



Questions and Answers on the Covid-19 Vaccine

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UPDATE: The Biden administration announced on January 11, 2023 that it will end COVID-19 emergency declarations on May 11, 2023, nearly three years after the United States imposed sweeping pandemic measures to curb the spread of the illness.¹

UPDATE: On September 19, 2022, the president went on 60 minutes and said the pandemic was over, but then he renewed the emergency declaration for COVID.² Then on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, the Senate voted 62-36 to end the emergency declaration nearly three years after it was invoked. The vote obviously included democrat support in the divided Senate. The President said he would veto the measure if it comes to his desk. The emergency declaration gives additional powers to the Executive branch.³

UPDATE: On August 11, 2022, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reversed its COVID-19 guidelines. The CDC is now advocating for taking personal responsibility and for everyone to decide for themselves which prevention behaviors to use and when.

The CDC is also giving up on discrimination based on COVID vaccination status, stating, “COVID-19 prevention recommendations no longer differentiate based on a person’s vaccination status because breakthrough infections occur.”

The CDC’s Dr. Greta Massetti also acknowledged the power of natural immunity, stating that the new policy change sought to bring recommendations for “unvaccinated people in line with people who are fully vaccinated” – an acknowledgment of the high levels of population immunity in the U.S., due to vaccination, past COVID-19 infections or both. “Based on the latest ... data, it’s around 95% of the population,” Massetti said, “And so it really makes the most sense to not differentiate since many people have some protection against severe disease.”

Testing is now reserved for those who “are symptomatic, or have a known or suspected exposure to someone with COVID-19,” isolation is only for those who are symptomatic and

¹ <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-end-covid-19-emergency-declarations-may-11-2023-01-30/>

² <https://aspr.hhs.gov/legal/PHE/Pages/covid19-13Oct2022.aspx>

³ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/senate-votes-to-end-covid-19-emergency-declaration-11668559887>



have tested positive, and contact tracing is now restricted to health care settings and select “high-risk congregate settings.”

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Question: Can my employer order me to take a COVID vaccination: can they threaten to fire me if I do not comply?

Answer: Yes. However, there are provisions for religious and medical exemptions / accommodations, which will be discussed in detail later in this resource.



On August 23, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and will now be marketed as Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee), for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA), including for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.⁴

The vaccines were previously administered under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), because the vaccines were not studied for a sufficient time to ensure there are no long-term side effects. As of May 28, 2021, in an update of its COVID-19 guidance, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said employers could require all workers physically entering a workplace to be vaccinated against the coronavirus but that federal law may require the employer to provide reasonable accommodations for employees who aren't vaccinated because of a disability or religious belief.⁵

A number of courts have upheld the EEOC update, and the Department of Justice has issued an opinion that employers and colleges / universities are permitted to compel vaccinations, regardless of the facts listed below:

1. The EUA itself, 21 U.S. Code § 360bbb-3, requires: ... "Individuals to whom the product is administered are informed— of the option to accept or refuse administration of the product, of the consequences, if any, of refusing administration of the product..."⁶
2. Each person who is about to receive a Covid-19 vaccine is given a fact sheet, which states in part: WHAT IF I DECIDE NOT TO GET THE (insert drug company name) COVID-19 VACCINE? It is your choice to receive or not receive the (insert drug company name) COVID-19 Vaccine. Should you decide not to receive it, it will not change your standard medical care.⁷
3. In the 2004 case of *Doe v. Rumsfeld*,⁸ plaintiffs challenged the government's Anthrax Vaccination Immunization Program (AVIP), because anthrax vaccine adsorbed (AVA) had never been approved by the FDA as a safe and effective drug for protection against inhalation anthrax. Yet the government was forcing military personnel to take the vaccine. The United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued an injunction prohibiting the use of AVA on the basis that the vaccine is either a drug unapproved for its intended use or an investigational new drug, and thus requires informed consent.

⁴ FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine, News Release, U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

⁵ "What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws", U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Section K Vaccinations.

⁶ 21 U.S. Code § 360bbb-3 - Authorization for medical products for use in emergencies. Subsection (e)(1)(A)(ii)

⁷ <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/eua/index.html>

⁸ *Doe v. Rumsfeld*, 341 F. Supp. 2d 1, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 21668



4. In August 2020, Amanda Cohn, MD, the Executive Secretary of The Centers for Disease Control Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC-ACIP) stated: "I just wanted to add that, just wanted to remind everybody, that under an Emergency Use Authorization, an EUA, vaccines are not allowed to be mandatory. So, early in this vaccination phase, individuals will have to be consented and they won't be able to be mandated."⁹

NOTE: On August 23, 2021, the FDA granted a license to Pfizer's "Comirnaty" vaccine and extended the EUA for its Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. In its letters to Pfizer and BioNTech, the FDA stated that Pfizer's vaccines are interchangeable yet legally distinct: "The licensed vaccine has the same formulation as the EUA-authorized vaccine and the products can be used interchangeably... The product are legally distinct with certain differences that do not impact safety or effectiveness." The approved Comirnaty vaccine is still unavailable in the United States. This argument has been made in a number of courts, but has not been impactful as of March 17, 2022.

Question: What if taking the vaccination violates a sincerely held religious belief of mine?

Answer: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq.) prohibits two categories of employment practices. It is unlawful for an employer:

"(1) to fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; or

(2) to limit, segregate, or classify his employees or applicants for employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his status as an employee, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin."¹⁰

There is a process involved when asserting your rights under Title VII. The process begins when you communicate to your employer that you are unable to be vaccinated for COVID-19 because of a sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance. Once an employer is on notice that

⁹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0zCEiGohJs&list=PLvrp9iOILTQb6D9e1YZWpbUvzfptNMKx2&inde>

¹⁰ 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a).



an employee's sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance prevents the employee from getting a COVID-19 vaccine, the employer must provide a reasonable accommodation unless it would pose an undue hardship.

The employer should ordinarily assume that an employee's request for religious accommodation is based on a sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance. However, if an employer is aware of facts that provide an objective basis for questioning either the religious nature or the sincerity of a particular belief, practice, or observance, the employer would be justified in requesting additional supporting information.

An employer should meet with the employee, do discuss and thoroughly consider all possible reasonable accommodations, including telework and reassignment. The EEOC and US Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, provide resources to assist employers in creating accommodations for employees.

NOTE: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) provides guidance in providing religious accommodations for employees, particularly in meeting with employees and working through possible accommodations:

Failure to confer with the employee is not an independent violation of Title VII. But as a practical matter, such failure can have adverse legal consequences. For example, in some cases where an employer has made no effort to act on an accommodation request, courts have found that the employer lacked the evidence needed to meet its burden of proof to establish that the plaintiff's proposed accommodation would actually have posed an undue hardship. (EEOC Compliance Manual on Religious Discrimination, Section 12 - IV REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, A 2.

UPDATE: As recently as October 25, 2021, EEOC Chair Charlotte A. Burrows reiterated to employers that requesting religious accommodation is a 'fundamental right' of employees." The EEOC Compliance Manual on Religious Discrimination describes an interactive process that should take place between the employee who has communicated their sincerely held religious beliefs and the employer. (Section 12 - IV REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, A 2).¹¹

However, employers are not required to make accommodations if such accommodations will create an "undue hardship" for the employer, having more than minimal cost or burden on the

¹¹ "EEOC ISSUES UPDATED COVID-19 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, Provides Additional Information on Equal Employment Opportunity Laws and Religious Objections to Workplace Vaccine Requirements." EEOC News, Oct. 25, 2021



employer.¹² However, the courts have stated that to have an undue hardship, “an employer must either provide factual evidence that co-workers of an accommodated employee will be significantly imposed upon, or that a material disruption of the work routine will occur. Mere hypothetical scenarios of what could happen... if an employee is granted an accommodation are wholly insufficient.”¹³

Ultimately, if an employee cannot be accommodated, employers should determine if any other rights apply under the EEO laws or other federal, state, and local authorities before taking adverse employment action against an unvaccinated employee.¹⁴

If the request is denied, then employees may be able to look to two different governmental agencies to help them preserve their rights, their state-based agency that enforces state laws preventing workplace discrimination and the federal agency that enforces federal laws preventing workplace discrimination. For a California employee, for example, these two agencies would be the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) for state law claims or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) for federal law claims. Whenever employees in California seek to bring a claim based upon workplace discrimination, they are legally barred from filing a civil lawsuit until after they first file a claim with either the DFEH or EEOC, as applicable. For purposes of vaccine-related discrimination claims, the following sources of law are addressed by the DFEH and EEOC, respectively:

DFEH: California-based agency charged with enforcing various civil rights laws, including the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and the California Family Rights Act (CFRA); and

EEOC: Federal-based agency charged with enforcing various federal laws against employment discrimination, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (“Title VII”), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Equal Pay Act (EPA), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA).

PJI provides a resource to assist employees in requesting a religious exemption / accommodation from a mandated vaccine [here](#).

If your request for religious exemption / accommodation has been denied, and you do not agree with their decision, you can file a complaint with the EEOC or equivalent state agency.

¹² EEOC, sections K 12 and K 6.

¹³ *Heller v. EBB Auto Co.*, 8 F.3d 1433, 1440 (9th Cir. 1993); *Tooley v. Martin-Marietta Corp.*, 648 F.2d 1239, 1241 (9th Cir. 1981); *Burns v. Southern Pacific Transp. Co.*, 589 F.2d 403, 406-07 (9th Cir. 1978).

¹⁴ EEOC, K 12.



The EEOC and equivalent state agency processes are designed to be used by individuals and do not require a lawyer to be involved. PJI has a resource to help you [here](#).

After you receive a right to sue letter from either the EEOC or the State agency, you may contact the PJI Legal Dept. to review your records and determine if you have a viable case in which we can represent you or refer you to an employment law attorney.

Question: What if I have a disability covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that prevents me from taking the vaccine?

Answer: Under the ADA, an employer may require all employees to meet a qualification standard that is job-related and consistent with business necessity, such as a safety-related standard requiring COVID-19 vaccination. However, if a particular employee cannot meet such a safety-related qualification standard because of a disability, the employer may not require compliance for that employee unless it can demonstrate that the individual would pose a “direct threat” to the health or safety of the employee or others in the workplace.

In the case of Covid, that would include evaluation of things such as the current level of community spread, whether the employee works alone or with others, works inside or outside; the available ventilation; the frequency and duration of direct interaction the employee typically will have with other employees and/or non-employees; the number of partially or fully vaccinated individuals already in the workplace; whether other employees are wearing masks or undergoing routine screening testing; and the space available for social distancing.

If it is determined that an employee with a disability who is not vaccinated would pose a direct threat to self or others, the employer must consider a reasonable accommodation to reduce or eliminate that threat, such as requiring the employee to wear a mask, work a staggered shift, making changes in the work environment (such as improving ventilation systems or limiting contact with other employees and non-employees), permitting telework if feasible, or reassigning the employee to a vacant position in a different workspace.

Similar to the requirements under Title VII for sincerely held religious beliefs, employers are not required to make accommodations that impose “undue hardship” on the employer. However, the standard for undue hardship is different under the ADA, as it requires a “significant difficulty or expense.”



Also, under the ADA, it is unlawful for an employer to disclose that an employee is receiving a reasonable accommodation or to retaliate against an employee for requesting an accommodation.¹⁵

Question: What if I have a medical condition that prevents me from taking the vaccine?

Answer: The CDC makes very few exceptions medical conditions, as follows:

1. People who have weakened immune systems- People with HIV and those with weakened immune systems due to other illnesses or medication might be at increased risk for severe COVID-19. They may receive a COVID-19 vaccine. However, they should be aware of the limited safety data:
 - A. Information about the safety of COVID-19 vaccines for people who have weakened immune systems in this group is not yet available
 - B. People living with HIV were included in clinical trials, though safety data specific to this group are not yet available at this time
 - C. People with weakened immune systems should also be aware of the potential for reduced immune responses to the vaccine, as well as the need to continue following current guidance to protect themselves against COVID-19.
2. People who have autoimmune conditions- People with autoimmune conditions may receive a COVID-19 vaccine. However, they should be aware that no data are currently available on the safety of COVID-19 vaccines for people with autoimmune conditions.
3. People who have previously had Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS)- With few exceptions, the independent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) general best practice guidelines for immunization do not include a history of GBS as a precaution to vaccination with other vaccines.
4. People who have previously had Bell's palsy- Cases of Bell's palsy were reported following vaccination in participants in the COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials. However, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not consider these to be more than the rate expected in the general population. They have not concluded these cases were caused by vaccination.¹⁶

¹⁵ EEOC, K 5, K 6.

¹⁶ COVID-19 Vaccines for People with Underlying Medical Conditions, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), updated September 1, 2021.



The general rule is that if you have a medical condition that your doctor will certify should exclude you from vaccination, present that documentation to your employer if they are mandating vaccination. If you feel the employer is responding in an unreasonable manner, contact the Pacific Justice Institute to discuss your legal rights.

Question: What if I am allergic to the vaccine or its components?

Answer: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) begins with the following definitions:

- An allergic reaction is considered severe when a person needs to be treated with epinephrine or EpiPen or if the person must go to the hospital. Experts refer to severe allergic reactions as anaphylaxis.
- An immediate allergic reaction happens within 4 hours after getting vaccinated and could include symptoms such as hives, swelling, and wheezing (respiratory distress).

If You Are Allergic to an Ingredient in a COVID-19 Vaccine-

If you have had a severe allergic reaction or an immediate allergic reaction—even if it was not severe—to any ingredient in an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, you should not get either of the currently available mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna).

If you have had a severe allergic reaction or an immediate allergic reaction to any ingredient in Johnson & Johnson's Janssen (J&J/Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine, you should not get the J&J/Janssen vaccine.

If You Are Allergic to Other Types of Vaccines

If you have had an immediate allergic reaction—even if it was not severe—to a vaccine or injectable therapy for another disease, ask your doctor if you should get a COVID-19 vaccine.

If You Have Allergies Not Related to Vaccines

The CDC recommends that people get vaccinated even if they have a history of severe allergic reactions not related to vaccines or injectable medications—such as food, pet,



venom, environmental, or latex allergies. People with a history of allergies to oral medications or a family history of severe allergic reactions may also get vaccinated.¹⁷

If you have any of the allergies described by the CDC, provide that documentation to your employer if they are mandating vaccination. If you feel the employer is responding in an unreasonable manner, contact the Pacific Justice Institute to discuss your legal rights.

Question: What if I am pregnant?

Answer: The CDC states that you MAY get the vaccine if you are pregnant, however, “key considerations you can discuss with your healthcare provider include:

- How likely you are to being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19
- Risks of COVID-19 to you and the potential risks to your fetus or infant
- What is known about COVID-19 vaccines:
- How well they work to develop protection in the body
- Known side effects of vaccination
- Limited, but growing, information on the safety of COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy
- How vaccination might pass antibodies to the fetus. Recent reports have shown that people who have received COVID-19 mRNA vaccines during pregnancy (mostly during their third trimester) have passed antibodies to their fetuses, which could help protect them after birth.”¹⁸

UPDATE: As recently as late September 2022, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky claimed it’s perfectly safe for pregnant and nursing women, and those planning a pregnancy, to get the COVID jab. According to Walensky, “There’s NO bad time to get a COVID vaccine”¹⁹

¹⁷ COVID-19 Vaccines for People with Allergies, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), updated March 25, 2021.

¹⁸ COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), updated August 11, 2021. NOTE: The CDC, a top federal government medical agency, uses politically correct language that does not acknowledge the biological difference between men and women.

¹⁹ <https://twitter.com/cdcdirector/status/1443658153191694353?s=46&t=8h2tsd8tfiAj5qN8Gi0iCQ>



As we know, the FDA asked a federal court for 75 years to make public the many thousands of pages of data submitted to them by Pfizer to support the Emergency Use Authorization for the COVID vaccine. Fortunately, a federal judge ordered them released in a year, 55,000 per month. Dr. Pierre Kory searched through some of the Pfizer data relative to pregnancies during the trial period. He found the following data"

270 pregnancies were reported in vaccinated women during the first 12 weeks of the vaccine campaign. In 238 of them, "no outcome was provided." So, they only knew the outcome of 32 pregnancies reported. What happened in those 32 pregnancies they followed up on?

- *23 spontaneous abortions*
- *2 spontaneous abortions with intra-uterine death. So, 25 of the 32 pregnancies with known outcomes resulted in a miscarriage, a rate of 78%. Note that miscarriage normally occurs in only 12-15% of pregnancies*
- *2 premature births with neonatal death*
- *1 spontaneous abortion with neonatal death*
- *1 normal outcome*

Note that this only adds up to 29 known outcomes, but then they note that "two different outcomes were reported for each twin" and then they talk about "fetus/baby cases as separate from mother cases." I have no idea how to interpret this explanation of outcomes, so it may have been one or two less (or more) deaths then.

So, of the 32 pregnancies they knew the outcome of, 87.5% resulted in the death of the fetus or neonate.²⁰

Question: What if I am breastfeeding?

Answer: The CDC states "Clinical trials for the COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for use under an Emergency Use Authorization in the United States did not include people who are breastfeeding. Because the vaccines have not been studied on lactating people, there are no data available on the:

- Safety of COVID-19 vaccines in lactating people
- Effects of vaccination on the breastfed baby

²⁰ <https://pierrekorystack.com/p/massive-miscarriage-rates-among-vaccinated>



- Effects on milk production or excretion”²¹

UPDATE: On September 26, 2022, a study was published in JAMA Pediatrics finding that mRNA was detected in breastmilk for 48 hours after taking the vaccine. The study went on to say:

We believe it is safe to breastfeed after maternal COVID-19 vaccination. However, caution is warranted about breastfeeding children younger than 6 months in the first 48 hours after maternal vaccination until more safety studies are conducted.

