

Rate Of Adverse Reactions To COVID Vaccines Already 50x Higher Than Flu Shot

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With reports this morning of another otherwise-healthy patient dying suddenly after receiving her first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, many skeptics in both Europe and the US still have serious reservations about the jabs, even as big pharma and their allies in the US and British governments insist that they are 100% safe. Everyone claiming otherwise is not only wrongheaded, but acting in a deliberately malicious manner.



This is [why commentary like a video posted by DoubleLine's Jeffrey Gundlach](#) where he questions the sky-high efficacy numbers published after the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech trials has elicited such vehement repudiation.

However, as new questions about efficacy and timing arise, independent journalist Alex Berenson, one of the most prominent skeptics of lockdowns and masks in the US, noted in a twitter thread earlier on Tuesday that the percentage of patients experiencing severe or potentially life-threatening reactions to the COVID-19 vaccines could be much higher than the data collected by the CDC are letting on.

The CDC's VAERS reporting system was set up to track vaccine-related injury, Most patients can expect to experience some kind of adverse reaction, but for the vast majority of patients, symptoms will be relatively mild and clear up within a couple of days. But amid a rush of reports about patient deaths, Berenson points out that the number of patients seeing serious complications per the number of doses distributed is roughly 50x higher than the rate of 'adverse' reactions caused by the flu vaccine.

1/ Through Dec. 22, with fewer than 1 million doses of the [#Covid](#) vaccine given, [@cdcgov's](#)

vaccine injury reporting system received 307 reports of ER visits and 17 "life threatening" events.

Per dose, that's roughly 50 times the rate of adverse events from the flu vaccine...

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2/ In 2019-2020, about 175 million flu vaccine doses were given. 1220 ER visits and 73 "life threatening" events were reported. The data is on the CDC VAERS Website.

Caveats: physicians et al may be more diligent about reporting [#Covid](#) vaccine events, since the vaccine is new...

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3/ And the data is theoretically updated through Friday Jan. 1, which would be a much higher denominator. However, I believe it is correct to use Dec. 22 as the last date for Covid adverse events because I cannot find any later reports in the system...

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Berenson also speculated that this number might be even higher due to possible delays in updating the CDC's data sets. This would seemingly confirm rates of adverse reactions seen during clinical trials. What's more, clinical trials, generally speaking, tend to "UNDERSTATE" unpleasant or unwanted side effects, while they "OVERSTATE" the drug's efficacy.

4/ Plus, the first Covid vaccine doses have mostly been given to healthy people in settings where problems can be quickly treated. These problems are occurring BEFORE the rollout to older, less healthy people - and before the 2nd dose, which is known to be far more dangerous...

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5/ And this merely confirms what the clinical trials showed (in general, though not always, clinical trials tend to UNDERSTATE real world problems and OVERSTATE efficacy, because any smart drug company will try to bias the trials in its favor).

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For readers who are so inclined, Berenson shared a link to the CDC data, which isn't exactly easy to find on the agency's website.

The data is here, and fairly straightforward to query. <https://t.co/qOp5zS7cYB>

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Meanwhile, the US, UK and Europe are all lagging behind vaccination targets, while Russian President Vladimir Putin [recently suggested that Russia might jump on the "Immunity Passport" bandwagon.](#)

Berenson recently sat for an interview with Joe Rogan on Rogan's popular podcast, where the longtime journalist (who once worked for the NYT) discussed other misconceptions about the

"science" behind COVID-19, including questioning the US death toll.