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VAERS data released today showed 329,021 reports of adverse events following COVID vaccines, including 5,888 deaths and 28,441 serious injuries between Dec. 14, 2020 and June 4, 2021.

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This week's number of reported adverse events among all age groups following COVID vaccines surpassed 329,000, according to data released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The data comes directly from reports submitted to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#) (VAERS).

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

Every Friday, VAERS makes public all vaccine injury reports received as of a specified date, usually about a week prior to

the release date. Today's data show that between Dec. 14, 2020 and June 4, a total of [329,021 total adverse events](#) were reported to VAERS, including [5,888 deaths](#) – an increase of 723 deaths over the previous week. There were [28,441 serious injury reports](#), up 3,082 compared with last week.

Among 12- to 17-year-olds, there were [59 reports](#) of heart inflammation and [19 cases](#) of blood clotting disorders.



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Search Results

From the 6/4/2021 release of VAERS data:

Found 329,021 cases where Vaccine is COVID19

Table

↓ Event Outcome	↑ ↓ Count	Percent
Death	5,888	1.79%
Permanent Disability	4,583	1.39%
Office Visit	58,798	17.87%
Emergency Room	44	0.01%
Emergency Doctor/Room	43,848	13.33%
Hospitalized	19,554	5.94%
Hospitalized, Prolonged	43	0.01%
Recovered	123,573	37.56%
Birth Defect	175	0.05%
Life Threatening	5,884	1.79%
Not Serious	128,896	39.18%
TOTAL	† 391,286	† 118.92%

† Because some cases have multiple vaccinations and symptoms, a single case can account for multiple entries in this table. This is the reason why the Total Count is greater than 329021 (the number of cases found), and the Total Percentage is greater than 100.

In the U.S., [299.1 million](#) COVID vaccine doses had been administered as of June 4. This [includes](#) 126 million doses of [Moderna's](#) vaccine, 162 million doses of [Pfizer](#) and 11 million doses of the [Johnson & Johnson](#) (J&J) COVID vaccine.

Of the 5,888 deaths reported as of June 4, [23% occurred](#) within 48 hours of vaccination, [16% occurred](#) within 24 hours and [39% occurred](#) in people who became ill [within 48 hours](#) of being

vaccinated.

This week's data for 12- to 17-year-olds show:

- [5,367](#) total adverse events, including [165](#) rated as serious and [four reported deaths](#) among 12 to 17-year-olds. The [youngest deaths](#) reported include two 15-year-olds (VAERS I.D. [1187918](#) and [1242573](#)), a 16-year-old (VAERS I.D. [1225942](#)) and one 17-year-old (VAERS I.D. [1199455](#)).
- [773 reports](#) of anaphylaxis among 12- to 17-year-olds with 98% of cases attributed to [Pfizer's vaccine](#), 1.8% to [Moderna](#) and 0.5% (or four cases) to [J&J](#).
- [59 reports](#) of myocarditis and pericarditis (heart inflammation) with 58 [attributed](#) to Pfizer's COVID vaccine.
- [16 reports](#) of blood clotting disorders, all [attributed to Pfizer](#).

This week's total VAERS data, from Dec. 14, 2020 to June 4, 2021, for all age groups show:

- 20% of deaths were related to cardiac disorders.
- 51% of those who died were male, 45% were female and the remaining death reports did not include gender of the deceased.
- The [average age](#) of death was 74.5.
- As of June 4, [2,012 pregnant women](#) reported adverse events related to COVID vaccines, including 666 reports of [miscarriage or premature birth](#).
- Of the [3,211 cases of Bell's Palsy reported](#), 53% were reported after [Pfizer](#) vaccinations, 42% following vaccination with the Moderna vaccine and 253 cases, or 8%, of Bell's Palsy cases were reported in conjunction with J&J.
- [310 reports of Guillain-Barré Syndrome](#) with 45% of cases attributed to Pfizer, 41% to Moderna and 21% to J&J.
- [92,929 reports of anaphylaxis](#) with 41% of cases

attributed to [Pfizer's vaccine](#), 50% to [Moderna](#) and 9% to [J&J](#).