In addition, the potential interference of COVID-19 vaccine mRNA with the immune response to multiple routine vaccines given to infants during the first 6 months of age needs to be considered. It is critical that lactating individuals be included in future vaccination trials to better evaluate the effect of mRNA vaccines on lactation outcomes.”²²

Question: What if I do not want to take the vaccine because I am concerned about side effects or future health issues?

Answer: At this time, there is no allowance for persons who are declining the vaccine for health concerns. The Pacific Justice Institute will monitor current and future legal actions and revise this information as necessary.

UPDATE: In a stunning development, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) admitted in mid-June 2022 — despite assurances to the contrary — the agency never analyzed the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) for safety signals for COVID-19 vaccines. The admission was revealed in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted by Children’s Health Defense.²³

Dr. Peter Doshi is an associate professor of pharmaceutical health services research in the School of Pharmacy, at the University of Maryland Baltimore. He and other highly credible doctors from universities such as Stanford and UCLA published a study on June 23, 2022, which

²¹ COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), updated August 11, 2021. NOTE: The CDC, a top federal government medical agency, uses politically correct language that does not acknowledge the biological difference between men and women.

²² JAMA Pediatrics September 26, 2022 DOI: 10.1001/jamapediatrics.2022.3581

²³ <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/cdc-vaers-covid-vaccine-safety/>



found that for most, the vaccines carry more risk than benefit. The study is titled: “Serious Adverse Events of Special Interest Following mRNA Vaccination in Randomized Trials”.²⁴

UPDATE: On October 5, 2022, Lawyer Aaron Siri has successfully obtained reports from the CDC after the Informed Consent Action Network sued the organization twice. The court order required the CDC to release crucial information on the vaccine’s safety. The data is gathered from 10 million individuals who utilized the CDC’s “v-safe” program, a smartphone-based tool where recipients of the Covid-19 vaccine can go for health check-ins. The tool allows people to go on their smartphone and provide information on how they’re feeling post-shot.

According to the official CDC data shared by Siri, about 1.2 million people were unable to perform regular activities, 1.3 million had to miss work or school, and another 800,000 people required medical care after getting the vaccine. A total of 3,353,110 recipients were negatively impacted by the vaccine.

It took 463 days to receive the data, and Siri believes the CDC could have provided the information in a matter of minutes. “Why did it take numerous legal demands, multiple appeals – two lawsuits in fact – before the CDC finally handed over the v-safe data?” Siri asks.

The vaccines touted by the CDC as safe and effective resulted in 7.7% of 10 million had to seek medical care post injection, and a staggering 25% missed work and had some serious event affecting their normal lives.²⁵

V-safe is a voluntary monitoring system put in place by the CDC to monitor adverse events after vaccination. When you get a COVID vaccine, you get a card to enroll in the V-safe program. Everyone is encouraged to enroll to let the CDC know how safe (or not) the vaccine is. Slightly over 10M people chose to participate in the program for the COVID vaccines.

V-safe then reaches out to you on a regular basis to see how things are going.

Unlike the VAERS system, the V-safe data is almost “fully reported” because people sign up at the time they are vaccinated BEFORE they have any symptoms.

The CDC stopped pushing this system around May 2021.²⁶

ADDITIONAL UPDATE: Refer to the section on “What if a COVID vaccine is required for admission to a college or university”, for additional new safety update information for college age people.

²⁴ https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4125239

²⁵ <https://www.eviemagazine.com/post/25-percent-people-received-covid-19-vaccination-missed-work-serious-event-cdc>

²⁶ Steve Kirsch's newsletter stevekirsch@substack.com, October 5, 2022.



UPDATE: On February 15, 2023, the Florida Department of Health put out a warning to the public about adverse effects from the COVID vaccine. In Florida alone, there was a 1,700% increase in VAERS reports after the release of the COVID-19 vaccine, and life-threatening conditions increased over 4,400%.

According to a recent study²⁷, mRNA COVID-19 vaccines were associated with an excess risk of serious adverse events, including coagulation disorders, acute cardiac injuries, Bell's palsy, and encephalitis, to name a few. This risk was 1 in 550.²⁸

UPDATE: On February 6, 2023, Thailand announced it will be the first country to void Pfizer's contract and remove their immunity from liability for adverse effects from the vaccine. This after Princess Bajrakitiyabha the daughter of the king of Thailand, collapsed and fell into a coma just days after receiving her COVID booster. She remains in a grave condition six weeks after she collapsed and is being kept alive by machines.²⁹

UPDATE: On February 8, 2023, a group of researchers in Japan announced they were suing their government for fraud committed by the Health Ministry concerning information about the COVID vaccines, calling it a serious problem of historic significance that threatens the very existence of the nation of Japan. "Take a look at the 65-69 and 70-79 age groups. Surprisingly, the number of new infections or positive cases per 100,000 people is four times higher for people who have been vaccinated twice, compared with unvaccinated people..." "However, in last year's data, the Health Ministry deleted all that information."

"Based on the data published by the Advisory Board in September 2021, the basis for recommending vaccination for all ages should no longer exist anymore. Despite that fact, the Health Ministry has pushed ahead the vaccination."³⁰

Question: I recently tested positive for Covid 19. Should I get the vaccine?

Answer: People with COVID-19 who have symptoms should wait to be vaccinated until they have recovered from their illness. You should isolate yourself for at least 14 days since

²⁷ <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36055877/>

²⁸ <https://rwmalonemd.substack.com/p/warning-florida-department-of-health>

²⁹ <https://remnantnewspaper.com/web/index.php/headline-news-around-the-world/item/6376-thailand-to-become-first-country-to-make-pfizer-contract-null-and-void>

³⁰ <https://forbiddenknowledge.tv.net/japanese-researchers-sue-the-government-for-hiding-inconvenient-truths-about-the-jab/>



symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.³¹

Question: I already had Covid and recovered, so I have antibodies to fight off future exposures. Do I still have to get a vaccine?

Answer: There is a growing mountain of evidence that people who have natural immunity, from having had COVID-19 and recovered, do not need a vaccination. Overwhelming evidence shows that the natural immunity is superior to the immunity produced by vaccines, and while still statistically small, the possibility of adverse side effects from the vaccine are higher for those with natural immunity.

There has been evidence dating back to January 2021 that natural immunity is superior to immunity from vaccination. However, until just recently, the CDC and other government officials have refused to acknowledge this evidence and still required vaccines. The CDC has not updated this subject on their website since March 2021. We at PJI believe that the government will shortly be forced to acknowledge the effectiveness of natural immunity. We make that statement because of overwhelming evidence and because of the recent recognition of natural immunity in a statement from Doctor Anthony Fauci. Here are the details:

1. The Spectrum Health hospital system in Michigan announced on September 9, 2021, that it now grants an exemption to those who have a positive PCR or antigen test for COVID-19 plus a positive antibody test from within the past three months. The exemption, the first for a major health system in Michigan, was developed "as new research has emerged" on natural immunity.³²
2. St. Luke's University Health Network and Lehigh Valley Health Network, two large health networks in Southeastern Pennsylvania, are allowing employees who already had COVID-19 to defer getting the COVID-19 vaccine due to the natural immunity they have against the virus. Sam Kennedy, spokesperson for St. Luke's, said the move to implement this exemption was made based on guidance from network infectious disease experts.³³

³¹ Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), updated August 31, 2021.

³² "Spectrum Health workers can use natural immunity as vaccine mandate exemption", by Beth LeBlanc, The Detroit News, September 12, 2021.

³³ "St. Luke's and LVHN employees who caught COVID-19 to defer getting the vaccine, other employers may follow", by Leif Greiss, The Morning Call, September 14, 2021.



3. A professor at George Mason University filed a lawsuit over the University's mandatory vaccination policy for employees and others. Professor Todd Zywicki based the lawsuit on the fact that he had natural antibodies from a previous COVID-19 infection. On August 17, 2021, the University relented and is allowing the professor to remain on campus unvaccinated for "medical reasons unique to Prof. Zywicki".³⁴
4. Aaron Kheriaty, a professor of psychiatry and human behavior at the University of California, Irvine, and director of UCI's Medical Ethics Program and member of the UC Office of the President Critical Care Bioethics Working Group, has filed a recent lawsuit over the UC coronavirus vaccine mandate, which he argues he does not need because of his natural immunity against the virus. The lawsuit is still pending.³⁵
5. Europe is currently recognizing natural immunity in a number of circumstances, including its European Union travel passport system.³⁶
6. On September 14, 2021, the CDC tweeted: "If you've had #COVID19 in the past 3 months and you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you don't need to get tested if you don't have new symptoms." This is announcing new policy via @cdc.gov
7. On September 10, 2021, Doctor Anthony Fauci was on CNN being interviewed by Sanjay Gupta. CNN's Sanjay Gupta asked if people who have already recovered from COVID-19 should still be required to get the vaccine. "I don't have a really firm answer for you on that," he said Thursday on CNN. "I think that is something that we need to sit down and discuss seriously."³⁷ As previously stated, this is the first time a government official has acknowledged the possibility that people with natural immunity may not need to be vaccinated. Up until this point, all of their responses stated that persons with previous COVID-19 infections need to be vaccinated.

There is mounting evidence that natural immunity is superior to vaccination:

³⁴ "George Mason grants medical exemption to faculty member who sued over vaccine policy", by Rick Seltzer Senior Editor, Higher Ed Dive, August 18, 2021.

³⁵ "California professor sues over vaccine mandate, says he has natural immunity", by Emma Colton, Fox News, September 9, 2021.

³⁶ "EU Presidents Officially Sign Regulation on EU Vaccine Passports for Travel", Schengenvisainfo News, June 14, 2021

³⁷ "Fauci: Natural Immunity vs. Vaccine For COVID-19 Needs To Be Discussed Seriously", by Tim Hains, Real Clear Politics, September 10, 2021.



- a. Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and published May 24, 2021, in the journal Nature, found that even a mild case of coronavirus could leave people with lifelong protection against the virus.³⁸
- b. In a study in the United Kingdom published April 9, 2021, “the authors suggest that infection and the development of an antibody response provides protection similar to or even better than currently used SARS-CoV-2 vaccines.”³⁹
- c. A study conducted by the Cleveland Clinic was released June 8, 2021, finding that “individuals with previous SARS-CoV-2 infection do not get additional benefits from vaccination”. They found that none of the 1,359 previously infected who remained unvaccinated contracted SARS-CoV-2 over the course of the research despite a high background rate of COVID-19 in the hospital.⁴⁰
- d. A similarly conducted study led by a researcher at University of California Los Angeles found that there was no difference in the infection incidence between vaccinated individuals and individuals with previous infection.⁴¹
- e. A study from researchers at the La Jolla Institute for Immunology found that the immune systems of those who recovered from COVID-19 had durable memories of the virus up to eight months after infection.⁴²
- f. A study from researchers at Emory University and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center which found that recovered COVID-19 patients, mount broad, durable immunity after infection, and that “[t]he durable antibody responses in the COVID-19 recovery period are further substantiated by the ongoing rise in both the spike and RBD memory B cell responses after over 3–5 months before entering a plateau phase over 6–8 months. Persistence of RBD memory B cells has been noted.”⁴³
- g. Aarhus University Hospital in Denmark studied the immune response following SARS-CoV-2 infections in 203 recovered patients. The patients’ disease severity ranged from

³⁸ Immunity to the Coronavirus May Persist for Years, Scientists Find, The New York Times, May 26, 2021.

³⁹ “Correlates of protection from SARS-CoV-2 infection”, by Florian Krammer, The Lancet, April 9, 2021

⁴⁰ <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.06.01.21258176>.

⁴¹ <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.07.03.21259976v2.full-text>.

⁴² <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/lasting-immunity-found-after-recovery-Covid-19>.

⁴³ <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xcrm.2021.100354>.



- h. mild to serious cases that required hospitalization. The authors found that the vast majority of recovered individuals had detectable, functional SARS-CoV2 spike-specific adaptive immune responses, despite diverse disease severities, making vaccination post-COVID-19 for any of them redundant.⁴⁴
- i. The most recent study of T-cell immunity six months after infection demonstrated that every single person tested showed “robust T cell responses to SARS-CoV-2 virus peptides [six months after primary infection] in all participants” which included those with “asymptomatic or mild/moderate COVID-19 infection.”⁴⁵
- j. A new Israeli study of over 6 million participants found that natural immunity from SARS-CoV-2 infection was better than vaccination immunity in reducing risk of COVID-19 reinfection, hospitalization, and severe illness. Vaccination was highly effective, with overall estimated efficacy for documented infection of 92.8%, hospitalization 94.2% and severe illness 94.4%. Similarly, the overall estimated level of protection from prior SARS-CoV-2 infection for documented infection was 94.8%, hospitalization 94.1%, and severe illness 96.4%.²² As the study explains, “both the BNT162b2 vaccine and prior SARS-CoV-2 infection are effective against both subsequent SARS-CoV-2 infection and other COVID-19–related outcomes.”⁴⁶
- k. Another study from Israel found that the vaccinated had 6.72 times the rate of infection as compared to those that had had COVID-19: With a total of 835,792 Israelis known to have recovered from the virus, the 72 instances of reinfection amount to 0.0086% of people who were already infected with COVID. By contrast, Israelis who were vaccinated were 6.72 times more likely to get infected after the shot than after natural infection.⁴⁷
- l. An outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 caused by the Gamma variant infected 24/44 (55%) employees of a gold mine in French Guiana. The attack rate was 15/25 (60.0%) in fully vaccinated miners, 6/15 (40.0%) in those partially vaccinated or with a history of COVID-19 (none of the partially vaccinated with a history of COVID-19 were positive), and 3/4

⁴⁴ [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/ebiom/article/PIIS2352-3964\(21\)00203-6/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/ebiom/article/PIIS2352-3964(21)00203-6/fulltext).

⁴⁵ <https://www.uk-cic.org/news/cellular-immunity-sars-cov-2-found-six-months-nonhospitalised-individuals>.

⁴⁶ <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.04.20.21255670v1>.

⁴⁷ <https://www.theblaze.com/op-ed/horowitz-israeli-government-data-shows-natural-immunity-from-infection-much-stronger-than-vaccine-induced-immunity#toggle-gdpr>.



- m. (75%) in those not vaccinated. The attack rate was 0/6 among persons with a previous history of COVID-19 versus 63.2% among those with no previous history.⁴⁸
- n. Irish researchers recently published a review of eleven cohort studies with over 600,000 total recovered COVID patients, not all of whom were well defined and may have had suspected COVID-19 with positive serologies later on who were followed up with over ten months. They found the reinfection rate to be 0.27% “with no study reporting an increase in the risk of reinfection over time.” Based on this data, the researchers were able to assert that “naturally acquired SARS-CoV-2 immunity does not wane for at least 10 months post-infection.” The study also did not identify any case of reinfection of SARS-CoV-2 that resulted in further transmission of the virus.⁴⁹
- o. A study by researchers at Rockefeller University, which hasn’t been peer-reviewed, found that natural infection can create B cells, a type of white blood cell, that produce more potent antibodies for fighting COVID-19 and its variants than the B cells created after vaccination. The study, published August 30, 2021, found that severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection produces B-cell responses that continue to evolve for at least one year. During that time, memory B cells express increasingly broad and potent antibodies that are resistant to mutations found in variants of concern.⁵⁰

NOTE: The research cited in d-l above appears in a declaration from Joseph Ladapo, MD, PhD, et al., filed August 23, 2021, in the case of *AARON KHERIATY M.D., v. THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, a Corporation, and MICHAEL V. DRAKE, in his official capacity as President of the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA*, case # 8:21-cv-01367 JVS (KESx), United States District Court, Central District of California, Southern Division.

UPDATE: As of November 30, 2021, there are now 150 scientific studies that affirm natural immunity to COVID-19. The complete list with summaries with links to each study can be accessed at <https://brownstone.org/articles/79-research-studies-affirm-naturally-acquired-immunity-to-covid-19-documented-linked-and-quoted/>

UPDATE: After largely ignoring the 135 studies affirming natural immunity cited above, the CDC has finally found a study that they like. The headline reads “CDC finds immunity from vaccines is

⁴⁸ https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/27/10/21-1427_article.

⁴⁹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8209951/pdf/RMV-9999-e2260.pdf>.

⁵⁰ <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.07.29.454333v2.full.pdf>



more consistent than from infection, but both last at least six months”.⁵¹ Harvard Medical School Professor Martin Kulldorff did an analysis of this new CDC cited study against a previous Israeli study, stating “An Israeli study by Gazit et al. found that the vaccinated have a 27 times higher risk of symptomatic infection than the Covid recovered. At the same time, the vaccinated were nine times more likely to be hospitalized for Covid. In contrast, a CDC study by Bozio et al. claims that the Covid recovered are five times more likely to be hospitalized for Covid than the vaccinated. Both studies cannot be right.”

