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Note: This is becoming almost a joke. Except people are dying, which is a tragedy. How many people must die before a vaccine program is halted? Meanwhile, how many people must be shunted into social isolation with devastating result while we (not us, that's the royal we...(Wait. it's not really royal, I don't think the Queen of England is holding her breath for a vaccine either) "We" wait for a vaccine like refugees on the Titanic waiting for lifeboats. Spoiler alert — the lifeboats are made of rotten Swiss cheese.

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<u>Deaths rattle South Korea's seasonal flu vaccination, but</u> authority presses ahead with free scheme

South Korea is preparing to fight two infectious diseases this winter: the novel coronavirus and the flu. But reports of deaths after flu shot vaccination may jeopardize the second effort.

As of Friday afternoon local time, 36 people have died in Korea after getting flu shots, including a 17-year-old high schooler, Korea Biomedical Review <u>reported</u>. Some district and municipal governments have put out requests to hospitals to suspend influenza vaccination, but the Korea

Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA) still wants the national program to move ahead, refuting a link between the vaccines and the deaths.

"The number of deaths has increased, but our team sees the low possibility that the deaths resulted from the shots," KDCA Commissioner Jeong Eun-kyeong told lawmakers at a hearing on Thursday, according to Reuters. Health Minister Park Neung-hoo, for his part, promised to "thoroughly examine the entire process in which various government agencies are involved, from production to distribution."