- [5,907 reports](#) of blood clotting disorders. Of those, [2,482 reports](#) were attributed to Pfizer, [2,017 reports](#) to Moderna and [1,367 reports](#) to J&J.

CDC to hold emergency hearing after identifying 226 cases of heart inflammation in young people

As [The Defender reported](#) today, the CDC on Thursday announced plans to convene an [emergency meeting](#) of its advisers on June 18 to discuss higher-than-expected reports of heart inflammation following doses of Pfizer and Moderna COVID vaccines.

As [The Defender reported](#) Thursday, before the announcement, the CDC on June 1 had quietly updated its website to acknowledge a higher-than-expected number of cases of myocarditis among young teens after the second dose of an mRNA COVID vaccine.

Based on a [May 24 report](#) from the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Technical Work Group, the CDC on June 1 added [new language](#) to its guidance:

"Data from VAERS [Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System] show that in the 30-day window following dose 2 mRNA COVID-19 vaccination, there was a higher number of observed than expected myocarditis/pericarditis cases in 16–24-year-olds."

The updated language differed significantly from the CDC's [statement two weeks earlier](#), which said rates of myocarditis were not higher among vaccinated people.

During a [Thursday meeting](#) of advisors to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, CDC officials presented data showing a total of [475 cases](#) of myocarditis or pericarditis [were recorded](#) in patients 30 and younger following mRNA vaccines.

The CDC identified 226 reports that might meet the agency's

“working case definition” of myocarditis. The majority of those affected have recovered, but 41 had ongoing symptoms, 15 are still hospitalized and three are in the intensive care unit.

On June 10, [The Defender reported](#) the Oregon Health Authority said it was aware of at least 11 cases of myocarditis or [pericarditis](#) – inflammation of the sac surrounding the heart – in all age groups following COVID vaccination. One of the cases is a 15-year-old teen in Beaverton, Oregon, who was hospitalized for heart inflammation after receiving his second dose of the [Pfizer](#) vaccine.

“The hallmark symptom of myocarditis and pericarditis is chest pain or shortness of breath,” Jonathan Modie, an Oregon Health Authority spokesperson, [said in an email](#). “In rare cases, it can also present in the form of heart palpitations. Anyone suffering from unexplained chest pain should contact a medical provider or seek immediate emergency care.”

A search of the latest available data in VAERS revealed [900 cases](#) of myocarditis and pericarditis, among all age groups reported in the U.S following COVID vaccination between Dec.14, 2020 and June 4, 2021. Of the 900 cases reported, [533 cases](#) were attributed to Pfizer, [331 cases](#) to Moderna and [32 cases](#) to J&J’s COVID vaccine.

Experts tell FDA for kids, benefits of COVID vaccines don’t outweigh the risks

As [The Defender reported](#) June 11, an FDA advisory committee held a [virtual meeting](#) Thursday to discuss what data would be needed to vaccinate children under 12 against COVID under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or licensure.

Several experts spoke out against the plan, saying the benefits don’t outweigh the risks for young children. Peter Doshi, Ph,D, associate professor University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and senior editor of The BMJ, [said](#) during the open

public hearing session, there is no emergency that would warrant using EUA to authorize COVID vaccines for children.

[Kim Witczak](#), an FDA consumer representative, expressed great concerns over the premature approval of COVID vaccines for children. Witczak said data shows children are neither in danger or dangerous and questioned the timing of last Friday's CDC announcement of the [rise in children being hospitalized](#) with COVID.

Dr. Cody Meissner, director of pediatric infectious diseases at Tufts University School of Medicine, [said](#) children are at low risk of severe disease from the virus and more study is needed about safety in younger age groups.

Witczak and Doshi were two of 27 researchers and clinicians around the world who [launched a citizen's petition](#) demanding the FDA withhold full approval of COVID vaccines until efficacy and safety measures are met.

The members of the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee were not asked to provide specific advice or to vote during the meeting.