After conducting an analysis of both studies, Kulldorff found the Israeli study to be more reliable, concluding: “Based on the solid evidence from the Israeli study, the Covid recovered have stronger and longer-lasting immunity against Covid disease than the vaccinated. Hence, there is no reason to prevent them from activities that are permitted to the vaccinated. In fact, it is discriminatory.”⁵²

UPDATE: An Attorney from New York filed a Freedom of Information Request Act (FOIA) request on September 2, 2021. Dated on November 5, 2021, in response to the attorney’s FOIA request, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) admitted that it has no record of an unvaccinated person spreading COVID after recovering from COVID and becoming re-infected. PJI has obtained a copy of the letter.⁵³

NOTE: The CDC has finally come out with an estimate as to how many Americans have natural immunity from a previous COVID-19 infection- 146.6 million as of October 2, 2021.⁵⁴

UPDATE: On January 7, 2022, the NCAA announced that a person who has had a documented COVID-19 infection in the past 90 days is considered the equivalent of “fully vaccinated.”⁵⁵

UPDATE: On January 19, 2022, the CDC acknowledged that natural immunity is more effective than vaccination for the delta variant (which is no longer the dominant strain). They still maintain that natural immunity AND vaccination is the best protection.⁵⁶

⁵¹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/11/01/what-works-better-vaccines-or-natural-immunity/>

⁵² <https://brownstone.org/articles/a-review-and-autopsy-of-two-covid-immunity-studies/>

⁵³ <https://www.swfinstitute.org/news/89518/foia-cdc-admits-no-record-of-unvaccinated-person-spreading-covid-after-recovering-from-covid>

⁵⁴ <https://beckernews.com/22-new-cdc-natural-immunity-42976/>

⁵⁵ <https://www.ncaa.com/news/ncaa/article/2022-01-06/ncaa-releases-updated-covid-19-guidance-winter-sports#:~:text=A%20person%20who%20has%20had,symptoms%20or%20symptoms%20are%20resolving.>

⁵⁶ <https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/prior-covid-infection-more-protective-than-vaccination-during-delta-surge-us-2022-01-19/>



UPDATE: On the Ingraham Angle on Fox News on April 1, 2022, there was a discussion about the findings from the first court ordered release of documents by Pfizer. The documents show that even in their trials, Pfizer's researchers saw that natural immunity was 100% effective

protection. No cases of severe COVID were found in the natural immunity group. These documents were sealed, and the CDC / Dr Fauci continued to maintain that the issue of natural immunity was not determined until January 19, 2022, in spite of 150 documented studies affirming natural immunity.⁵⁷

UPDATE August 2022: Recent studies again confirm that natural immunity is superior to vaccination for both the Delta and Omicron variants.

For Delta- A peer reviewed study dated April 5, 2022, titled "SARS-CoV-2 Naturally Acquired Immunity vs. Vaccine-induced Immunity, Reinfections versus Breakthrough Infections: a Retrospective Cohort Study", found that jabbed people were THIRTEEN TIMES more likely to catch Covid after being vaccinated than unvaccinated people were likely to get reinfected. Even more significantly, it found when vaccinated people did have breakthroughs, they were SEVEN times more likely to get a SERIOUS case of Covid than the unvaccinated people who did get a second infection.

They reached this logical and unsurprising conclusion: "Naturally acquired immunity confers stronger protection against infection and symptomatic disease caused by the Delta variant ... compared to ... vaccine-induced immunity."⁵⁸

For Omicron- In a July 7, 2022 study, The New England Journal of Medicine suggests natural immunity lasts longer than immunity acquired from vaccines.

The study, a case-control analysis based on data from Qatar collected from December 23, 2021 through February 21, 2022, involved millions of people, including 1,306,862 who received at least two doses of the Pfizer vaccine (BNT162b2) and 893,671 people who received at least two doses of the Moderna vaccine (mRNA-1273), as well unvaccinated individuals.

"A key finding was that a history of vaccination with the standard two doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna mRNA vaccine, but no history of prior infection, brought no significant protection against symptomatic omicron infection," researchers said.

⁵⁷ Coffee and Covid newsletter, Jeff Childers, April 1, 2022.

⁵⁸ <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35380632/>



In regards to the Pfizer vaccine, three shots offered considerably more protection. But the protection was still lower than natural immunity, which offered stronger and more sustained protection from infection than vaccination.⁵⁹

UPDATE: On August 11, 2022, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reversed its COVID-19 guidelines. The CDC's Dr. Greta Massetti acknowledged the power of natural immunity, stating that the new policy change sought to bring recommendations for "unvaccinated people in line with people who are fully vaccinated" – an acknowledgment of the high levels of population immunity in the U.S., due to vaccination, past COVID-19 infections or both. "Based on the latest ... data, it's around 95% of the population," Massetti said, "And so it really makes the most sense to not differentiate since many people have some protection against severe disease."

UPDATE: The CDC has also lied about Pfizer's study results. While claiming the Pfizer vaccine was 92% effective for those with previous COVID infection, the actual trial data found NO evidence of efficacy in those with previous infection. In other words, if you already had COVID and recovered, you had natural immunity and the vaccine did NOTHING for you.

Rep. Thomas Massie is a Republican Congressman for Kentucky and an award-winning scientist. On October 31, 2022, he pointed out that Pfizer's original vaccine trial, which contained 1,200 participants with evidence of prior infection, showed no benefit from their shots for those who had evidence of prior infection. CDC lied, said study showed it was 92% effective. He found this discrepancy in January of 2021, but the CDC refused to change it.⁶⁰

Question: Is there a difference between my employer "strongly encouraging" me to get the vaccine versus mandating the vaccine?

Answer: We believe there is. As of April 21, 2021, US Department of Labor (DOL), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) provided guidance as follows:

"If an employer requires its employees to be vaccinated, adverse reactions to the vaccines are considered "work-related" by OSHA. Employers who require COVID-19 vaccines must notify OSHA within 24 hours of an employee's inpatient hospitalization (or within eight hours of an employee's death) resulting from an adverse reaction."

Sometime between April 21 and May 24, 2021, OSHA changed its reporting guidance to:

⁵⁹ <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2203965>

⁶⁰ "How the FDA and CDC Are Hiding COVID Jab Dangers", by Dr. Joseph Mercola, November 11, 2022.



“DOL and OSHA, as well as other federal agencies, are working diligently to encourage COVID-19 vaccinations. OSHA does not wish to have any appearance of discouraging workers from receiving COVID-19 vaccination, and also does not wish to disincentivize employers’ vaccination efforts. As a result, OSHA will not enforce 29 CFR 1904’s recording requirements to require any employers to record worker side effects from COVID-19 vaccination through May 2022. We will reevaluate the agency’s position at that time to determine the best course of action moving forward.”

Apparently OSHA believed that adverse reactions to mandatory COVID vaccinations were eligible for Workers Compensation.

In looking at liability, the vaccine manufacturers and distributors have been given immunity. In addition, there is immunity from liability under the 2005 PREP act (Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act) for "program planners" who facilitate or supervise an onsite vaccination program, but that applies to liability for facilitating the vaccination. But there is no immunity for an employer who mandates an employee take the vaccine.

There are some older court cases on this issue. In 1949, in the case of *Roberts v. U.S.O. Camp Shows Inc.*, an employee was directed by his employer to receive various inoculations, and as a result, contracted encephalitis. The California Second District Court of Appeal held that "incapacity caused by illness from vaccination or inoculation may properly be found to have arisen out of the employment where such treatment is submitted to pursuant to the direction or for the benefit of the employer."⁶¹

In 1983, in the case of *Maier v. Workers' Comp. Appeals Bd.*, a nurse applied to work at a hospital. A mandatory test for tuberculosis resulted in treatment that injured her. The California Supreme Court found that "the rule is well settled that where an employee submits to an inoculation or a vaccination at the direction of the employer and for the employer's benefit, any injury resulting from an adverse reaction is compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act."⁶²

Therefore, if your employer is pressuring you to get the vaccine, we recommend that you ask them if getting the vaccine is mandatory and get that in writing.

⁶¹ *Roberts v. U. S. O. Camp Shows, Inc.*, 91 Cal. App. 2d 884, 205 P.2d 1116, 1949 Cal. App. LEXIS 1319

⁶² *Maier v. Workers' Comp. Appeals Bd.*, 33 Cal. 3d 729, 661 P.2d 1058, 190 Cal. Rptr. 904, 1983 Cal. LEXIS 176, 48 Cal. Comp. Cases 326



Question- What new mandates were created as a result of President Biden's speech on September 9, 2021?

Answer- On September 9, 2021, President Biden addressed the nation regarding his plans to address the increase in COVID-19 cases. His plan for mandatory COVID-19 vaccination directly impacts a staggering 100 million American Workers, almost two thirds of the nation's workforce. The focus is on the following groups:

- a. All Employers with 100+ Employees: Mandatory Vaccination or Weekly Testing, about 80 million employees.
- b. Federal Executive Branch Workers and Government Contractors: Mandatory Vaccination, about 2.5 million employees.
- c. Health Care Employees at Medicare and Medicaid Participating Facilities, about 17 million employees.

Employers with 100+ Employees- At the conclusion of the speech, the official White House website included this summary:

Requiring All Employers with 100+ Employees to Ensure their Workers are Vaccinated or Tested Weekly

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is developing a rule that will require all employers with 100 or more employees to ensure their workforce is fully vaccinated or require any workers who remain unvaccinated to produce a negative test result on at least a weekly basis before coming to work. OSHA will issue an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) to implement this requirement. This requirement will impact over 80 million workers in private sector businesses with 100+ employees.

UPDATE: On January 13, 2022, the United States Supreme Court placed a stay on the OSHA mandate requiring vaccination / testing by private employers with 100 or more employees. While the case can technically still move forward, for all practical purposes this mandate will not be implemented. The court did leave open the possibility for OSHA to take more targeted action on a specific industry or industries, and it remains to be seen if the Biden administration will attempt to do so.



UPDATE: OSHA announces its 490 page Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) On November 4, 2021 and publishes it on November 5, 2021.

The ETS as written is not a vaccine mandate because no employees actually have to get vaccinated. Each employee has the option to go to weekly testing. The media has focused on the fact that the date for mandatory vaccination or testing has been pushed back to January 4, 2022. However, the ETS actually takes effect on December 5, 2021, and employers have a number of responsibilities that come into effect at that time.

In addition, the ETS clarified a number of other issues that have been pending since the Biden speech on September 9, 2021, such as:

1. The ETS applies to all employers who have 100 or more U.S. employees at any time the standard is in effect, regardless of the number or location of worksites an employer may have. Therefore, if you have 95 employees when the ETS goes into effect on December 5, 2021, but the company hires five more employees and hits the 100 mark, the requirements go into effect for the company.
2. Once the company is covered by the ETS, it is covered for as long as the ETS is in effect regardless as to whether or not the company still has 100 employees. So if the company is covered on December 5, 2021, but then lays off a number of employees bringing it well below 100 employees, the company is still covered and must comply. Therefore, December 5, 2021 is an important date for employers.
3. Part-time employees count toward the 100-employee threshold, but independent contractors do not. Employees of a staffing agency would be counted by that agency, and not the employer to whom they are sent to work. On multi-employer worksites, such as in construction, each employer would count its own employees.
4. For employers who have both remote and in-office employees, all such employees are counted toward the 100-employee threshold. However, the ETS does not apply to employees who do not report to a workplace where other individuals such as coworkers or customers are present; while working from home; or who work exclusively outdoors.
5. Failure to implement and/or enforce the requirements of the ETS could result in potential citation and/or fines of up to \$13,653 for each serious violation. Willful violations could result in a fine as high as \$136,532.⁶³

⁶³ <https://www.boselaw.com/2021/11/osha-issues-emergency-temporary-standard-mandating-covid-19-vaccination-and-testing/>



6. The ETS also does not apply to Health Care Employees at Medicare and Medicaid Participating Facilities, or Federal Executive Branch Workers and Government Contractors.

Federal Executive Branch Workers and Government Contractors: The government has given these employees and contractors 75 days to come into compliance. Federal employees are required to come into compliance as of November 22, 2021. Federal contractors have until January 4, 2022.

UPDATE: Biden issued Executive Order 14042, which requires federal employees and contractors to be vaccinated against the coronavirus. Federal employees will need to be fully vaccinated by November 22, 2021, and contractors by January 4, 2022. There is no weekly testing option for these workers. In FAQs, the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force reminded federal agencies that they still must comply with applicable federal laws—including privacy and collective bargaining obligations—when requesting vaccination information. Prior to the vaccine mandate's effective date, onsite contractors who are not fully vaccinated must show proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than three days before entering a federal building.⁶⁴

UPDATES- FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

UPDATE: As of January 19, 2022, the vaccine mandate for federal contractors and subcontractors remains on hold pending further court proceedings. On November 30, 2021, the UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT for the EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY, CENTRAL DIVISION, FRANKFORT, issued a preliminary injunction, preventing the federal government from enforcing the vaccine mandate for federal contractors and subcontractors in all covered contracts in Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee. On January 5, 2022, the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which was the first federal appellate court to consider whether the contractor mandate is legal, expressed a strong view that it is not. In addition, in early December, a separate federal district court ruling by a judge in Georgia, has temporarily blocked the contractor vaccine mandate nationwide. That opinion also found the president overstepped his bounds under the Procurement Act. The government has appealed that ruling too, and the case is now before the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

⁶⁴ <https://www.shrm.org/resourcesandtools/legal-and-compliance/employment-law/pages/osha-sends-covid-19-vaccination-rule-to-white-house-for-review.aspx>



UPDATES- FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

UPDATE: As of January 19, 2022, Federal Employees continue to be under a vaccine mandate. No action has been taken on religious exemptions / accommodations filed by federal employees.

UPDATE: On January 21, 2022, a Texas federal judge on Friday blocked the Biden administration from enforcing a vaccine mandate for federal employees. Judge Brown stated "It is not even about the federal government's power, exercised properly, to mandate vaccination of its employees," he added. "It is instead about whether the President can, with the stroke of a pen and without the input of Congress, require millions of federal employees to undergo a medical procedure as a condition of their employment. That, under the current state of the law as just recently expressed by the Supreme Court, is a bridge too far."⁶⁵

UPDATE: On February 9, 2022, the 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals refused to reinstate the mandate. This allows the government to appeal to the United States Supreme Court.⁶⁶

UPDATE: On April 7, 2022, in a 2-1 ruling, a panel of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a lower court and ordered dismissal of a lawsuit challenging the mandate. The ruling, a rare win for the administration, said that the federal judge didn't have jurisdiction in the case and those challenging the requirement could have pursued administrative remedies under Civil Service law.⁶⁷ According to the Washington Post, the White House has told federal agencies to hold off on enforcing the mandate pending further court action.⁶⁸

UPDATE: On June 27, 2022, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit granted their petition to rehear the case by the full court. By doing so, the court vacated a divided Feb. 9 ruling by a three-judge panel that lifted an injunction blocking enforcement of the vaccination requirement for federal employees while the lawsuit played out. Federal employees will remain on the job at least until the hearing before the whole court, which is not yet scheduled.⁶⁹

UPDATES- CMS HEALTHCARE WORKERS

⁶⁵ <https://www.cnn.com/2022/01/21/politics/employee-vaccine-mandate/index.html>

⁶⁶ <https://www.cnn.com/2022/02/09/politics/appeals-court-federal-employee-vaccine-mandate/index.html>

⁶⁷ <https://www.npr.org/2022/04/07/1091558679/appeals-court-oks-biden-federal-employee-vaccine-mandate>

⁶⁸ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/04/08/federal-vaccine-mandate-white-house-appeals/>

⁶⁹ <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/litigation/federal-worker-covid-vaccine-challenge-to-be-reheard-by-5th-cir>



UPDATE: On January 13, 2022, in a 5-4 decision, the United States Supreme Court allowed the CMS Health Care Employees vaccine mandate at Medicare and Medicaid Participating

Facilities: The government is allowing 30 days to implement the policy, that is until Feb. 13, 2022,) for facilities to demonstrate that staff had their first vaccine doses and 60 days (by March 15) for facilities to demonstrate that staff are fully vaccinated in the 24 states subject to the injunctions lifted in the Supreme Court opinion. This extension applies only to surveyors in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming. Texas remains subject to an injunction (which is unlikely to stand considering the Supreme Court decision), while all other U.S. states retain their current timelines (including fully vaccinated staff by Feb. 28, 2022).

UPDATE: On March 7, 2022, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced an enforcement effort for focused inspections in hospitals, nursing care facilities treating COVID-19 patients. OSHA intends to expand its presence in targeted high-hazard healthcare facilities during a three-month period from March 9, 2022 to June 9, 2022.⁷⁰

UPDATE: In November, 2022, a total of 22 states have petitioned the Federal Department of Health and Human Services to remove the CMS mandate. ⁷¹

UPDATES- HEAD START TEACHERS

UPDATE: On January 2, 2022, a Louisiana federal judge has ruled that President Joe Biden cannot require teachers in the Head Start early education program to be vaccinated against COVID-19. U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty wrote that the Biden administration unlawfully bypassed Congress when ordering that workers in Head Start programs be vaccinated by Jan. 31 and that students 2 years or older be masked when indoors or when in close contact outdoors. The ruling affects Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Wyoming and West Virginia.

⁷⁰ <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/trade/03072022-0>

⁷¹ <https://www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/news/2022/11/17/pr22-46.html>



Question: Asking me if I have been vaccinated is asking for medical information. Isn't that a violation of HIPAA?

Answer: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub.L. 104–191, commonly referred to as HIPAA, focuses on “protected health information” as maintained by the healthcare industry (including healthcare insurance providers) to prevent such information from being exploited via theft and fraud. HIPAA only applies to “covered entities” – healthcare providers, health plans, healthcare clearinghouses, and, to some extent, their business associates.

