

# The WHO has Changed The Definition of Herd Immunity

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*Herd immunity is an important concept in medicine.*

*According to Healthline:*

*"It happens when so many people in a community become [immune](#) to an infectious disease that it stops the disease from spreading.*

*This can happen in two ways:*

- 1. Many people contract the disease and in time build up an immune response to it (natural immunity).*
- 2. Many people are vaccinated against the disease to achieve immunity.*

*Herd immunity can work against the spread of some diseases. There are several reasons why it often works." [\(See Healthline\)](#)*

Below (Left) is the official WHO definition (June 2020). And in November (Right) the WHO decided unilaterally to redefine a fundamental medical concept, focussing solely on the role of vaccination in achieving herd immunity.

To our knowledge, the peer reviewed definition of herd immunity has not changed.

The new "definition" of the WHO visibly serves the interests of Big Pharma.

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### What is herd immunity?

Herd immunity is the indirect protection from an infectious disease that happens when a population is immune either through vaccination or immunity developed through previous infection. This means that even people who haven't been infected, or in whom an infection hasn't triggered an immune response, they are protected because people around them who are immune can act as buffers between them and an infected person. The threshold for establishing herd immunity for COVID-19 is not yet clear.

### What is herd immunity?

'Herd immunity', also known as 'population immunity', is a concept used for vaccination, in which a population can be protected from a certain virus if a threshold of vaccination is reached.

Herd immunity is achieved by protecting people from a virus, not by exposing them to it. [Read the Director-General's 12 October media briefing speech for more detail.](#)

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