



ACCEPTANCE OF COVID-19 VACCINATION AMONG SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

Covid-19 vaccines are effective and can reduce the chances of getting and spreading the Covid-19 virus. In the Philippines, the government will begin its vaccination program on minors aged 12 to 17 years old by November in preparation for the opening of limited face to face classes. With this, the researcher aimed to determine the level of acceptance of Covid-19 vaccines among senior high school students. This study utilized descriptive - quantitative research design using online survey method. Result showed that of 620 participants surveyed, 74 (11.9%) of the participants were already inoculated, while 546 (88.1%) did not yet receive their Covid-19 vaccines, among which, 464 (85%) are willing to be vaccinated, while others (15%) are hesitant. Factors that motivate students to be vaccinated includes to protect oneself and other people from covid-19 virus and requirement for possible limited face to face class. Meanwhile, hearing or reading negative things about the vaccine, testimonies on vaccine's side effects and fear of needles are barriers that make students hesitant. Further, social media, television and parents are the main source of information about the covid-19 vaccines. There is no significant difference on the level of acceptance of covid-19 vaccines when data were grouped according to gender and type of school, however, significant difference exist when data were grouped according to grade level and specialization. This study concluded that there is a high demand and acceptance of covid-19 vaccination, thus the government should make the vaccines readily available and expedite the inoculation on senior high school students. Further, this study suggests that the government should conduct an intense covid-19 vaccine campaign to remove the barriers.

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