As recently as September 30, 2021, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issued guidance to help the public understand when the HIPAA Privacy Rule applies to disclosures and requests for information about whether a person has received a COVID-19 vaccine.⁷² This guidance from the OCR explains when the HIPAA Privacy Rule applies to disclosures and requests for information about whether a person has received a COVID-19 vaccine. Because the HIPAA Privacy Rule only applies to HIPAA covered entities, and sometimes their business associates, it does not generally apply to a store, restaurant, entertainment venue, an employer or employment records.

However, various state and federal laws may prevent an employer from asking an employee why he or she is not vaccinated. This does not, of course, mean that an employee may not choose to voluntarily disclose a pre-existing medical condition or sincerely held religious belief that prevents her from receiving the vaccine, so that the employee can request a reasonable accommodation if the employer is requiring COVID vaccination as a condition of employment.

Question: How effective are these vaccines?

Answer: Unfortunately, the vaccines have not proven to be nearly as effective as we had all hoped. Many people who have been vaccinated have contracted COVID 19 afterward, so called “breakthrough cases”. On July 27, 2021, CDC Director Rochelle Walensky said recent studies had shown that those vaccinated individuals who do become infected with COVID have just as much viral load as the unvaccinated, making it possible for them to spread the virus to others.⁷³

While the CDC does not track breakthrough cases, several states do. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health officials reported on November 16, 2021, that in the past week the

⁷² U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), “HIPAA, COVID-19 Vaccination, and the Workplace” (Sept. 30, 2021), available at: <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/privacy/guidance/hipaa-covid-19-vaccination-workplace/index.html>

⁷³ <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0730-mmwr-covid-19.html>



state had 5,313 new breakthrough cases -- infections in people who have been vaccinated -- with 140 more vaccinated people hospitalized. Their report brings the total number of breakthrough cases to 64,120, and the death toll among people with breakthrough infections to 509.⁷⁴

These numbers are for only one state, which indicates breakthrough cases are relatively common in the United States. This ties into concerns that the effectiveness of the vaccines may diminish over time, thus requiring booster doses. Israel has found the Pfizer vaccine to be 39% effective,⁷⁵ and the Mayo Clinic found the Pfizer vaccine to be only 42% effective against the Delta variant. The study raises serious questions about the vaccines' long-term effectiveness, particularly Pfizer's. It's unclear whether the results signify a reduction in effectiveness over time, a reduced effectiveness against Delta, or a combination of both. "If that's not a wakeup call, I don't know what is," a senior Biden official told Axios.⁷⁶

Perhaps that is why the CDC has quietly changed the definition of "vaccination" on their website. Prior to September 1, 2021, the definition was: "The act of introducing a vaccine into the body to produce **immunity** to a specific disease."⁷⁷ (Emphasis added)

The definition was changed to: "The act of introducing a vaccine into the body to produce **protection** from a specific disease."⁷⁸ (Emphasis added)

UPDATE: the arrival of the Omicron variant has changed the perception on whether or not vaccines can prevent infection and transmission of COVID-19. The evidence is clear that vaccination, and even vaccination plus booster, is not preventing transmission of the Omicron Variant. As of mid-December, the CDC website stated that 79% of the people who had the omicron variant were vaccinated. The National Hockey League has a 100% vaccination rate and they are currently shut down because they are overrun with COVID infections. The National Football League is 97% vaccinated and they are facing the same issues, postponing games. Cornell University has sent their students home to learn remotely because of about 1500 cases in a student body that is 97% vaccinated.

⁷⁴ <https://www.nbcboston.com/news/coronavirus/5313-new-breakthrough-cases-in-mass-41-more-deaths-in-vaccinated-people/2568166/>

⁷⁵ "Israeli Data Suggests Possible Waning in Effectiveness of Pfizer Vaccine", by Carl Zimmer, dated July 23, 2021, updated July 28, 2021. The New York Times.

⁷⁶ New data on coronavirus vaccine effectiveness may be "a wakeup call", by Caitlin Owens, Axios, August 11, 2021.

⁷⁷ <http://web.archive.org/web/20210826113846/https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/imz-basics.htm>

⁷⁸ <http://web.archive.org/web/20210902194040/https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/imz-basics.htm>



NOTE: the ineffectiveness of the vaccines and boosters against this latest variant in essence eliminates the reason people are losing their jobs for not being vaccinated. If they are no more likely to spread the virus than those vaccinated, why are the unvaccinated being fired? While many still promote the vaccines for the purpose of getting a less severe case of COVID, that line of reasoning makes the decision to get a vaccine an even more of an individual, personal choice, as the risk is only to the unvaccinated person.

UPDATE: January 19, 2022-

On January 10, 2022, Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla stated: “The two doses, they’re not enough for omicron.” Bourla said the two-dose vaccine does not provide robust protection against infection and its ability to prevent hospitalization has also declined. He said third shots are providing good protection against death, and “decent” protection against hospitalization.

On January 9, 2022, a Wall St Journal Opinion piece stated: “There is no evidence so far that vaccines are reducing infections from the fast-spreading Omicron variant.” And they argue that as a result, “there is no scientific basis whatsoever for OSHA’s vaccine mandate.”

The booster shots effectiveness against the Omicron variant appear to wane quickly, with no efficacy after 90 days. However, European Union regulators warned that frequent Covid-19 booster shots could adversely affect the immune response and may not be feasible. ⁷⁹

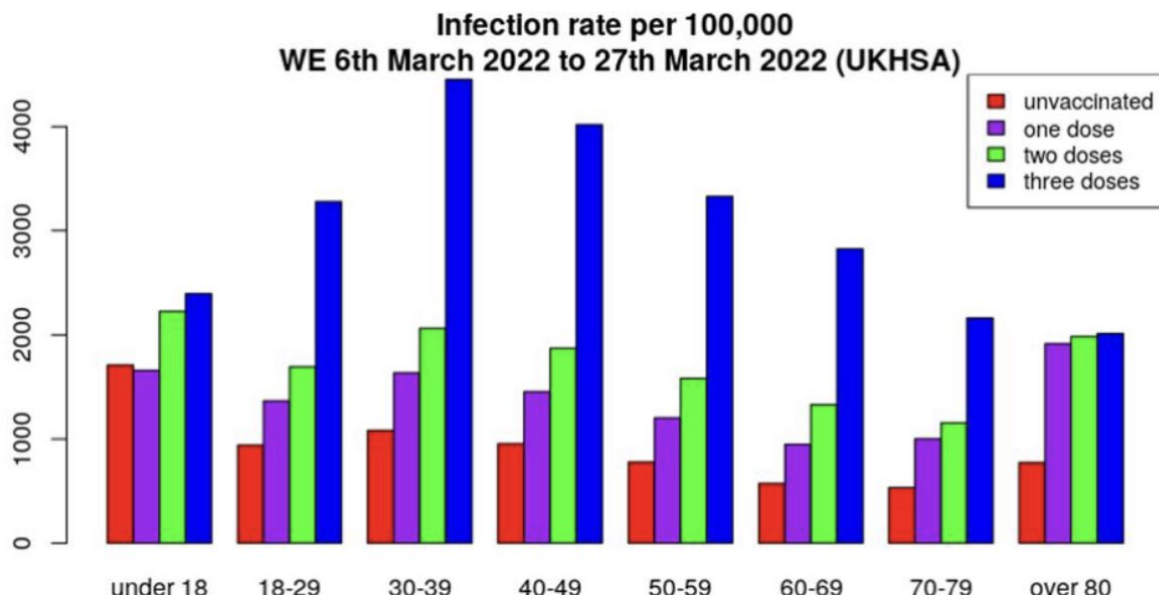
UPDATE: January 2022, a study in the UK by Anika Singanayagam and colleagues regarding community transmission of SARS-CoV-2 among unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals provides important information that needs to be considered in reassessing vaccination policies. This study showed that the impact of vaccination on community transmission of circulating variants of SARS-CoV-2 appeared to be not significantly different from the impact among unvaccinated people. **The scientific rationale for mandatory vaccination in the USA relies on the premise that vaccination prevents transmission to others, resulting in a “pandemic of the unvaccinated”.** Yet, the demonstration of COVID-19 breakthrough infections among fully vaccinated health-care workers (HCW) in Israel, who in turn may transmit this infection to

⁷⁹ <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-01-11/repeat-booster-shots-risk-overloading-immune-system-emasays#:~:text=European%20Union%20regulators%20warned%20that,to%20the%20European%20Medicines%20Agency>.



their patients, requires a reassessment of compulsory vaccination policies leading to the job dismissal of unvaccinated HCW in the USA.⁸⁰

UPDATE: As of April 6, 2022, the latest UK data appears to show that people who've taken the third boosters are now FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY to catch Covid-19 than unvaccinated people.⁸¹



UPDATE: The New York Times ran an article April 5, 2022, headlined, “Covid News: Israeli Study Says Second Booster Protects Against Omicron Infection But Wanes Fast.”⁸² So how fast does the protection wane? The Times said “the booster’s effectiveness against infection in particular wanes after just four weeks and almost disappears after eight weeks.” The NYT reported that the findings, published yesterday in the New England Journal of Medicine, suggest that “additional boosters are likely to provide fleeting protection against Omicron infections in older recipients.” Fleeting protection. “For confirmed infection, a fourth dose appeared to provide only short-term protection and a modest absolute benefit,” the researchers confirmed in the study. A MODEST absolute benefit. Modest AND fleeting.⁸³

⁸⁰ [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099\(21\)00768-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(21)00768-4/fulltext)

⁸¹ Jeff Childers Coffee & Covid, April 7, 2022.

⁸² <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2022/04/05/world/covid-19-mandates-cases-vaccine>

⁸³ Jeff Childers Coffee & Covid, April 6, 2022.



UPDATE: April 13, 2022, Dr. Paul Offit published an editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine titled “Covid-19 Boosters — Where from Here?” In the editorial, he makes some interesting admissions about the vaccines. One of the noteworthy things about this editorial is Dr. Offit’s background and previous positions and statements regarding COVID. Offit, is Director of the Vaccine Education Center and professor of pediatrics in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He is a member of the Food and Drug Administration Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee.⁸⁴ He has consistently supported the CDC / FDA NIH line throughout the pandemic.

In the editorial, Dr. Offit makes an apology of sorts; he explains that it was a “disappointing error” to claim that Covid vaccines would prevent mild illness and transmission, when it was OBVIOUS that they could not do so because they do not generate mucosal immunity.

He also admits that the vaccines were never trialed for preventing transmission, a statement that would have just recently been classified as misinformation. He also took on the issue of of “asymptomatic infection,” stating that “a zero-tolerance strategy for mild or asymptomatic infection, which can be implemented only with frequent booster doses, will continue to mislead the public about what COVID-19 vaccines can and cannot do.”

Importantly, he admitted that the vaccines have RISKS, a plain fact the CDC is yet unwilling to say: “In addition, because boosters are not risk-free, we need to clarify which groups most benefit. For example, boys and men between 16 and 29 years of age are at increased risk for myocarditis caused by mRNA vaccines.” It was recently disclosed that Dr. Offit advised his college aged son NOT to take the booster.

He also warned “and all age groups are at risk for the theoretical problem of an ‘original antigenic sin’ — a decreased ability to respond to a new immunogen because the immune system has locked onto the original immunogen.”⁸⁵ He may be the first member of the “establishment medical experts” to acknowledge this possibility. Original antigenic sin could limit the ability to respond to a new variant, and could be problematic for patients both short term and long term.

UPDATE: According to Walgreens data, during the week of April 19 through 25, 2022, 13% of unvaccinated persons tested positive for COVID. Of those who received two doses five months or more ago, 23.1% tested positive, and of those who received a third dose five months or more ago, the

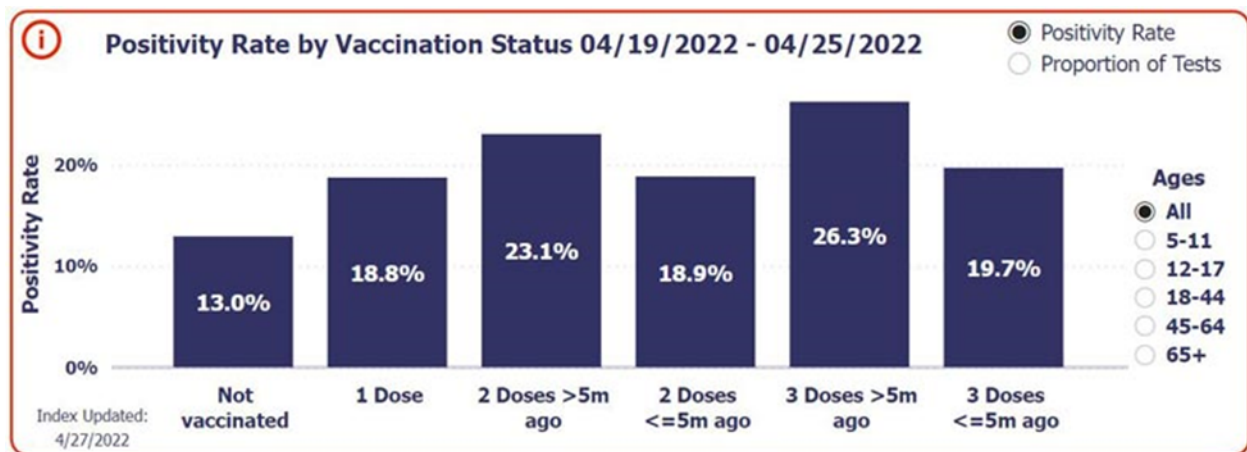
⁸⁴ <https://www.chop.edu/doctors/offit-paul-a>

⁸⁵ <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMe2203329>



positive rate was 26.3%. So, after the first booster shot (the third dose), people are at greatest risk of testing positive for COVID.

A deeper dive into the data reveals that two doses appear to have been protective for a short while, but after five months, it becomes net harmful. The group faring worst of all is the 12 to 17 cohort, where no one with one dose tested positive, but after the second dose, cases suddenly appear, and get higher still after five months. After the third dose, positive cases drop a bit, but then shoot up higher than ever after five months.⁸⁶



UPDATE: Dr. Deborah Birx, originally on President Trump's Covid task force, testified before Congress on June 23, 2022. Here is a portion of the transcript where she is questioned by Senator Ron Johnson:

SEN. JOHNSON: When the government told us that the vaccinated couldn't transmit it [the virus], was that a lie? Or was that a guess?

DR. BIRX: I think it was /hope/ that the vaccine would work in that way. That's why I think scientists and public health leaders always have to be at the table, being very clear what we know and what we don't know...

SEN. JOHNSON: This is important for the country to know. So when I asked the question, when the government told us that the vaccinated couldn't get it, and I asked you if it was a guess or a lie, you said you don't know, you said you think it was hope.

⁸⁶ <https://www.walgreens.com/businesssolutions/covid-19-index.jsp>



So what we do know is, it wasn't the truth. So they were either guessing, lying, or hoping, and communicating that information to the citizens of this country.⁸⁷

As of July 22, 2022, Dr. Birx is now on a book promotion tour, and continues to state that they were all aware that the vaccines would not prevent infection or transmission of the virus.⁸⁸

Robert F. Kennedy Jr, of the Children's Health Defense, stated the following in August, 2022: "However, some authorities continued to suggest that the jabs could reduce COVID-19's spread. They should have known better. Instagram deplatformed me for pointing out that the vaccine industry's monkey studies—in May of 2020—made these claims doubtful; vaccinated monkeys both caught and transmitted COVID with the same frequency as unvaccinated primates. The real-world human data have since forced even the vaccines' most avid promoters to admit that their initial claims were false.⁸⁹

Incredibly, on November 23, 2020, before the vaccine rollout, Moderna Chief Medical Officer Tal Zaks said the public should not "over-interpret" the vaccine trial results to assume life could go back to normal after adults are vaccinated.

Zaks warned that the trial results show that the vaccine can prevent someone from getting sick or "severely sick," from COVID-19, however, the results don't show that the vaccine prevents transmission of the virus.

"They do not show that they prevent you from potentially carrying this virus transiently and infecting others," Zaks said.

Zaks added: "When we start the deployment of this vaccine we will not have sufficient concrete data to prove that this vaccine reduces transmission." "I think it's important that we don't change behavior solely on the basis of vaccination."⁹⁰

UPDATE: New York State's vast vaccine database (365,502 children) shows that among children 5 to 11, Pfizer's mRNA vaccine has a mere 12% efficacy for one month after kids were "fully vaccinated." Then, five weeks after becoming "fully vaccinated," this age group is 40 percent more likely to be COVID infected than those children who never received mRNA shots.⁹¹

⁸⁷https://twitter.com/MarkChangizi/status/1540405939584614400?s=20&%3Bt=_pjiHomZw4v3WNj4JAE7SA&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

⁸⁸ <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c5021092/dr-birx-knew-natural-covid-19-reinfections-early-december-2020> and <https://www.foxnews.com/media/dr-deborah-birx-knew-covid-vaccines-not-protect-against-infection>

⁸⁹ Letter to Liberals, by Robert F. Kennedy Jr, August 2022, page 17.

⁹⁰ <https://www.businessinsider.com/moderna-chief-medical-officer-vaccines-interview-2020-11>

⁹¹ Letter to Liberals, by Robert F. Kennedy Jr, August 2022, page 20.



UPDATE: In another study released in September, “Serious adverse events of special interest following mRNA COVID-19 vaccination in randomized trials in adults” National Library of Medicine.

This study showed that the level of risk for a post-injection event was significantly greater than the risk reduction for COVID-related hospitalization.

