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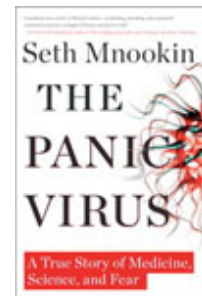


## Bestselling Author of "The Panic Virus" To Dispel Myths About Vaccines

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BURLINGTON – The Department of Health Immunization Program has invited Seth Mnookin, the bestselling author of "The Panic Virus," to Vermont. Mnookin will discuss his book, and answer questions about his search for the truth about vaccines on Wednesday, September 28 at 7 p.m. at the FH Tuttle Middle School in South Burlington.



"An anti-vaccine position has been perpetuated in this country, and public health officials nationwide are seeing a resurgence in vaccine-preventable diseases, such as the whooping cough outbreak in California," said Chris Finley, immunization program chief. "We're hoping parents who still have lingering doubts about fully vaccinating their child will attend and ask questions."

Mnookin, a contributing editor at Vanity Fair, looked at a vaccine "panic," which began with a single, now discredited paper linking the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine with autism.

The result, according to Mnookin, has cost tens of millions of dollars and the deaths of infants and children around the world. In the book, Mnookin draws on interviews with parents, public health advocates, scientists and anti-vaccine activists to tackle a fundamental question: How do we decide what the truth is?

Join the free discussion and bring your questions for Seth Mnookin.

The Vermont Department of Health Immunization Program is dedicated to increasing the childhood immunization rate throughout the state. For questions call 800-640-4374 or check the website at <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/index.aspx>.

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