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VAERS data released today showed 192,954 reports of adverse events following COVID vaccines, including 4,057 deaths and 17,190 serious injuries between Dec. 14, 2020 and May 7, 2021.

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The number of reported deaths following COVID vaccines topped 4,000 according to data released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The data comes directly from reports submitted to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#) (VAERS).

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

Every Friday, [VAERS](#) makes public all vaccine injury reports received as of a specified date, usually about a week prior to the release date. Today's data show that between Dec. 14, 2020 and May 7, a total of [192,954 total adverse events](#) were reported to VAERS, including [4,057 deaths](#) – an increase of 220 over the previous week – and [17,190 serious injuries](#), up 1,176

since last week.



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Search Results

From the 5/7/2021 release of VAERS data:

Found 192,954 cases where Vaccine is COVID19

Table

Event Outcome	Count	Percent
Death	4,057	2.1%
Permanent Disability	2,475	1.28%
Office Visit	32,801	17%
Emergency Room	37	0.02%
Emergency Doctor/Room	25,566	13.25%
Hospitalized	11,538	5.98%
Hospitalized, Prolonged	34	0.02%
Recovered	73,297	37.99%
Birth Defect	112	0.06%
Life Threatening	3,548	1.84%
Not Serious	75,805	39.29%
TOTAL	† 229,270	† 118.82%

† 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 192954 (the number of cases found), and the Total Percentage is greater than 100.

In the U.S., [254.8 million](#) COVID vaccine doses had been administered as of May 7. This [includes](#) 110 million doses of [Moderna's](#) vaccine, 136 million doses of [Pfizer](#) and 9 million doses of the [Johnson & Johnson \(J&J\) COVID vaccine](#).

Of the 4,057 deaths reported as of May 7, 24% occurred within 48 hours of vaccination, 16% occurred within 24 hours and [38% occurred](#) in people who became ill [within 48 hours](#) of being vaccinated.

This week's VAERS data show:

- 21% of deaths were related to cardiac disorders.
- 54% of those who died were male, 44% were female and the remaining death reports did not include gender of the deceased.

- The [average age](#) of death was 74.8 and the [youngest deaths](#) reported include two 15-year-olds (VAERS I.D. [1187918](#) and [1242573](#)) and a 16-year-old (VAERS I.D. [1225942](#)). There were other reported deaths in children under 16 that could not be confirmed or contained obvious errors.
- As of May 7, [987 pregnant women](#) reported adverse events related to COVID vaccines, including 297 reports of [miscarriage or premature birth](#).
- Of the [1,950 cases of Bell's Palsy reported](#), 50% were reported after [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) vaccinations, 42% following vaccination with the Moderna vaccine and 192 cases, or 10%, of Bell's Palsy cases were reported in conjunction with J&J.
- There were [181 reports of Guillain-Barré Syndrome](#) with 40% of cases attributed to Pfizer, 41% to Moderna and 23% to J&J.
- There were [55,220 reports of anaphylaxis](#) with 38% of cases attributed to [Pfizer's vaccine](#), 49% to [Moderna](#) and 12% to [J&J](#).

CDC find's 'plausible' link between J&J vaccine and blood clots
On May 13, [The Defender reported](#) officials with the CDC acknowledged a "plausible causal association" between J&J's COVID vaccine and potentially life-threatening blood clot disorders after identifying 28 cases – including three deaths – among people who received the vaccine.

Dr. Tom Shimabukuro, deputy director of the CDC's immunization safety office, [identified 28 cases](#) of rare blood clots in VAERS among people vaccinated with the J&J shot.

Shimabukuro said four of the 28 people remained in the hospital as of May 7, one of whom was in the ICU. Two were discharged to a post-acute care facility, 19 patients were discharged and three resulted in deaths.

Current evidence "suggests a plausible causal association"

with the J&J vaccine and cases of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome, Shimabukuro said. The CDC's [Dr. Sara Oliver said](#) the benefits of the vaccine still outweigh the risk and no updates to vaccine policy are needed at this time.

[Children's Health Defense](#) queried the VAERS data for adverse events associated with the formation of clotting disorders and other related conditions and found [3,272 reports](#) for all three vaccines from Dec. 14, 2020, through May 7.

Of the 3,272 cases reported, there were [1,218 reports](#) attributed to Pfizer, [1,034 reports](#) to Moderna and [1,000 reports](#) to J&J.

FDA approves Pfizer vaccine for adolescents ages 12 to 15

NPR [reported](#) May 10 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said children 12 to 15 years old are now eligible to be vaccinated for COVID as the agency expanded its [Emergency Use Authorization](#) (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Pfizer [submitted an amendment](#) to their current EUA for an unapproved product on April 9 to expand use of its vaccine for adolescents ages 12 to 15 – with only six months of clinical data.

“Parents and guardians can rest assured that the agency undertook a rigorous and thorough review of all available data, as we have with all of our COVID-19 vaccine emergency use authorizations,” [Dr. Janet Woodcock](#), the acting FDA commissioner, said.

Until now, Pfizer's vaccine had been authorized only for people age 16 and older. The company said it plans to seek new EUA expansions for kids younger than 12 in September, with an expansion aimed at infants and toddlers during the fourth quarter this year.

CDC Says OK to give COVID vaccine along with routine vaccines for kids

On May 13, CNN [reported](#) a CDC expert said Wednesday it's OK to give an experimental COVID vaccine in conjunction with other vaccinations.

Doctors and other clinicians were previously advised against giving a COVID vaccine within two weeks of any other vaccine, but Dr. Kate Woodworth of the CDC's birth defects division said Wednesday that advice has now changed —saying there is substantial data on the safety of the vaccines.

