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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) headquarters is seen in Atlanta, Ga., in a file photograph. (Tami Chappell/Reuters)

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# CDC: No Record of Naturally Immune Transmitting COVID-19

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) says that it has no record of people who are naturally immune transmitting the virus that causes COVID-19.

In the fall, the CDC received a request from an attorney on behalf of the Informed Consent Action Network for documents “reflecting any documented case of an individual who: (1) never received a COVID-19 vaccine; (2) was infected with COVID-19 once, recovered, and then later became infected again; and (3) transmitted SARS-CoV-2 to another person when reinfected.”

SARS-CoV-2 is another name for the [CCP \(Chinese Communist Party\) virus](#), which causes COVID-19.

People who have recovered from COVID-19 are also known to carry some degree of [natural immunity](#) to the virus.

In a response dated Nov. 5 and [made public](#) recently, the CDC said it doesn't have any documents pertaining to the request. The CDC confirmed to The Epoch Times that its Emergency Operations Center didn't find any records responsive to the request.

The agency declined to say whether any documentation had been found between Nov. 5 and Nov. 12, directing The Epoch Times to file a Freedom of Information Act Request for that information. The Epoch Times has since filed such a request.

“You would assume that if the CDC was going to crush the civil and individual rights of those with natural immunity by having them expelled from school, fired from their jobs, separated from the military, and worse, the CDC would have proof of at least one instance of an unvaccinated, naturally immune individual transmitting the COVID-19 virus to another individual. If you thought this, you would be wrong,” Aaron Siri, the attorney who sought the records on behalf of the network, said in a blog post.

The CDC's disclosure drew responses from several medical experts, including Johns Hopkins Dr. Marty Makary, who said it underlined how little data the agency has released concerning the recovered. Makary called on the CDC to make data on any reinfections that have resulted in hospitalization or death public, including information on the patients' comorbidities or lack thereof.

“CDC should be transparent with data on natural immunity. Instead, we get glimpses from FOIA requests like this one,” he wrote on Twitter.

The CDC sets few firm rules, but its guidance has proven enormously influential during the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtually all officials imposing COVID-19 vaccine mandates have removed the option for people to refuse the vaccine if they can prove that they've had COVID-19 and recovered, with many citing the CDC as the reason for doing so.

Officials across the country have urged people to get vaccinated by claiming that it will protect those around them.

“Getting the vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and others around you, especially as the more contagious Delta variant spreads around the country,” Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the CDC, [said](#) in a statement over the summer.

But soon after, she said vaccines could “no longer prevent transmission” of the virus during a [television appearance](#).

More than 100 studies [provide support](#) for natural immunity, likely providing similar or superior protection compared to COVID-19 vaccines, including [a real-world Israeli study](#). But agency officials [have promoted](#) two of their own studies in arguing that even those who have natural immunity should get vaccinated, asserting that natural immunity hasn’t proven to be as durable as vaccination.

Experts are divided on the matter. Some have expressed agreement with the CDC, while others have said those with natural immunity should consider getting a single dose of a vaccine. Still others have recommended that most or all with natural immunity shouldn’t get a vaccine.

The CDC did state in [a brief released earlier this month](#) that natural immunity and vaccines offer protection for at least six months. It said nothing about virus transmission in its brief.



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