







New COVID stories feature kids, youth, & parents

We're excited to share new and moving COVID-19 stories featuring children, youth, and parents. Tim's Story (3:04 minutes) about a Navajo college student's experience with COVID-19, was launched just in time for Native American Heritage Month. He also talks about the intergenerational impact the virus had on his family.

In January, we debuted <u>Shemar & Brittani's Stories</u> (4:43 minutes) about two children from different families who each suffered Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). Also in January, we shared <u>Vanessa's Story</u> (3:50 minutes—*not pictured*) about a mom who lost her newborn, Axel, after complications related to COVID-19. All three stories were contributed from our long-time partner, Texas Children's Hospital.

And in case you missed it last fall, check out Elise's Journey with Long COVID, (3:37 minutes) the moving story of a teen, told with her mom, about learning to live with long COVID. Our new partner, the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund and the #WeCanDoThis Campaign contributed this touching story.









Launched in February, <u>Amy's Testimonial</u> (30 seconds) features a mom describing her terrifying experience when her young daughter got COVID-19.

From the same campaign, <u>Kaithlyn's Testimonial</u> (30 seconds-*not pictured*) shares the real-life vaccine hesitancy of a young woman caught between misinformation and risk factors that could make COVID more serious for her and her family.

Eric's Testimonial shares the experience of a father struggling to explain quarantining and social distancing to his five-year-old daughter to keep her safe. These testimonials were contributed by new ShotByShot partners, Mississippi Public Broadcasting and the It's Worth a Shot campaign.

New HPV Anal Cancer Story

In January, as part of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, we debuted <u>Kim's Story</u>. Kim came to us with a desire to increase awareness about HPV cancers and share her uplifting journey from caregiver to patient to public health advocate. All of you will be inspired by her strength.

Do you know someone with a VPD story?

If you or someone you know has a story to share, we would be honored to connect. Our process is personalized and easy—and can be accomplished via phone and email. We believe the power of a story can save a life! Please contact us at info@shotbyshot.org to learn how you can share a COVID-19, flu, chickenpox, shingles, pertussis, HPV, meningitis, or other vaccine-preventable disease story.