Woodworth said the clinical considerations are being updated to say that COVID and other vaccines can be administered “without regard to timing,” including on the same day.

The [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) also said it supports giving routine childhood vaccines together with COVID vaccines.

Teen hospitalized with blood clots in brain after Pfizer Vaccine

On May 10, The Defender [reported](#) a Utah teen remains hospitalized with blood clots in his brain after receiving his first dose of Pfizer's COVID vaccine.

Everest Romney, 17, received the vaccine April 21 and one day later began experiencing neck pain, fever and severe headaches. After more than a week of symptoms and being unable to freely move his neck, he was diagnosed with two blood clots inside his brain, and one outside.

Romney's mother didn't [want to discourage](#) parents from getting their kids vaccinated because she believes each parent must make the decision for their children, but said she wished her choice had been a different one.

The Utah Department of Health said the CDC is tasked with

investigating possible vaccine side effects. After administering nearly 100 million doses of Pfizer's vaccine, the CDC reported there hasn't been a single related case of a blood clot forming in the brain as of April 12.

Brazil suspends AstraZeneca vaccine after pregnant woman dies, Slovakia suspends after woman's death

On May 12, The Defender [reported](#) that Brazil's federal government suspended [AstraZeneca's](#) vaccine for pregnant women after an expectant mother in Rio de Janeiro died from a stroke possibly related to the vaccine. The 35-year-old woman, who was 23 weeks pregnant, died of a hemorrhagic stroke after checking into a hospital five days earlier.

Brazil's federal health regulator, Anvisa, said in a statement the use of AstraZeneca's COVID shot by pregnant women should be "immediately suspended" as authorities investigate the reported death. AstraZeneca said in a statement that pregnant women were never included in clinical trials of its vaccine.

Slovakia also [announced](#) Tuesday it was suspending AstraZeneca's vaccine for first-time vaccinations after a 47-year-old woman died from [cerebral venous sinus thrombosis](#) – a blood-clotting disorder where clots form in the veins that drain blood from the brain – connected to the shot.

"Genetic examination also revealed blood-clotting disorders in the patient," the [regulator said](#). "Due to the existence of a genetic predisposition to a thrombophilic state, an association between [the AstraZeneca jab] and subsequent venous sinus thrombosis was established as likely," it added.

New study links vaccine to blood clots

As The Defender [reported](#) May 12, new [research](#) published in The BMJ confirmed evidence of blood clotting and found a small risk after receiving just one dose of AstraZeneca's vaccine.

Researchers [investigated](#) the likelihood of blood clotting

events for 282,572 people in Denmark and Norway. Using data from healthcare registries, they reviewed information on people 18 to 65 years old who received their first dose of AstraZeneca between Feb. 9 and March 11.

Researchers observed an “increased rate of venous thromboembolic events, corresponding to 11 excess venous thromboembolic events per 100,000 vaccinations and including a clearly increased rate of cerebral venous thrombosis with seven observed events versus 0.3 expected events among the 282,572 vaccine recipients.” There was also a small increased risk of [pulmonary embolism](#), lower limb [venous thrombosis](#) and other venous thrombosis.

The Canadian provinces of Alberta and Ontario [said](#) Tuesday they will stop offering first doses of AstraZeneca’s vaccine, with Ontario [citing evidence](#) the risk of rare blood clots was higher than previously estimated. Quebec and New Brunswick followed suit Thursday, [Reuters reported](#).

Dr. David Williams, chief medical officer of health for the Province of Ontario, made the decision out of an abundance of caution and due to an increase in cases of [Vaccine-Induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia](#) (VITT) – a rare, potentially fatal blood clotting syndrome linked to the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Norway will not use AstraZeneca vaccine, J&J paused

As The Defender [reported](#) May 12, Norway will not resume use of the AstraZeneca vaccine due to concerns of rare blood clots reported in some patients after their first dose, while the J&J vaccine remains on hold. An expert committee, set up by the Norwegian government, conducted a comprehensive risk assessment of the two vaccines and recommended AstraZeneca & J&J’s vaccine be dropped from Norway’s vaccination program.

“We do not recommend that the vaccines be used in the national vaccination program due to the serious side effects that have

been seen,” chair of the expert committee, Lars Vorland, said.

Denmark was the first country in Europe to [officially drop AstraZeneca](#) and J&J’s vaccines due to the risk of blood clots, but many countries have [restricted](#) use of AstraZeneca in certain age groups.

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

As [The Defender reported](#) May 12, we have made repeated attempts to contact the CDC with a list of questions about COVID vaccine injury reports in VAERS, including ongoing investigations into reported deaths. Our questions remain unanswered.

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. We requested information about how the CDC conducts investigations into reported deaths, the status of ongoing investigations into deaths and injuries reported by the media, if autopsies were being conducted, the standard for determining whether an injury is causally connected to a vaccine, and education initiatives to encourage and facilitate proper and accurate reporting.

After repeated attempts, by phone and email, to obtain a response to our questions, a health communications specialist from the CDC’s Vaccine Task Force contacted us on March 29 – three weeks after our initial inquiry.

The individual received our request for information from VAERS, but said she had never received our list of questions, even though employees we talked to several times said CDC

press officers were working through the questions and confirmed the representative had received them. We provided the list of questions again along with a new deadline, but never received a response.

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

We asked why the taxpayer-funded CDC seemed to respond to other news media outlets in a timely manner, but hasn't responded to The Defender. No answer was provided. We were told someone would get back to us.

It has been 67 days since we sent our first email inquiring into VAERS data and reports, but still no 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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