In short, the shots are far more likely to land you in the hospital than COVID-19 itself. For every 800 vaccine recipients, one person will suffer a serious injury. Meanwhile, some 5,000 must get the Pfizer jab to prevent a single COVID hospitalization. This is what risk benefit analysis is all about — comparing and weighing the benefit against the risk —and in this case, the vaccine clearly does more harm than good.⁹²

UPDATE: On November 15, 2022, the government in Australia will not recommend any further boosters. This is a huge change for a formerly very pro-vaccine government.⁹³

UPDATE: January 11, 2023- Some vaccine advisers to the federal government, including Dr Paul Offit, say they’re “disappointed” and “angry” that government scientists and the pharmaceutical company Moderna didn’t present a set of infection data on the company’s new Covid-19 booster during meetings last year when the advisers discussed whether the shot should be authorized and made available to the public. That data suggested the possibility that the updated booster might not be any more effective at preventing Covid-19 infections than the original shots.⁹⁴

UPDATE: the Cleveland Clinic published a preprint of a retrospective analysis of over 50,000 Cleveland Clinic Health System employees and their experience with COVID following the Omicron booster.

With a total of 51,011 Cleveland Clinic Health System employees, 20689 (41%) had a previous documented episode of COVID-19, and 42,064 (83%) received at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 occurred in 2452 (5%) during the study. In a bombshell finding (but not surprising given growing data), the risk of COVID-19 increased with time since the most recent prior COVID-19 episode, and importantly, with the number of vaccine doses previously received. The authors noted, “Despite [not receiving vaccines], their risk of acquiring COVID-19 was lower than those who received a larger number of prior vaccine doses.”⁹⁵

⁹² <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36055877/>

⁹³ <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/australia-rejects-3rd-covid-vaccine-booster/>

⁹⁴ <https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/11/health/moderna-bivalent-transparency/index.html>

⁹⁵ <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.12.17.22283625v1.full.pdf>



UPDATE: On January 23, 2023, the FDA proposed a plan for one COVID booster per year going forward.⁹⁶ However, FDA advisers were skeptical and the plan has thus far not been adopted.⁹⁷

Question: Vaccinations and boosters for Children ages 5-11, and even 6 months to 5 years?

Answer: Yes. On October 20, 2021, the Biden Administration unveiled its plan to 'quickly' vaccinate roughly 28 million children age 5-11, pending authorization from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). According to the announcement, the White House has secured enough to supply more than 25,000 doses for pediatricians and primary care physicians who have already signed up to deliver the vaccine, while the country now has enough Pfizer vaccine to jab roughly 28 million kids who will soon be eligible, meaning this won't be a slow roll-out like we saw 10 months ago when doses and capacity issues meant adults had to wait.

Meanwhile, the White House is rolling out an 'advertising' campaign to convince parents and kids that the vaccine is safe and effective. According to the report, "the administration believes trusted messengers — educators, doctors, and community leaders — will be vital to encouraging vaccinations." The US government has purchased 65 million doses of the Pfizer pediatric shot - which is expected to contain one-third of the dosage for adults and adolescents.⁹⁸

Right on schedule, an FDA panel on October 26, 2021, recommended emergency use authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11 by a vote of 17-0, with one abstention.⁹⁹ Then on October 29, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 to include children 5 through 11 years of age.¹⁰⁰ The children's vaccine is again approved under the Emergency Use Authorization, 21 U.S. Code § 360bbb-3.

In Pfizer's briefing document, issued before the October 26 hearing, says on page 10 "the number of participants in the current clinical development program is too small to detect any potential risks of myocarditis associated with vaccination."

⁹⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/23/health/covid-boosters-fda.html>

⁹⁷ <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/fda-advisers-raise-doubts-moving-yearly-covid-boosters-rcna67491>

⁹⁸ <https://www.zerohedge.com/covid-19/white-house-details-plan-quickly-vaccinate-28m-children-age-5-11>

⁹⁹ <https://www.wnd.com/2021/10/fda-panel-approves-pfizer-shot-children-age-5-11/>

¹⁰⁰ <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-emergency-use-children-5-through-11-years-age>



And, “long-term safety of COVID-19 vaccine in participants 5 to <12 years of age will be studied in 5 post-authorization safety studies, including a 5-year follow-up study to evaluate long term sequelae of post-vaccination myocarditis/pericarditis.”

Panel members also acknowledged the vaccine does not prevent transmission and wanes in efficacy after only months. And some pointed to data indicating at least 40% of children in the United States have recovered from COVID-19 and have natural immunity.

UPDATE: On January 19, 2022, World Health Organization Chief Scientist Dr Swaminathan stated: "...there's no evidence right now that healthy children, or healthy adolescents, need boosters. No evidence at all."¹⁰¹

UPDATE: “On March 7, 2022, the Florida Department of Health indicated that it will recommend against Covid vaccinations for healthy children ages 5-17. Florida’s Surgeon General, Joseph Ladapo, indicated that the State of Florida is going to issue separate guidance urging parents not to vaccinate their kids. Joseph Ladapo cited recent studies that found waning efficacy of the vaccine for kids. ‘We’re kind of scraping at the bottom of the barrel, particularly with healthy kids, in terms of actually being able to quantify with any accuracy and any confidence the even potential of benefit,’ Joseph Ladapo said after making the announcement.”¹⁰²

UPDATE: Though not yet approved, both Moderna and Pfizer continue to push for vaccines. In Moderna’s study, almost 7,000 children ages 6 months through 5 years received two 25-microgram doses of the vaccine -- a quarter of the adult dose.

The shot was 43.7% effective in kids 6 months to under 2 years and 37.5% effective in kids ages 2 through 5 years.

Those results are “below the 50% generally viewed as the lower limit of approvable efficacy, so we think this two-dose regimen is unlikely to be approved,” Bloomberg Intelligence analysts Sam Fazeli and John Murphy wrote in a note. “Even if it is, the appeal seems limited.”

Regardless, Moderna will submit the data to regulators in the U.S. and overseas as soon as possible, according to a statement. The company also said it would also apply for U.S. clearance of its vaccine in 6- to 11-year-olds, after consultation with regulators.

¹⁰¹ <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/public-health/who-current-evidence-suggests-boosters-unnecessary-for-healthy-children.html#:~:text=%22There's%20no%20evidence%20right%20now,question%20of%20how%20countries%20sould>

¹⁰² <https://www.coffeeandcovid.com/p/-coffee-and-covid-friday-march-11?s=r>



The Biden administration has been frustrated in attempts to expedite Covid vaccines for young children as part of an effort to protect kids and their families. A two-dose formulation from partners Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE was slowed last month after it showed insufficient signs of effectiveness.¹⁰³

UPDATE: May 19, 2022. CDC approves boosters for children 5-11, a third or even fourth dose of vaccine.

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention scientific advisory committee voted to recommend a third dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children aged 5 to 11, giving millions of kids the opportunity for increased protection against COVID-19. CDC director Dr. Rochelle Walensky signed off on the recommendation Thursday evening. The decision also means immunocompromised children who have already received a third dose are eligible to receive a fourth shot.

Two days ago, the Food and Drug Administration authorized Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 booster shot for this age group. The news comes as it becomes increasingly clear that vaccine protection against infection wanes over time.

The booster dose will be available to children five months after completing their primary series of two shots, so children who received their second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine before Dec. 19 are now eligible for a booster.¹⁰⁴

UPDATE: May 17, 2022, vaccines for children 6 months to 5 years old may be available this summer.¹⁰⁵

UPDATE: On May 19, 2022, the North Carolina Physicians for Freedom put out a press release regarding the COVID vaccine for children. Among the facts and data in the release are the following:

Healthy children, teens, and young adults are at minimal risk of severe complications or death due to the Covid-19 SARS-CoV-2 virus. The median IFR (infection fatality rate) was 0.0013%, at 0-19 years, using data from 12 countries - comparable to that of recent influenza viruses with above average severity.¹⁰⁶ More recent studies show an even lower IFR. Multi-country data published in BMC Infectious Diseases showed an IFR of

¹⁰³ <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-03-23/moderna-s-covid-shot-bolsters-immune-response-in-kids-under-six>

¹⁰⁴ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2022/05/19/covid-vaccine-booster-kids-cdc/9836146002/>

¹⁰⁵ <https://www.thecut.com/2022/05/when-can-kids-get-the-covid-vaccine.html>

¹⁰⁶ Infection fatality rate of COVID-19 in community-dwelling populations with emphasis on the elderly: An overview.



0.0005, or 1 per 2,000 infections among ages 0-9 years.¹⁰⁷ A California analysis of data up to May 12, 2022 found an IFR of 0.000086, or 0.86 per 10,000 infections among children under age 5.¹⁰⁸

The vaccines are not without risk. They have been associated with a much larger number of deaths and adverse events in one year than all other childhood vaccines combined in the VAERS system over the past 31 years.¹⁰⁹ Even this high number of deaths probably under-reports by a factor of 20 to 41 according to two analyses.^{110, 111}

Serious reactions include myocarditis—an inflammation of the heart that causes heart muscle to die, blood clots, and severe disability affecting the nervous system. A European Journal of Clinical Investigation analysis showed a relative risk of hospitalization for myo/pericarditis among boys age 12 to 15 after the second dose of BNT162b2 vaccine 2.8 times higher than their 120-day CoVID-19 hospitalization risk. International estimates of post-vaccine risk exceeded the highest CoVID-19 hospitalization risk by 6.5 times.¹¹²

Dr. Peter McCullough, one of the world's leading cardiologists and experts in Covid-19 vaccine risks, offers the following statement for NCPFF: "Heart damage cannot be minimized as rare or mild. All forms of heart damage are serious and in children, the long-term consequences are not known and could be very serious if not fatal."

It's also important to note, according to the CDC, 74.2% of children age 0-11 already have natural immunity.¹¹³

Axfors C, Ioannides JPA. medRxiv preprint posted July 13, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.07.08.21260210>

¹⁰⁷ BMC Infectious Diseases. March 29, 2022.

<https://bmcinfectdis.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12879-022-07262-0>

¹⁰⁸ CoVID-19 Age, Race, and Ethnicity Data. California Department of Public Health. May 13, 2022.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Age-Race-Ethnicity.aspx>

¹⁰⁹ VAERS Summary for COVID-19 Vaccines through 01/07/2022 – period December, 2020 through 01/07/22

<https://vaersanalysis.info/2022/01/14/vaers-summary-for-covid-19-vaccines-through-01-07-2022>

¹¹⁰ Rose J, Crawford M. Estimating the number of COVID vaccine deaths in America [Internet].

Available from: https://downloads.regulations.gov/CDC-2021-0089-0024/attachment_1.pdf

¹¹¹ COVID vaccination and age-stratified all-cause mortality risk. Pantazatos SP, Seligmann H. Preprint October 2021.

DOI:10.13140/RG.2.2.28257.43366

¹¹² BNT162b2 Vaccine-Associated Myo/Pericarditis in Adolescents: A Stratified Risk-Benefit Analysis. European Journal of Clinical Investigation. Feb14, 2022. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/eci.13759>

¹¹³ Seroprevalence of Infection-Induced SARS-CoV-2 Antibodies. Centers for Disease Control. MMWR Early Release

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7117e3.htm>



UPDATE: July 2, 2022. The FDA has approved vaccines for children 6 months to 5 years old. However, the Florida Surgeon General noted that there is NO DATA to show this vaccine was more effective in reducing severe illness and other clinically meaningful outcomes than the placebo for this age group. To receive an EUA, a manufacturer must show that a product “may be effective” at preventing a disease or condition, and the FDA must determine that the benefits outweigh the risks. The manufacturers failed to meet this burden of proof, especially for ages 6 months through 4 years.¹¹⁴

Why would the FDA approve vaccines for young children without the required benefit to risk ratio? Maybe because of the incestuous relationship between Big Pharma and the FDA. Back in 2018, long before anyone ever heard of Covid, Forbes reported that the Biopharmaceutical Industry Provides 75% Of the FDA's Drug Review Budget.¹¹⁵ So the people making the decision to approve drugs are funded by the people wanting to approve the drugs for sale. That couldn't cause any problems. Reminds one of the Project Veritas investigation where the FDA executive says that it is good for everyone when the pharmaceutical companies make money, and so the goal is for every American to get a vaccine every year, starting with children's requirements at school.

Right on cue, New York City's Mayor Eric Adams announced this week he plans to mandate Covid vaccines for school kids. In response to a reporter's question, Adams admitted that yes, the vaccines WILL be mandatory, and that he and his team are still “meeting and discussing” and trying to come up with the “best way to do it.”¹¹⁶

In case you need more reasons not to vaccinate children against Covid, just look at Denmark. At least they are admitting their mistake:

On Wednesday, June 22, 2022, Director of Denmark's National Board of Health, Søren Brostrøm, was asked if it was a mistake to vaccinate children. He replied, “With what we know today: yes. With what we knew then: no, was the answer.”

From mid-July last year, the first 12-15-year-old children in Denmark were invited to receive a vaccine against coronavirus. In November, the 5-11-year-olds were also recommended to be vaccinated against the virus. At the time, it was said that the vaccinations were not predominantly for the children's own sake, but to ensure epidemic control in Denmark.

¹¹⁴ <https://dayton247now.com/news/nation-world/florida-surgeon-general-slams-feds-says-theres-no-data-to-support-vax-for-kids-under-5-joseph-ladapo>

¹¹⁵ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ohnlamattina/2018/06/28/the-biopharmaceutical-industry-provides-75-of-the-fdas-drug-review-budget-is-this-a-problem/?sh=77f6fdfe49ec>

¹¹⁶ Coffee and Covid newsletter, Jeff Childers, July 2, 2022.



Christine Stabell Benn said that the National Board of Health itself has expressed that there were many uncertainties about whether it was the right decision, she also believes that the board should have adjusted the strength of their campaign. She urges the board to reconsider whether there was really a reason to "put so much pressure on the parents" to get the children vaccinated. In addition, children were made responsible for the health of their parents and grandparents. That, I think, is unreasonable.¹¹⁷

Why can't we learn from the Denmark experience?

The vaccines for young children are a solution in search of a problem. We have known since 2020 that Covid is much less dangerous for the young. As we did to find true numbers for so-called breakthrough infections, we look to Massachusetts for good data. A Freedom of Information Act request by John Beaudoin resulted in learning that no child aged 5 to 11 in Massachusetts died in 2020 or 2021 from COVID. Zero.

There was a child who died with Covid, but his cause of death was sulfite oxidase deficiency, a very rare congenital condition that causes seizures.¹¹⁸

So we use an Emergency Use Authorization to inject these young children with a vaccine, when there is clearly no emergency. Why?

UPDATE: New York State's vast vaccine database (365,502 children) shows that among children 5 to 11, Pfizer's mRNA vaccine has a mere 12% efficacy for one month after kids were "fully vaccinated." Then, five weeks after becoming "fully vaccinated," this age group is 40 percent *more* likely to be COVID infected than those children who never received mRNA shots.¹¹⁹

UPDATE: According to Dr. Marty Makary, in an article July 14, and in an appearance with Tucker Carlson, stated that quietly even some Doctors at CDC, FDA, and NIH are appalled at the approval of vaccines for children.

"It's like a horror movie I'm being forced to watch and I can't close my eyes," one senior FDA official lamented. "People are getting bad advice and we can't say anything."

That particular FDA doctor was referring to two recent developments inside the agency. First, how, with no solid clinical data, the agency authorized Covid vaccines for infants and toddlers, including those who already had Covid. And second, the fact that just months before, the FDA bypassed their external experts to authorize booster shots for young children.

¹¹⁷ <https://boriquagato.substack.com/p/danish-national-board-of-health-admits>

¹¹⁸ https://stevekirsch.substack.com/p/the-covid-death-data-from-massachusetts?utm_source=email

¹¹⁹ Letter to Liberals, by Robert F. Kennedy Jr, August 2022, page 20.



These approvals and recommendations were based on extremely weak, inconclusive data provided by Pfizer and Moderna.

Start with Pfizer. Using a three-dose vaccine in 992 children between the ages of six months and five years, Pfizer found no statistically significant evidence of vaccine efficacy. In the subgroup of children aged six months to two years, the trial found that the vaccine could result in a 99% lower chance of infection—but that they also could have a 370% increased chance of being infected. In other words, Pfizer reported a range of vaccine efficacy so wide that no conclusion could be inferred. No reputable medical journal would accept such sloppy and incomplete results with such a small sample size. More to the point, these results should have given pause to those who are in charge of public health.

Referring to Pfizer's vaccine efficacy in healthy young children, one high-level CDC official—whose expertise is in the evaluation of clinical data—joked: “You can inject them with it or squirt it in their face, and you'll get the same benefit.”

Moderna's results—they conducted a study on 6,388 children with two doses—were not much better. Against asymptomatic infections, they claimed a very weak vaccine efficacy of just 4% in children aged six months to two years. They also claimed an efficacy of 23% in children between two and six years old—but neither result was statistically significant. Against symptomatic infections, Moderna's vaccine did show efficacy that was statistically significant, but the efficacy was low: 50% in children aged six months to two years, and 42% in children between two and six years old.

“It seems criminal that we put out the recommendation to give mRNA Covid vaccines to babies without good data. We really don't know what the risks are yet. So why push it so hard?” a CDC physician added. A high-level FDA official felt the same way: “The public has no idea how bad this data really is. It would not pass muster for any other authorization.”¹²⁰

UPDATE: As of July 2022, VAERS now includes 45 post-covid-vaccine deaths in children, 60% of which were previously healthy (no comorbidities), and most of which involved blood clots or cardiac arrests. Before covid, any vaccine would have been pulled from the market after 25 to 50 deaths of people of ALL ages, let alone children.