Moderna, Pfizer push to vaccinate kids as young as 5 by September

Moderna this week asked the FDA to expand emergency use of its COVID vaccine for adolescents aged 12 to 17. The vaccine maker said its COVID vaccine was 100% effective in a study of 3,700 12-to-17-year-olds.

Moderna and Pfizer both this week said they expect to make their vaccines available to children as young as 5 by September.

As [The Defender reported](#) this week, Pfizer is advancing late-stage clinical trials of its COVID vaccine, in lower doses, on children ages 5 to 11 years old and expects to apply for approval early this fall. The study will enroll up to 4,500

children at more than 90 clinical sites in the U.S., Finland, Poland and Spain, the company said.

Based on [safety, efficacy and tolerability data](#) from the 144 children included in Pfizer's phase 1 trial, the company will use 10 micrograms of each vaccine dose for kids between the ages of 5 and 11 in phase 2/3 trials, and 3 micrograms of each dose for those 5 and younger.

Moderna [said](#) it also expects its COVID vaccine will be available for kids as young as 5 by early fall. CEO Stéphane Bancel [said](#) Monday he thinks the data will become available sometime in September.

New Cleveland Clinic study shows vaccine provides no added benefit to those who already had COVID

A [new preprint study](#) by the Cleveland Clinic found people previously infected with SARS-CoV-2 were less likely to be reinfected than fully vaccinated individuals who never had the virus – suggesting the vaccine is of no benefit to people who already had COVID.

As [The Defender reported](#), the study, available on medRxiv, provides insight into how the immune system protects the body once a COVID infection is confirmed.

The clinic studied 52,238 employees. Of those, 49,659 never had the virus and 2,579 had COVID and recovered. Of the 2,579 who previously were infected, 1,359, or 53%, remained unvaccinated, compared with 41%, or 22,777 who were vaccinated.

Of all [infections during the study period](#), 99.3% occurred in participants who were not infected previously and remained unvaccinated. In contrast, 0.7% of infections occurred in participants who were not previously infected but were currently vaccinated. Significantly, not one of the 1,359 previously infected subjects who remained unvaccinated had a

SARS-CoV-2 infection over the duration of the study.

Pfizer skipped critical testing, documents reveal

New documents obtained by [TrialSite News](#) suggest routine quality testing issues were overlooked in the rush to authorize use of Pfizer's COVID vaccine, and that U.S. and other governments are conducting a massive vaccination program with an incompletely characterized experimental vaccine.

As [The Defender reported](#) June 7, regulatory documents revealed Pfizer didn't thoroughly examine biodistribution and pharmacokinetics issues relating to its vaccine before submitting the vaccine to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for review.

Pfizer also did not use the commercial vaccine (BNT162b2) for all of its studies, but instead relied on a "surrogate" mRNA that produced the [luciferase protein](#).

According to TrialSite News, it's standard practice for the EMA to disclose its assessment of investigational new drug submissions. In the case of [Pfizer's vaccine](#), the EMA assessment included a summary of the agency's evaluation of the non-clinical vaccine distribution studies reported to EMA by Pfizer – but the EMA [did not disclose](#) the results of Pfizer's biodistribution studies in its public EMA summary.

95 days and counting, CDC ignores The Defender's inquiries

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

On March 8, [The Defender](#) contacted the CDC with a [written list of questions](#) about reported deaths and injuries related to COVID vaccines. After repeated attempts, by phone and email, to obtain a response to our questions, a health communications

specialist from the CDC's Vaccine Task Force contacted us on March 29 – three weeks after our initial inquiry.

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

On May 19, a CDC employee said our questions had been reviewed and our inquiry was pending in their system, but would not provide us with a copy of the response. We were told we would be contacted by phone or email with the response.

On June 4, the CDC employee we contacted said nobody had responded to our inquiries. We were advised to submit our questions again, which we have done numerous times.

It has been 95 days since we sent our first email inquiring into VAERS data and reports and we have yet to receive a response.

[Children's Health Defense](#) asks anyone who has experienced an adverse reaction, to any vaccine, to file a report following [these three steps](#).

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