



On April 12, 1955, when the announcement of an effective polio vaccine was made, the population reacted with understandable jubilation.

Newspapers across America placed this announcement on the front page.

People painted signs, waved banners, and sighed with understandable relief. Dr. Jonas Salk was the hero of every parent in the United States.

As the photograph at right illustrates, people lined up around the block to receive a polio vaccination. These lines of people waiting to be immunized occurred every time a vaccination location was announced.

Have your children been immunized?