VAERS also includes 1,892 other reports of serious adverse events in children, including ER admissions, hospitalizations, permanent disabilities, birth defects, and other life-threatening events.¹²¹

¹²⁰ <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-11015235/Health-experts-quitting-NIH-CDC-droves-embarrassed-bad-science.html>

¹²¹ Coffee and Covid, by Jeff Childers, dated August 3, 2022.



UPDATE: On October 19-20, 2022, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted 15-0 to add the COVID vaccine to the Child and Adolescent Schedule. While only a recommendation for school enrollment and participation in athletics, some states adopt the schedule as written. It will be effective for the 23-24 school year.

Dr. Marty Makary, a professor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, says there is absolutely no clinical evidence that the vaccines are a benefit to children. Before this inclusion of the Covid vaccine, there has never been a vaccine added to the child immunization schedule without solid clinical evidence that it reduces disease significantly in the community.

Before the COVID jabs were rolled out, if you were 19 or younger, your risk of dying of COVID was 0.0003%; only 3 per 1 million infected with COVID at this age ended up dying. Dr Makary said that 1 in 5,000 vaccine doses results in a “severe adverse event,” referencing a case study in Israel in which 283 people who received the COVID vaccine ended up getting myocarditis; one died and two ended up in the ICU.

An interesting side note, the vaccine manufacturers will now have immunity from lawsuit even if the pandemic emergency ends, because they are on the Child and Adolescent Schedule.¹²²

On October 15, 2022, Dr. Peter McCullough reported on a new Thai study concluding that pediatric myocarditis cases have jumped from a baseline of 4 cases per million before the shots, up to TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND cases per million after the shots.¹²³

NOTE: When vaccines were proposed for 5-11 year olds, the CDC has publicly warned that COVID is one of the Top 10 causes of death in children aged 5 to 11, yet when asked to produce the data, they admitted they never conducted an analysis for that age group.¹²⁴

Question: What should I do to keep my child from getting vaccinated if it is required for school?

Answer: Here are some things you can do:

1. The official publication of the child immunization schedule is in February, effective for the 23-24 school year. Now that the election is over, begin contacting state and federal legislators and school board members asking them to pledge to fight for our children and not require Covid vaccines to attend public schools.

¹²² <https://heartlandernews.com/2022/10/20/cdc-may-add-covid-vaccine-to-list-of-required-childhood-vaccines-despite-no-clinical-data/>

¹²³ https://stevekirsch.substack.com/p/the-evidence?utm_source=email

¹²⁴ “How the FDA and CDC Are Hiding COVID Jab Dangers”, by Dr. Joseph Mercola, November 11, 2022.



2. Look into the requirements for your state. Does your state automatically use the CDC recommendations? Does your state allow religious exemptions? More than 30 states currently allow religious exemption to vaccines. Find out how to request the exemption well in advance of the school year.
3. The same for personal exemptions. About 15 states allow the personal beliefs of the parent to get an exemption for their children from a vaccine. Again, find out how to request this well in advance of the school year.
4. All states allow a medical exemption from a vaccine. These will almost always require a doctor's recommendation that the student not take the vaccine. Get one if you can.
5. For those of you in California, health and safety code section 120338 states that no new vaccines can be placed on the required list unless exemptions are allowed for both medical reasons and personal beliefs. We will all need to be vigilant to ensure there are not attempts to change this requirement.
6. If all this fails, and the vaccine is required for your child to attend school, I would take them out of the public school system. This could be effective if you get organized and large numbers of students are removed from public schools. This is a last resort and hopefully it will not come to that.

Don't wait for the school year to begin. Some sports start practicing before school starts, and it will creep up on you. Have a plan in place long before school starts.

UPDATE: February 1, 2023- California is ending the state's Covid-19 state of emergency on Feb. 28, 2023, effectively ending its plan to add Covid-19 vaccinations to the list of 10 vaccinations children are required to have to attend school in person.¹²⁵

Question: Is there an issue with heart inflammation after taking the vaccines?

Answer: On June 25, 2021, the FDA added a warning to the literature that accompanies Pfizer Inc. /BioNTech and Moderna COVID vaccine shots to indicate the rare risk of heart inflammation after its use. The fact sheets for healthcare providers have been revised to include a warning that reports of adverse events suggest increased risks of myocarditis and pericarditis.¹²⁶

As of July 30, 2021, VAERS has received 1,249 reports of myocarditis or pericarditis among people ages 30 and younger who received COVID-19 vaccine. Most cases have been reported after mRNA COVID-19 vaccination (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), particularly in male

¹²⁵ <https://edsources.org/2023/california-ends-plans-for-kids-covid-vaccine-mandate/685077>

¹²⁶ "FDA adds warning about rare heart inflammation to Pfizer, Moderna COVID shots", Reuters, June 25, 2021.



adolescents and young adults. Through follow-up, including medical record reviews, CDC and FDA have confirmed 716 reports of myocarditis or pericarditis. CDC and its partners are investigating these reports to assess whether there is a relationship to COVID-19 vaccination.¹²⁷

In regard to vaccination of those under 18, the survivability rates of children under 18 is 99.997% according to the CDC. More than twice the number of children die each year of pneumonia than have died from Covid. More than three times die from drowning, more than six times from auto accidents.¹²⁸

UPDATE: May 19, 2022, see additional information listed under "Vaccinations and boosters for Children ages 5-11, and even 6 months to 5 years".

UPDATE: In a sign of a potential shift in the mainstream media's coverage of the issue, NBC News has published a report acknowledging a possible link between COVID-19 vaccines and myocarditis.

NBC's November 12 report opens with an anecdote about Detroit resident Da'Vion Miller, who at age 22 passed out at his home and was later hospitalized and diagnosed with myocarditis and pericarditis one week after receiving his first dose of Pfizer's mRNA-based COVID shot and was subsequently advised by doctors not to receive his second.

"Myocarditis is a condition that has long been linked to a number of viral infections, including influenza, coxsackieviruses, as well as Covid," the report says. "It has also been observed as an infrequent but worrisome side effect of the mRNA Covid vaccines."¹²⁹

Question: Is there a risk of developing Guillain-Barré Syndrome from a vaccine?

Answer: On July 13, 2021, the FDA announced revisions to the vaccine recipient and vaccination provider fact sheets for the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine to include information pertaining to an observed increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) following vaccination, "Reports of adverse events following use of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine under emergency use authorization suggest an increased risk of Guillain-Barré syndrome during the 42 days following vaccination," the updated label reads. "Guillain Barré

¹²⁷ Centers for Disease Control, "Selected Adverse Events Reported after COVID-19 Vaccination", August 2, 2021

¹²⁸ "The Kids Are Alright Why now is the time to rethink COVID safety protocols for children — and everyone else." by David Wallace-Wells, *Intelligencer*, July 12, 2021.

¹²⁹ <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/nbc-acknowledges-myocarditis-link-to-covid-19-vaccines-after-sudden-deaths-of-young-adults/>



syndrome (a neurological disorder in which the body's immune system damages nerve cells, causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis) has occurred in some people who have received the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine," the FDA says in the label update for patients and caregivers." In most of these people, symptoms began within 42 days following receipt of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. The chance of having this occur is very low," it adds. The CDC and FDA briefly paused use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine earlier this year because of a risk of a rare type of blood clotting complication but lifted the pause in April after determining the risk was low and the condition was treatable. The vaccine's label was updated to warn about the risk.¹³⁰

Question: Is there a legal basis to challenge a vaccine mandate?

Answer: When attorneys look at an issue or a set of facts to determine whether there is a legal basis for a lawsuit, relevant statutes and prior case law are the best indicators of how a particular case will play out. However, the issues surrounding mandatory Covid vaccines are so new that there is no settled case law, and very few cases currently in progress in the courts.

Some who advocate for mandatory Covid vaccinations point to *Jacobson v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts*¹³¹, a 1905 decision regarding a mandatory smallpox vaccine. The Supreme Court held that government actions taken in the context of a public health crisis are subject to a more deferential review:

"In every well-ordered society charged with the duty of conserving the safety of its members the rights of the individual in respect of his liberty may at times, under the pressure of great dangers, be subjected to such restraint, to be enforced by reasonable regulations, as the safety of the general public may demand."

But there are significant differences in the circumstances surrounding *Jacobson* and our current circumstances regarding Covid. First of all, the state of Massachusetts imposed a five dollar fine for refusing to take the vaccine. In today's money that would be approximately \$140. This hardly equates with losing a job and / or damaging a career.

Secondly, while many lives were lost due to Covid, when you look at the situation today, younger persons in good health have an extremely high survival rate when infected with the Covid 19 virus. This is much different than smallpox in 1905.

¹³⁰ "FDA warns of potential rare neurological complication with Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine", by Amanda Sealy, John Bonifield and Maggie Fox, CNN, Jul 13, 2021

¹³¹ 197 U.S. 11, 25 S. Ct. 358, 49 L. Ed. 643 (1905).



In any event, the United States Supreme Court has made it clear that *Jacobson* is not controlling law in regard to Covid 19. In July of 2020, in *Calvary Chapel Dayton Valley v. Sisolak*¹³², Justice Alito recognized the need for emergency action at the beginning of the pandemic when little was known about infection or mortality rates. But he then raises the question as to whether we are still in such an emergency that unquestioned drastic action is needed 10 months later. Then in November 2020, Justice Gorsuch wrote in *Roman Catholic Diocese v. Cuomo*¹³³:

“Government is not free to disregard the First Amendment in times of crisis . . . Yet recently, during the COVID pandemic, certain States seem to have ignored these long-settled principles.”

“Put differently, Jacobson didn’t seek to depart from normal legal rules during a pandemic, and it supplies no precedent for doing so. Instead, Jacobson applied what would become the traditional legal test associated with the right at issue—exactly what the Court does today . . . Nothing in Jacobson purported to address, let alone approve, such serious and long-lasting intrusions into settled constitutional rights. In fact, Jacobson explained that the challenged law survived only because it did not “contravene the Constitution of the United States” or “infringe any right granted or secured by that instrument.” . . .

There are a number of arguments available to fight against the vaccines, and numerous lawsuits are making their way through the courts as of this writing. However, thus far there have not been any decisions that are helpful in stopping mandatory vaccinations for employees and students. We are hopeful that one or more of these cases will find their way to the Supreme Court of the United States, for a definitive decision. The Pacific Justice Institute will continue to file lawsuits as appropriate, and will closely monitor decisions on all vaccines lawsuits throughout the nation. We will update this resource with any noteworthy news and decisions.

However, there have been several decisions that uphold religious liberty, requiring employers, colleges, and in Arizona even business patrons, to acknowledge the religious exemption / accommodation.

On August 20, 2021, the Arizona Attorney General issued an opinion that Arizona law should be followed in situations regarding the vaccine, and not *Jacobson v Massachusetts*. Accordingly, the ruling stated that Arizona public schools, state-sponsored colleges and universities, and

¹³² 2020 U.S. LEXIS 3584, 2020 WL 4251360 (July 24, 2020).

¹³³ 208 L. Ed. 2d 206, 2020 U.S. LEXIS 5708, 28 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. S 590, __ S.Ct. __, 2020 WL 6948354 (Nov. 25, 2020).



employers must make accommodation for sincerely held religious beliefs. In addition, the opinion states that businesses that are places of public accommodation and that mandate vaccination for patrons must provide reasonable accommodations to patrons who cannot obtain the COVID-19 vaccine due to disability and they must not discriminate against customers who cannot obtain such a vaccine due to a sincerely-held religious belief. Again, this opinion covers only the state of Arizona.¹³⁴

In Wisconsin, a County Public Health Officer ordered that all schools be closed for in-person learning for grades three through 12. A Catholic school filed a lawsuit against this action, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court found that the “portions of Heinrich's Order restricting or prohibiting in-person instruction are both statutorily and constitutionally unlawful, and are hereby vacated. Local health officers do not have the statutory authority to close schools under Wis. Stat. § 252.03. Article I, Section 18 of the Wisconsin Constitution—*not Jacobson*—controls the constitutional question. Because Heinrich's Order violates the Petitioners' fundamental constitutional right to the free exercise of religion, it cannot stand.”¹³⁵ Again, this applies only to the state of Wisconsin.

During the pandemic, California Governor Gavin Newsom closed all schools for in-person instruction, both public and private. A lawsuit was filed by 14 parents and one student of a private school challenging Newsom's order. The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit found that “as to the provision of private education, California's ban on in-person schooling during the Covid-19 pandemic abridged a fundamental liberty protected by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which could not be said to survive strict scrutiny, given the State closure order's lack of narrow tailoring...” Therefore, the court ruled that the governor had the authority to close public schools, but not private schools.¹³⁶

It should also be noted that PJI has been successful in causing a number of government sponsored colleges and universities to change their policies regarding religious exemptions / accommodations for students and employees, by threatening court action.

Looking generally at other possible legal arguments, the United States Supreme Court in the case of *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*,¹³⁷ stated:

¹³⁴ 2021 ARIZ. AG LEXIS 7 *; Ariz. Op. Att'y Gen. No. 6, August 20, 2021.

¹³⁵ *James v. Heinrich*, 2021 WI 58, 397 Wis. 2d 516, 960 N.W.2d 350, 2021 Wisc. LEXIS 91

¹³⁶ *Brach v. Newsom*, 2021 U.S. App. LEXIS 21912, __ F.4th __

¹³⁷ *W. Va. State Bd. of Educ. v. Barnette*, 319 U.S. 624, 63 S. Ct. 1178, 87 L. Ed. 1628, 1943 U.S. LEXIS 490, 147 A.L.R. 674



“If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein.”

Therefore, anytime a government actor orders you to be a recipient of the vaccine, and that conflicts with your sincerely held religious belief, they may be in violation of the First Amendment. They may also be in violation of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).

Also, there is an argument for basic freedom, the right to life, liberty, and a pursuit of happiness. This resource has previously quoted the large number of deaths and serious illnesses that have been reported to be a result of the Covid vaccines. According to the CDC, the chance of surviving Covid without any treatment at all is as follows: age 0-19 (99.997%), 20-50 (99.98%), 50-69 (99.5%), and >age 70 (95%)¹³⁸. As Americans compare the adverse effects with the survival rates, they should have the freedom to decide whether or not to take the Covid vaccine.

Lastly, we have already discussed Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which protects employees from discrimination based on religion.

Question: What are the basic roles and powers of the government regarding vaccines?

Answer: In general, administering vaccines have not been the role of the federal government. In a report by the Congressional Research Service in 2014, discussing mandatory vaccinations, the report noted that: “Historically, the preservation of the public health has been the primary responsibility of state and local governments, and the authority to enact laws relevant to the protection of the public health derives from the state’s general police powers.” “Federal jurisdiction over public health matters derives from the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution, which states that Congress shall have the power “[t]o regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States....”

Congress has enacted requirements regarding vaccination of immigrants seeking entry into the United States, and military regulations require American troops to be immunized against a number of diseases. The Secretary of Health and Human Services has authority under the Public Health Service Act to issue regulations necessary to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases from foreign countries into the states or from state to state. Current federal regulations do not include any mandatory vaccination programs; rather, when

¹³⁸ TEN MEDICAL FACTS REGARDING THE COVID-19 EXPERIMENTAL VACCINES, Dr. Shelley Cole, Medical Director AFLDS, dated April 12, 2021.



compulsory measures are needed, measures such as quarantine and isolation are generally utilized to halt the spread of communicable diseases.¹³⁹

States, however, have traditionally handled vaccinations and have even mandated them in an emergency. This resource has discussed *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* from 1905 regarding the smallpox vaccine. State governments have also mandated vaccines in their schools for many years, and that right was upheld by the United States Supreme Court in 1922, in the case of *Zucht v. King*.¹⁴⁰

Question: Can a store or restaurant make me show proof of vaccination before doing business with me or letting me inside? Can I be required to get a vaccine passport to get into certain venues?

Answer: Generally, businesses have the right to refuse to serve persons as long as the reason is not discriminatory and it serves a legitimate purpose. For example, store management can ask someone to leave if they have no shirt or no shoes. Dressing in this manner may be upsetting to customers, causing them to leave or avoid a place of business, and thus constitutes a legitimate purpose.

However, you cannot refuse to serve someone who is in a protected class, because they are in that protected class. Race, ethnicity, sex, religion, are just some of the protected categories. Some states have additional protected categories to those of federal law.

You can also be excluded by businesses for conduct, even if it is conduct that is your right. For example, as an adult you have the right to smoke, but a store owner can require you to leave because your conduct can upset or endanger other customers. The same with being intoxicated, or being loud and boisterous.

In regard to requiring the wearing of a mask, that would very likely be considered a legitimate purpose because it is for the safety of employees and customers. The same is likely true for requiring proof you have taken the COVID vaccine.

If you should file a lawsuit because you were prohibited from entering or required to leave a place of business and you were not discriminated against as a member of a protected class, the remedy would likely be the ability to enter and remain in that place of business in the future. This is hardly a deterrent for inappropriate behavior on the part of a proprietor.

¹³⁹ "Mandatory Vaccinations: Precedent and Current Laws", Congressional Research Service, Jared P. Cole, Legislative Attorney, Kathleen S. Swendiman, Legislative Attorney May 21, 2014

¹⁴⁰ 260 U.S. 174, 176 (1922)



But a number of state legislatures and governors have taken action to preserve the rights of their citizens, to prohibit vaccine passports and / or to prohibit the requirement to prove you're vaccinated. Conversely, New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco and other locations are requiring vaccine passports / proof of vaccination for entry.

