

**Question for written answer E-003896/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Vaccinating children

In the context of the communication from the EMA and the ECDC of 4 August concerning the increasing occurrence of the Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the Member States, the EMA and the ECDC have again decided to urge all eligible individuals who have not yet done so to get vaccinated without delay and complete the recommended national COVID-19 vaccination scheme. On the one hand, it should be stressed that the next waves of coronavirus infections in the Member States will obviously affect people who have not been vaccinated, and on the other hand the data clearly show that the Delta variant is spreading among children. In the context of the above I would like to ask the following:

1. Will the Commission, in consultation with executive agencies, introduce additional methodological, executive and scientific support for the Member States in terms of vaccinating children?
2. In spite of the fact that vaccination guidelines might well differ across the EU – mainly because of the differences in the epidemiological picture in the Member States – will the Commission introduce additional support procedures based on information about whether children with coronavirus can develop so-called long Covid, and will it propose, possibly with the help of the agency, joint recommendations on the treatment of children and thus confirm reports that statistically, only one in around 50 000 children with COVID-19 might be admitted to intensive care?