Engadget](#): Twitter will start removing COVID-19 vaccine misinformation next week**



[Vox](#): Twitter joins Facebook and YouTube in banning Covid-19 vaccine misinformation

[ABC News](#): Twitter to ban harmful false claims about COVID-19 vaccinations

[SKY News \(UK\)](#) COVID-19: Twitter vows to censor 'misleading' tweets about vaccines

[Euronews \(Europe\)](#): Twitter to remove COVID-19 vaccine conspiracy theories

[HeiseOnline \(Germany\)](#): Twitter takes action against false reports about corona vaccinations

[DW News \(Germany\)](#): Twitter to remove COVID vaccine conspiracy tweets