According to the Becker's Hospital Review, as of September 1, 2021, seven states are looking to provide a digital solution for storing proof of vaccinations while, 21 states have implemented bans on vaccine passports in some capacity. The states with some sort of vaccine passports are California, Colorado, Hawaii, New York, Illinois, Louisiana, and New Jersey.

The states with some sort of prohibition against passports are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wyoming.¹⁴¹

It is critical that citizens become involved with their government on all levels. Participation in government is vital to a thriving democracy, or in our case a representative republic. If you feel strongly about issues relating to vaccine passports or not being required to provide proof of Covid vaccination to travel, transact business, attend church, school or work, or participate in leisure or recreational activities, you should contact your elected representatives at the local, state, and federal level about executive and legislative guarantees that will preserve your liberty and freedom. Remember to support those elected officials or candidates that fight for rights that are important to you.

Question: What if I have a medical condition and a letter from my doctor exempting me from the vaccine? Can I be excused from the passport?

Answer: If you are considered disabled under the Americans with Disabilities Act and are refused service because of that disability, that is likely discrimination under the ADA, and you should have legal recourse. Federal law prohibits discrimination against disabled Americans and it can have serious consequences. But other than an ADA violation, the establishment will likely face little or no consequences for not honoring your doctor's note.

Question: What if a Covid vaccine is required for admission to a college or university?

¹⁴¹ "Vaccine passports: 7 states with digital credentials & 21 states with bans", by Hannah Mitchell, Becker's Hospital Review, September 1, 2021.



Answer: Some colleges and universities are requiring vaccinations as a prerequisite for living on campus or attending in-person classes. However, as stated previously, in regard to state (government) sponsored institutions, if getting the Covid vaccine violates a student's sincerely held religious beliefs, there may be a basis for legal action under the First Amendment or applying state anti-discrimination laws.

In addition, 44 of our 50 states allow religious exemption for vaccinations. Only California, Connecticut, New York, Maine, Mississippi and West Virginia do not.¹⁴²

For example, should any government sponsored institution of higher learning in California not allow for religious exemption to a Covid vaccine mandate, there are state laws prohibiting religious discrimination. An action could be brought for religious discrimination under Article 3, Section 220 of the California Education Code, Prohibition of Discrimination; as well as California Government Code, Article 9.5, Section 11135, Discrimination.¹⁴³

As previously mentioned, refusal by government sponsored institutions of higher learning to allow religious exemptions may violate the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which would be enforced under federal law by 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination based on religion,¹⁴⁴ and student housing owned by the college or university falls under the Fair Housing Act.¹⁴⁵ Therefore, if a student is refused student housing on the basis of not being a recipient of the COVID vaccine, and the college or university refuses to allow religious exemptions, there may be an action for discrimination under the Fair Housing Act. This argument could be made against private colleges or universities as well as government sponsored institutions.

As previously discussed, there have been a number of court cases supporting the rights of students in state sponsored colleges and universities to get a religious exemption / accommodation from the vaccine. The Pacific justice Institute provides a resource to assist students in applying for the religious exemption / accommodation [here](#).

UPDATE: On September 12, 2022, a new peer-reviewed Harvard / John's Hopkins study of vaccination risks versus vaccinated rewards for young people explicitly concluded that the vaccines CAUSE more illness than they prevent.

¹⁴² "States with Religious and Philosophical Exemptions from School Immunization Requirements", National Conference of State Legislatures, April 30, 2021.

¹⁴³ Brennon B. v. Superior Court, 57 Cal. App. 5th 367, 2020 Cal. App. LEXIS 1077, 271 Cal. Rptr. 3d 320, 2020 WL 6689639

¹⁴⁴ HOUSING DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

¹⁴⁵ United States v. Univ. of Neb. at Kearney, 940 F. Supp. 2d 974, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 56009, 2013 WL 1694603



The 50-page study is titled “COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters for Young Adults: A Risk-Benefit Assessment and Five Ethical Arguments against Mandates at Universities.” Significantly the researchers concluded that, for each COVID related hospitalization theoretically prevented in young people, the vaccination may cause 18 to 98 serious adverse events.

The study states:

Using CDC and sponsor-reported adverse event data, we find that booster mandates may cause a net expected harm: per COVID-19 hospitalization prevented in previously uninfected young adults, we anticipate 18 to 98 serious adverse events, including 1.7 to 3.0 booster-associated myocarditis cases in males, and 1,373 to 3,234 cases of grade ≥ 3 reactogenicity which interferes with daily activities. Given the high prevalence of post-infection immunity, this risk-benefit profile is even less favorable.

The researchers made five arguments why university booster mandates are medically UNETHICAL:

- 1) *[N]o formal risk-benefit assessment exists for this age group; 2) vaccine mandates may result in a net expected harm to individual young people; 3) mandates are not proportionate: expected harms are not outweighed by public health benefits given the modest and transient effectiveness of vaccines against transmission; 4) US mandates violate the reciprocity principle because rare serious vaccine-related harms will not be reliably compensated due to gaps in current vaccine injury schemes; and 5) mandates create wider social harms.*¹⁴⁶

UPDATE: On October 7, 2022 Florida Surgeon General Dr. Joseph A. Ladapo recommended against males aged 18 to 39 from receiving mRNA COVID-19 vaccines. This is due to an 84% increase in Myocarditis within 28 days of those taking the vaccine. On March 7, 2022, the Florida Department of Health recommended against Covid vaccinations for healthy children ages 5-17. By the way, the day following the official release by Dr Ladapo about the dangers of myocarditis, Moderna published this:

Post marketing data demonstrate increased risks of myocarditis and pericarditis, particularly within 7 days following the second dose. The observed risk is higher among males under 40 years of age than among females and older males. The observed risk is highest in males 18 through 24 years of age.

¹⁴⁶ https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4206070



Believe it or not, that warning was contained in the announcement of APPRVAL for the booster for ages 6-17.¹⁴⁷

Question: Does my employer have to pay for mandatory COVID-19 testing?

Answer: Possibly, depending on circumstances and which state you are in. There are laws being proposed in a number of states to help workers falling under the Biden Vaccine Mandates, so this list may not be complete and is subject to change.

Federal Law- the Biden private employer mandate specifically states that employers are not required to pay for testing of those choosing not to take the vaccine.

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) - If the testing costs would in effectively cause the employee's salary to fall below minimum wage, then the employer would need to pay for testing. The FLSA also covers any testing mandated by an employer and time taken outside of normal working hours to obtain testing. The question is whether the testing is required by the employer or the government.

State Law- California- the CA Dept. of Industrial Relations has stated that employers are responsible for the costs of employer-mandated COVID-19 testing under the state's reimbursable business expense law. They opined that the employer should be paying for both the employer-mandated testing and compensating for the time spent obtaining this testing every week where such time is considered "hours worked."

State Law- Kentucky- An employer may not require any employee or applicant to pay the cost of a medical examination or the cost of furnishing any records required by the employer as a condition of employment.

State Law- Illinois- No employer may require an employee or applicant to pay the cost of a medical examination or the cost of furnishing any records of such examination required by the employer as a condition of employment.

State Law- Pennsylvania- Requires employers to cover work-required testing unless the testing is mandated by law

NOTE: Some insurance plans may cover the cost of COVID-19 testing, including those done by "chain" pharmacies such as Walgreens and CVS.

¹⁴⁷ <https://web.archive.org/web/20221012144641/https://investors.modernatx.com/news/news-details/2022/Moderna-Receives-FDA-Authorization-for-Emergency-Use-of-Omicron-Targeting-Bivalent-COVID-19-Booster-Vaccine-for-Children-and-Adolescents-6-to-17-Years-of-Age/default.aspx>



UPDATE: COVID-19 Paid Leave Is Back in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia City Council recently passed a third iteration of the Public Health Emergency Leave law that will guarantee up to forty hours of paid sick leave for Philadelphia employees to recover from COVID-19 or avoid exposing others, to care for a family member with COVID-19 or who exhibits symptoms that might jeopardize the health of others, to care for a child whose school or place of care has closed due to COVID-19, or to take time off to obtain a COVID-19 vaccine or booster shot (and address any side effects related to such vaccination). The bill applies to any employer with at least twenty-five employees.¹⁴⁸

Question- Are there any vaccines coming that are more like the traditional vaccines we have taken as children?

Answer- Yes. Novavax has a different type of vaccine. Moderna and Pfizer are mRNA vaccines. This one is a protein subunit vaccine. It's a type of vaccine that we have used for flu, hepatitis, and HPV in the past. The company says they plan to seek full authorization to distribute the vaccine within the next few months.¹⁴⁹

However, there has been resistance from the FDA regarding the Novavax vaccine. On June 24, 2021, Atlantic magazine published an article titled: "The mRNA Vaccines Are Extraordinary, but Novavax Is Even Better", pointing out the lack of publicity surrounding the Novavax vaccine, even though it was a traditional vaccine and was more effective than the current vaccines and testing showed a greatly reduced rate of side effects. The article goes on to say the FDA does not appear to be eager to approve it, and it could be months until it is approved:

"At the end of January, reports that yet another COVID-19 vaccine had succeeded in its clinical trials—this one offering about 70 percent protection—were front-page news in the United States, and occasioned push alerts on millions of phones. But when the Maryland-based biotech firm Novavax announced its latest stunning trial results last week, and an efficacy rate of more than 90 percent even against coronavirus variants, the response from the same media outlets was muted in comparison."

"If the FDA sees no urgency, the Novavax vaccine might not be available in the U.S. for months, and in the meantime the national supply of other doses exceeds demand. But the asymmetry in coverage also hints at how the hype around the early-bird vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna has distorted perception. Their rapid arrival has been described

¹⁴⁸ <https://www.natlawreview.com/article/covid-19-paid-leave-back-philadelphia>

¹⁴⁹ "Novavax Vaccine getting ready to apply for full approval", by Joeli Poole, WDEF News, Chattanooga, TN, September 7, 2021.



in this magazine as “the triumph of mRNA”—a brand-new vaccine technology whose “potential stretches far beyond this pandemic.” Other outlets gushed about “a turning point in the long history of vaccines,” one that “changed biotech forever.” It was easy to assume, based on all this reporting, that mRNA vaccines had already proved to be the most effective ones you could get—that they were better, sleeker, even cooler than any other vaccines could ever be.”¹⁵⁰

But recently The CDC announced that participants in the Novavax PREVENT-19 Phase 3 clinical trial are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they have completed the vaccine series. On September 14, 2021, Japan secured 150 million doses of the Novavax vaccine.¹⁵¹ These are encouraging signs that may point to a fourth-quarter 2021 approval.

UPDATE: Novavax was approved for conditional use in Europe on December 21, 2021.

UPDATE: The ongoing saga of Novavax continues, this update has positive news. As of November 18, 2021, the vaccine received emergency use authorization in Indonesia and the Philippines, and has completed submissions for regulatory approval to the UK, the EU regulator, Canada and also to the World Health Organization (WHO), which covers recommendations for low-income countries. Further submissions are expected to follow in other countries, including New Zealand and the US.¹⁵²

UPDATE: On January 10, 2022, Novavax announced they have applied for approval in 10 countries, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, Singapore, New Zealand, Canada, Australia, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Novavax recently shipped its first doses of the vaccine to Europe, after receiving authorization from European Union regulators in December 2021.¹⁵³ It has also secured authorizations in India, Indonesia and the Philippines, where Novavax's partner Serum Institute of India will supply.¹⁵⁴ On January 10, 2022, Stanley Erck, the CEO of U.S. vaccine maker Novavax, said he expects 10 regulatory agencies including the U.S.'s to approve Novavax's COVID-19 shot in the next 90 days.¹⁵⁵

¹⁵⁰ “The mRNA Vaccines Are Extraordinary, but Novavax Is Even Better”, by Hilda Bastian, The Atlantic, June 24, 2021.

¹⁵¹ “Novavax Vaccine getting ready to apply for full approval”, by Joeli Poole, WDEF News, Chattanooga, TN, September 7, 2021.

¹⁵² <https://theconversation.com/novavax-covid-vaccine-is-nearing-approval-but-what-impact-will-it-have-171647>

¹⁵³ <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/01/10/novavax-ceo-covid-vaccine-could-be-cleared-in-multiple-countries-soon.html>

¹⁵⁴ <https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/novavax-submits-data-us-fda-covid-19-vaccine-2021-12-31/>

¹⁵⁵ <https://fortune.com/2022/01/11/us-novavax-approval-covid-vaccine-when-fda/>



UPDATE: On January 31, 2022, Novavax submitted a request to the U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

UPDATE: On June 7, 2022, the Food and Drug Administration's independent panel of advisers has voted in favor of the FDA authorizing Novavax, a protein-based vaccine, which could soon be the fourth vaccine for COVID-19 authorized in the U.S. The primary reason cited for the approval was because of vaccine hesitancy with the mRNA vaccines. However, the vaccine will come with a myocarditis warning.

UPDATE: Contrary to their claims, it appears that Novavax used aborted fetal cells in the testing process of their COVID vaccine. In a publication entitled “Structural analysis of full-length SARS-CoV-2 spike protein from an advanced vaccine candidate”, that was published on October 20, 2020 in Science that sets forth how the HEK-293 cell line derived from aborted fetal tissue was used in the testing of the Novavax vaccine.¹⁵⁶

This is confirmed in the “Update: COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates and Abortion-Derived Cell Lines” chart from the Charlotte Lazer Institute that also corroborates that the Novavax used HEK-293 cell line.¹⁵⁷

This was also noted “Crisis Magazine, A Voice for the Faithful Catholic Laity”, in June of 2021.¹⁵⁸

Question: Are attitudes toward COVID restrictions changing?

Answer: Yes, that appears to be the case.

Many of the European countries have announced that they will move forward treating Covid as just another endemic disease. Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic have all started lifting Covid-related restrictions, such as limits on gatherings and requiring Covid Passes to enter certain venues. Finland, Ireland, France, and Lithuania are easing many requirements.

Most of these countries plan to be as close to “normal” as possible by March. The United Kingdom has lifted work-from-home requirements, mandatory masking, and requiring Covid Passes to enter venues.

¹⁵⁶ <https://www.science.org/doi/pdf/10.1126/science.abe1502>

¹⁵⁷ <https://s27589.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/COVID-19-Vaccine-Candidates-and-Abortion-Derived-Cell-Lines.pdf>

¹⁵⁸ <https://www.crisismagazine.com/2021/are-abortion-free-covid-19-vaccines-on-the-way>



The prime minister of Great Britain, Boris Johnson, also held a press conference on January 19, 2022, and announced that England's Covid restrictions and vaccine passports would be terminated in March — at the latest. "People in England will no longer be required to wear face masks anywhere or work from home from next week," Prime Minister Boris Johnson said. Prime Minister Johnson's current assessment is that the nation's plummeting Omicron infection numbers and stabilizing hospital rates indicate that the UK can "safely live with Covid."

Spain is preparing to adopt a different COVID-19 playbook. With one of Europe's highest vaccination rates and its most pandemic-battered economies, the government is laying the groundwork to treat the next infection surge not as an emergency but an illness that is here to stay. Similar steps are under consideration in neighboring Portugal.¹⁵⁹

The leader of Ireland's lower house, Tánaiste Leo Varadkar, told his party leaders that it was time to wrap up the pandemic. "I think it'd be really good if we could set March 31 as our target for ending all legal restrictions, the legislation around masks and Covid passes and all the rest of it expires on March 31," he told Irish lawmakers.¹⁶⁰

The Czech government scrapped a decree on Wednesday making COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for key professionals and over 60s to avoid "deepening fissures" in society, while the daily tally of new cases hit a record high. Prime Minister Petr Fiala said his new centre-right government did not see reasons for compulsory inoculation as the previous administration had planned in some sectors.¹⁶¹

South Africa was the first country to detect Omicron. It was named by the World Health Organization on November 26, 2021. And by the end of December, South Africa's Ministerial Advisory Committee recommended ditching all of their remaining Covid restrictions, such as quarantining and contact tracing.¹⁶²

In Canada, the truckers protest has resulted in the Prime Minister instituting an emergency powers act to crack down on the protesters. However, five of Canada's eleven provinces — their states — have rejected the Emergencies Act, which appears to require ratification in each province. Ontario is the most populous province, and the capital city of Ottawa is "ground zero" for the protest. Ontario's premier Doug Ford stated on February 15, 2022,

¹⁵⁹ <https://www.foxnews.com/world/covid-19-europe-considers-accepting-virus>

¹⁶⁰ <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/tanaiste-seeks-march-31-deadline-to-lift-almost-all-covid-restrictions/ar-AASUhBi>

¹⁶¹ <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/czech-republic-reports-28469-new-cases-coronavirus-record-daily-tally-2022-01-19/>

¹⁶² <https://www.zerohedge.com/political/mandates-are-leaving-europe-freedom-winning>



“You can go shopping ... [and] you don’t know if the person beside you has the shot or not. But we also know that it doesn’t matter if you have one shot or ten shots. You can catch Covid. See, the Prime Minister has triple shots; I know hundreds of people with three shots that caught Covid. We just have to be careful, always make sure we wash our hands, and move forward.

And every single person including myself knows people that’re unvaccinated. Sure, there’s the rabble rousers. And then there’s just hard working people that just don’t believe in it. And that’s THEIR CHOICE. This is about — again — a democracy and freedoms and liberties. I hate, as a government, telling anyone what to do.

