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Latest CDC Data Show Reports of Adverse Events After COVID Vaccines Surpass 200,000, Including 943 Among 12- to 17-Year-Olds

VAERS data released today showed 227,805 reports of adverse events following COVID vaccines, including 4,201 deaths and 18,528 serious injuries between Dec. 14, 2020 and May 14, 2021.

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The number of reported adverse events following COVID vaccines surpassed 200,000 according to data released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The data comes directly from reports submitted to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#).

[VAERS](#) is the primary government-funded system for reporting adverse vaccine reactions in the U.S. Reports submitted to VAERS require further investigation before a causal relationship can be confirmed.

Every Friday, [VAERS](#) makes public all vaccine injury reports received as of a specified date, usually about a week prior to the release date. Today's data show that between Dec. 14, 2020 and May 14, a total of [227,805 total adverse events](#) were reported to VAERS, including [4,201 deaths](#) — an increase of 144 over the previous week — and [18,528 serious injuries](#), up 1,338 since last week.



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From the 5/14/2021 release of VAERS data:

Found 227,805 cases where Vaccine is COVID19

Table

↓ Event Outcome	↑ ↓ Count	Percent
Death	4,201	1.84%
Permanent Disability	2,719	1.19%
Office Visit	39,151	17.19%
Emergency Room	39	0.02%
Emergency Doctor/Room	29,669	13.02%
Hospitalized	12,589	5.53%
Hospitalized, Prolonged	36	0.02%
Recovered	86,783	38.1%
Birth Defect	121	0.05%
Life Threatening	3,868	1.7%
Not Serious	90,133	39.57%
TOTAL	† 269,309	† 118.22%

† Because some cases have multiple vaccinations and symptoms, a single case can account for multiple entries in this table. This is the reason why the Total Count is greater than 227805 (the number of cases found), and the Total Percentage is greater than 100.

This week's data showed [943](#) total adverse events, including [23](#) rated as serious, among 12- to -17-year-olds.

In the U.S., [268.4 million](#) COVID vaccine doses had been administered as of May 14. This [includes](#) 115 million doses of [Moderna's](#) vaccine, 144 million doses of [Pfizer](#) and 9 million doses of the [Johnson & Johnson \(J&J\)](#) COVID vaccine.

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- 54% of those who died were male, 44% were female and the remaining death reports did not include gender of the deceased.
- The [average age](#) of death was 74.7 and the [youngest deaths](#) reported include two 15-year-olds (VAERS I.D. [1187918](#) and [1242573](#)) and a 16-year-old (VAERS I.D. [1225942](#)). There were other reported deaths in children under 16 that could not be confirmed or contained obvious errors.
- As of May 14, [1,140 pregnant women](#) reported adverse events related to COVID vaccines, including 351 reports of [miscarriage or premature birth](#).
- Of the [2,275 cases of Bell's Palsy reported](#), 51% were reported after [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) vaccinations, 42% following vaccination with the Moderna vaccine and 192 cases, or 10%, of Bell's Palsy cases were reported in conjunction with J&J.
- There were [195 reports of Guillain-Barré Syndrome](#) with 40% of cases attributed to Pfizer, 38% to Moderna and 26% to J&J.
- There were [65,854 reports of anaphylaxis](#) with 38% of cases attributed to [Pfizer's vaccine](#), 51% to [Moderna](#) and 11% to J&J.
- There were [3,758 reports](#) of clotting disorders and other related conditions. Of those, [1,468 reports](#) were attributed to Pfizer, [1,093 reports](#) to Moderna and [1,093 reports](#) to J&J.

COVID vaccines may not work for millions with underlying conditions As The Defender [reported](#) May 19, some experts are questioning the CDC's recommendation that immunocompromised people get vaccinated after new research showed 15% to 80% of people with underlying health disorders and those on immunosuppressive medications mount few, if any, antibodies to COVID vaccines.

Yet, current CDC [guidelines](#) indicate those with compromised immune systems should be vaccinated for COVID even though "[no data are available](#) to establish COVID vaccine safety and efficacy in these groups" as people with compromised immune systems or those who take immunosuppressants for a medical condition were largely [excluded](#) from vaccine clinical trials.

[Dr. Meryl Nass](#), an internal medicine physician, said it's the responsibility of the CDC to determine the risks and benefits of every vaccine for different groups of people. For COVID vaccines, Nass said, the CDC has failed to publish that information, or tell the public which groups might be at a higher risk of suffering an adverse reaction that far outweighs any potential benefit.

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Ninth fully vaccinated yankee player tests positive for COVID

As The Defender [reported](#) May 19, a ninth, fully vaccinated member of the New York Yankees organization tested positive for COVID. Most of the reported cases were asymptomatic. All nine were vaccinated with the [J&J shot](#), making these cases what the CDC calls "[breakthrough](#)" infections.

Some in the medical community claim this is proof COVID vaccines work -- because none of the nine became seriously ill or were hospitalized. A [CNN article](#) today quoted an infectious disease physician

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Nass said the breakthrough cases raise questions about [COVID test accuracy](#) and the vaccine's ability to prevent the virus and its transmission.

