



HHS Cuts mRNA Vaccine Funding



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WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Tuesday, August 5, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services ended millions in federal funding for mRNA vaccine research under the direction of Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Secretary Kennedy is well-known for his skeptical views on vaccination. According to press, he made this decision after reviewing the science and consulting with experts. This decision will likely result in the slowdown of mRNA vaccine development activities under the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, which includes cancelling a handful of contracts that together would be worth around \$500 million.

This decision marks the beginning of a shift in federal policies regarding vaccination under Secretary Kennedy and brings forth expert concerns. Public experts are apprehensive that the cancellation of millions of dollars in mRNA vaccine funding will be a risk for the United States in the off chance another pandemic happens within the next ten years or any other public health emergencies. Furthermore, experts have warned that stopping research on mRNA vaccines will ensure the United States is left behind when it comes to biomedical research.