We can’t stay in this position forever. We’ve got to learn to live with this and get on with our lives. I bet if I asked every single person in this room do you want these damn masks or do you want them off — they want ‘em off. They want to get back to normal. They want to be able to go out to dinner with their families.

We just got to get moving forward and get out of this and protect the jobs. You know, I think a lot of people — probably yourself too — everyone’s done with this. Like, we are DONE with it. Let’s start moving on, and cautiously. We’ve followed the rules. All of us. 90% of us. For over two years. The world’s done with it. So let’s just move forward.”¹⁶³

Meanwhile, in the United States-

Attitudes seem to be changing in the United States as well. Some blue states and Washington, DC, are voluntarily dropping their mask mandates. Even people like US Representative Ted Lieu, Democrat, California, is talking about lifting COVID restrictions and natural immunity, tweeting: “With the rapid decline of Omicron, pandemic restrictions will be lifted sooner rather than later. In considering when to do so, health officials must factor in natural immunity, not just vaccination rates.”¹⁶⁴

Some analysts / commentators are speculating that the State of the Union Address scheduled for March 1, 2022, may be the vehicle to relax COVID restrictions in the US. Among the reasons cited are the mandates are unpopular with potential voters in the upcoming midterm elections. In addition, it has been announced that a trucker’s convoy protest is reportedly being organized

¹⁶³ Rebel News interview with Doug Ford, video poste on twitter.

<https://twitter.com/TheRealKeean/status/1493657270319816707?s=20&t=NJ2ptiH7tul7HemTeycofw>

¹⁶⁴ <https://twitter.com/TheRealKeean/status/1493657270319816707?s=20&t=NJ2ptiH7tul7HemTeycofw>



to begin on February 23, 2022, leaving Barstow, California, and traveling to Washington DC, with groups of truckers joining as they cross the US.¹⁶⁵

On February 2, 2022, the Wall Street Journal published an op-ed by regular columnist Daniel Henninger this week headlined, “End the Covid Panic Now,” with a subhead saying “Biden should declare the pandemic is over, so Americans can return to normal lives.”

Henninger says the costs of the pandemic are unaffordably high, and the White House needs to end it — not as a state of mind — but as a matter of official U.S. government policy.

However, Project Veritas released a video on February 15, 2022, showing FDA Executive Officer, Christopher Cole discussing vaccines. In the video, Cole states the goal of the Biden administration is to require everyone to get an annual COVID vaccination, starting with mandatory vaccination of children for school. He talks about how useful the Emergency Use Authorization is, because it requires less testing. He also discusses revenue and profits for pharmaceutical companies are a substantial part of the motive behind the goal. The FDA acknowledged the video, stating: “The person purportedly in the video does not work on vaccine matters and does not represent the views of the FDA.”¹⁶⁶

UPDATE: On February 22, 2022, the New York Times published an article titled “The C.D.C. Isn’t Publishing Large Portions of the Covid Data It Collects”. A key quote in the article is “But the C.D.C. has been routinely collecting information since the Covid vaccines were first rolled out last year, according to a federal official familiar with the effort. The agency has been reluctant to make those figures public, the official said, because they might be misinterpreted as the vaccines being ineffective.”¹⁶⁷

Question: How deadly is COVID currently in the US?

Answer: It is not very deadly at all. The current death rates of Covid-19 per 100,000 people has fallen to 0.39 per 100,000. The annual death rate of influenza per 100,000 people is 1.8, more than 4 times higher than COVID. According to the Financial Times of London, the Covid death rate in England is nearly identical at .4%, also lower than the flu.¹⁶⁸ Back to the US, the annual death rate from traffic accidents per 100,000 people is 11, and the annual death rate from

¹⁶⁵ <https://thepeoplesconvoy.org/>

¹⁶⁶ <https://www.projectveritas.com/news/fda-executive-officer-on-hidden-camera-reveals-future-covid-policy-biden/>

¹⁶⁷ <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/20/health/covid-cdc-data.html>

¹⁶⁸ “Vaccines and Omicron mean Covid now less deadly than flu in England”, by John Burn-Murdoch and Oliver Barnes, Financial Times, March 10, 2022.



drowning per 100,000 people is 1.23. Individuals in a free country should have the right to assume the risk.

It is worth noting that 81.5% of Americans have received at least one dose of a Covid vaccine. Tens of millions of additional Americans have been infected with Covid-19 and developed natural immunity. This natural immunity puts them at much lower risk of subsequent infection and infection of others according to nearly all of the available scientific literature, more than 150 documented studies.

The overwhelming majority of Americans have been vaccinated or have natural immunity, and everyone has free access to potentially life-saving and disease-mitigating measures. Nevertheless, government and private actors continue to impose vaccination mandates, mask mandates, and other restrictions on Americans' daily lives in reliance on continued emergency declarations.¹⁶⁹ Those government officials and employers imposing vaccine mandates in 2022 are obviously not motivated by science.

UPDATE: A new study led by Dr. John Ioannidis, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Stanford University, found that Covid was less deadly in 2020 than previously suspected. The death rate was under .1% for anyone under 70 years of age. ¹⁷⁰

Question: Is there an increase in all-cause mortality in Americans under 65?

Answer: It appears that there is. Scott Davison, the CEO of Indiana-based insurance company OneAmerica, reported the death rate for 18- to 64-year-olds in the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2021 has risen **40% compared to before the pandemic**. Davison described a 10% increase in mortality as a 3-sigma (standard deviation) event, and 40% a **12-sigma event**. A three-sigma event should happen around once every 300 or so years and a six-sigma event should happen once every 300,000 or so years. Most of the claims for deaths being filed are not classified as COVID-19 deaths, Davison said.¹⁷¹

OneAmerica isn't the only one. Hartford Insurance Group, which announced mortality increased 32% from 2019 and 20% from 2020. Lincoln National also stated death claims have increased 13.7% year over year and 54% in quarter 4 compared to 2019. Unum Insurance is up 36%, Prudential plus 41%, Reinsurance Group of America plus 21%, Met Life plus 24%, and Aegon – which is a Dutch insurer – saw in their US arm plus 57% in the 4th quarter – in the 3rd quarter they saw a 258% increase in death claims.

¹⁶⁹ Letter from Ethics and Public Policy Center to HHS Secretary Becerra, dated March 15, 2022.

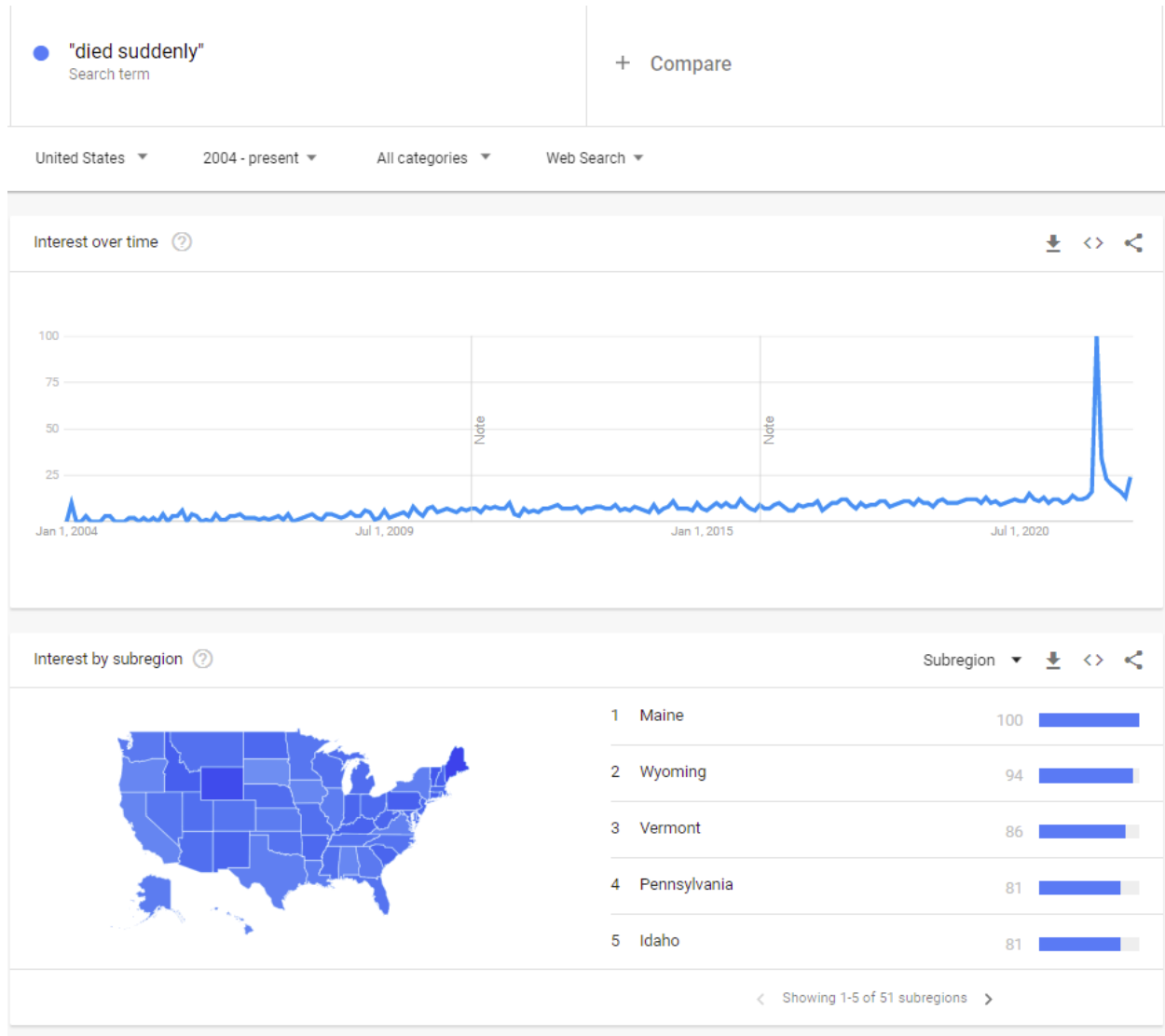
¹⁷⁰ <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.10.11.22280963v1.full>

¹⁷¹ https://www.kpcnews.com/news/state/article_a84c1842-472c-5071-95ac-4bda3124d1a2.html



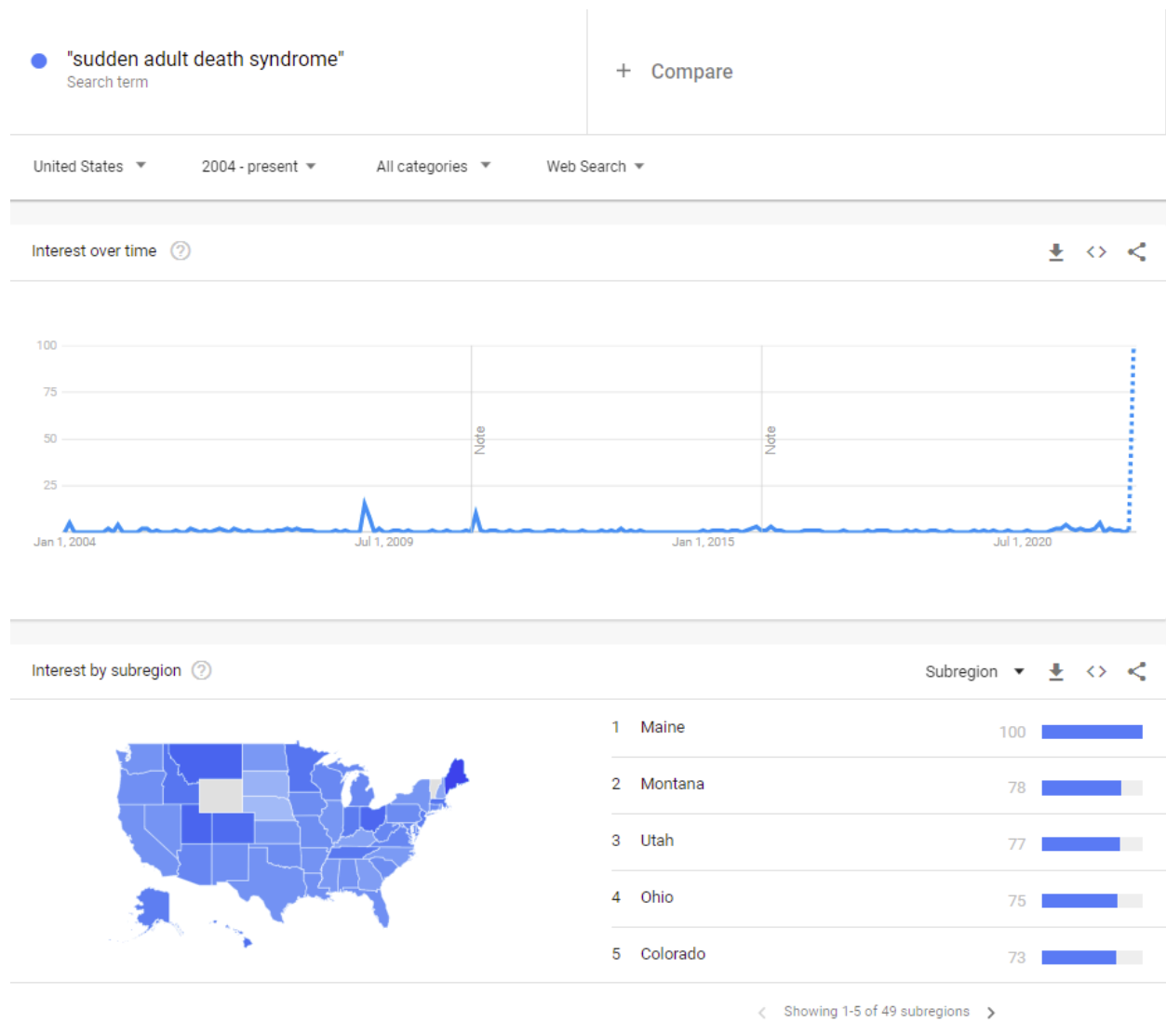
UPDATE: Canada saw a spike in death of 24% among the healthiest Canadians – those aged 0-44 – between July 31st and October 2nd, 2021. It's worth pointing out that Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau mandated the vaccine for workers in August, lining up perfectly with the spike in excess deaths.¹⁷²

UPDATE: Google searches on “died suddenly” and “Sudden Adult Death Syndrome have skyrocketed since November of 2021. See accompanying charts:¹⁷³



¹⁷² <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2022/04/not-just-us-excess-deaths-skyrocket-worldwide-2021-following-rollout-experimental-covid-vaccine/>

¹⁷³ <https://stevekirsch.substack.com/p/if-vaccines-are-safe-how-will-they>



UPDATE: In a study published in Nature on April 28, 2022, there were increases of over 25% in the number of ambulance calls in response to cardiac arrests (CA) and acute coronary syndromes (ACS or “heart attacks”) for young people in the 16–39 age group during the COVID-19 vaccination rollout in Israel (January–May, 2021) compared with the same period of time in prior years (2019 and 2020).



COVID-19 vaccination was "significantly associated" with a 25% jump in emergency medical services (EMS) for heart problems in 16-39 year-olds in Israel, whose vaccination rate is among the world's highest, according to a peer-reviewed study by MIT researchers.

They found no observed statistically significant association between COVID-19 infection rates and the CA and ACS call counts.¹⁷⁴

Question: How much profit is Pfizer making on COVID?

ANSWER: In November, 2022, CFO David Denton said he expects the Covid virus to be 'somewhat like a flu... but more deadly' — meaning therapeutics will still have a massive role in controlling the virus.

The company announced last month it will triple the price of its shot to up to \$130 per dose next year — a far cry from the roughly \$19 to \$30 per dose that the government paid so far.

Some experts estimate each individual shot to cost just \$1.18 to make — meaning the new price represents a 10,000 per cent markup.

Analysts speculate that the move was made so Pfizer could still meet its target of \$32 billion of projected vaccine revenue this year.¹⁷⁵

In closing-

The Pacific Justice Institute is not anti-vaccination, it is pro-freedom. Undoubtedly the COVID-19 vaccines have served portions of the American population very well, and have saved lives. We commend those who have worked tirelessly since the outbreak of the pandemic to make those vaccines available in record time.

However, because they have been approved only under the Emergency Use Authorization, they should not be mandated on any American. Further, even if one or more vaccines receive full FDA approval, Americans should have the right to assess their own risk and make informed decisions as to whether or not they want to be vaccinated.

There is risk involved in nearly everything we do in life. We as free citizens assess that risk and act accordingly. This nation was brought forth by people who took the great risk of traveling

¹⁷⁴ <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-022-10928-z>

¹⁷⁵ <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-11404095/Pfizer-describes-Covid-pandemic-multi-billion-dollar-franchise.html>



across the Atlantic Ocean to come to the New World. The United States of America was founded by people who decided to take the risk of going to war with the world's only superpower to become a free nation. The western part of our nation was settled by people who took the risk to travel across the wilderness by horse and buggy.

As previously stated, the odds of survival when contracting COVID-19, even if untreated, for healthy people under the age of 50 is 99.98% or higher¹⁷⁶. American citizens should have the right to examine that risk and decide whether or not a vaccination is right for them. They should not be forced in either direction by their government, nor should they become another class of citizen based on the decision they make.

¹⁷⁶ TEN MEDICAL FACTS REGARDING THE COVID-19 EXPERIMENTAL VACCINES, Dr. Shelley Cole, Medical Director AFLDS, dated April 12, 2021.