Employers may be held liable for “any adverse reaction” if they mandate COVID vaccines

On May 20, The Defender [reported](#) that new guidance from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will hold employers liable for adverse reactions if they require employees be vaccinated for COVID as a condition of employment, which could negatively impact the employer's safety rating.

In the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section of OSHA's website having to do with COVID safety compliance, a question was asked whether an adverse reaction to a COVID vaccine had to be recorded if an [employer mandated vaccination](#) as a condition for employment.

OSHA [stated](#):

“If you require your employees to be vaccinated as a condition of employment (i.e., for work-related reasons), then any adverse reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine is work-related. The adverse reaction is recordable if it is a new case under 29 CFR 1904.6 and meets one or more of the general recording criteria in 29 CFR 1904.7.”

Conversely, [OSHA said](#) it will exercise enforcement discretion and will not require adverse reactions be recorded when an employer only “recommends” that employees receive the vaccine, while noting that for this discretion to apply, the vaccine must be truly voluntary.

In determining whether a vaccine is “voluntary,” the [website states](#), “an employee's choice to accept or reject the vaccine cannot affect [his or her] performance rating or professional advancement,” and that an “employee who chooses not to receive the vaccine cannot suffer any repercussions from this choice.”

If employees are not free to choose whether or not to receive the vaccine without fearing negative recourse, then the vaccine is required and employers should refer to the section on COVID vaccines as a condition to employment.

J&J knew about issues at plant manufacturing its vaccine seven months before shut down

On May 20, The Defender [reported](#) that the House Select Committee on Coronavirus launched a probe into Emergent BioSolutions — the plant manufacturing J&J's vaccine — last month after the company acknowledged “serious deficiencies” in the company's manufacturing that [caused a mix-up](#) of [AstraZeneca](#) and J&J doses.

During a congressional hearing Wednesday, it was revealed that J&J had documented serious contamination risks at the Emergent Baltimore plant in June 2020 — seven months before a [contamination incident](#) ruined 15 million doses of COVID vaccine and derailed the company's vaccine production plans.

A [memorandum](#) released prior to the hearing raised questions about J&J's lack of oversight of the Baltimore facility, [large bonuses](#) paid to top executives despite failures, and described other evidence recently obtained by the House panel in their ongoing investigation into Emergent.

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It was the first time Kramer admitted the high figure of potentially spoiled vaccines after The New York Times [reported](#) in April the facility [may have jeopardized](#) 62 million vaccine doses in addition to ruining 15 million doses through cross-contamination with AstraZeneca vaccine ingredients.

“No one is more disappointed than we are that we had to suspend our 24/7 manufacturing of new vaccine,” Kramer said. “I apologize for the failure of our controls.”

Eric Clapton blames propaganda for severe adverse reaction to AstraZeneca

On May 17, The Defender [reported](#) that 76-year-old Eric Clapton suffered a severe adverse reaction after getting the AstraZeneca COVID vaccine that left him fearing he would never play again.

“Needless to say the reactions were disastrous, my hands and feet were either frozen, numb or burning, and pretty much useless for two weeks. I feared I would never play again,” Clapton said. “But the propaganda said the vaccine was safe for everyone.”

Days after Clapton’s criticism of vaccine “propaganda,” the [Wall Street Journal](#) reported that U.S. vaccine makers are sponsoring ad campaigns targeting the roughly [one-third](#) of Americans who are reluctant to get a COVID vaccine.

Pfizer, Moderna, Regeneron and other pharmaceutical companies are sponsoring ads on TV, radio and social media praising COVID vaccines and medications in an effort to increase vaccinations. Unlike ads for drugs where brand names are featured, general “get the vaccine” ads don’t have to follow legal guidelines, which include listing the drug’s potential side effects.

74 days and counting, CDC ignores The Defender’s inquiries

According to the [CDC website](#), “the CDC follows up on any report of death to request additional information and learn more about what occurred and to determine whether the death was a result of the vaccine or unrelated.”

On March 8, [The Defender](#) contacted the CDC with a [written list of questions](#) about reported deaths and injuries related to COVID vaccines. After repeated attempts, by phone and email, to obtain a response to our questions, a health communications specialist from the CDC’s Vaccine Task Force contacted us on March 29 — three weeks after our initial inquiry.

The individual received our request for information from VAERS, but said she had never received our list of questions, even though employees we talked to several times said CDC press officers were working through the questions and confirmed the representative had received them. We provided the list of questions again along with a new deadline, but never received a response.

[The Defender](#) also followed up with the CDC’s media department, which told us the COVID response unit would be informed that the health communications specialist never responded. No explanation was given as to why our inquiries were ignored. We were told to call back, which we did numerous times.

On May 19, a CDC employee said our questions had been reviewed and our inquiry was pending in their system, but would not provide us with a copy of the response. It has been 74 days since we sent our first email inquiring into VAERS data and reports.

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In Santa Clara County, California the health department is requiring businesses to ask employees if they have been vaccinated. If the worker hasn't been, or declines to answer, then the worker is required to wear a mask, while vaccinated employees can go mask-free. Wearing a mask all day is a big repercussion to not taking the vaccine. But since the business is required to do this by the government, is there anyone to sue?

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