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*VAERS data released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention included a total of 946,463 reports of adverse events from all age groups following COVID vaccines, including 19,886 deaths and 150,946 serious injuries between Dec. 14, 2020, and Dec. 3, 2021.*

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention today released new data showing a total of [946,463 reports of adverse events](#) following COVID vaccines were submitted between Dec. 14, 2020, and Dec. 3, 2021, to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). VAERS is the primary government-funded system for reporting adverse vaccine reactions in the U.S.

The data included a total of [19,886 reports of deaths](#) – an increase of 354 over the previous week – and [150,946 reports of serious injuries](#), including deaths, during the same time period – up 4,226 compared with the previous week.

Excluding “[foreign reports](#)” to VAERS, [681,962 adverse events](#), including [9,136 deaths](#) and [58,503 serious injuries](#), were

reported in the U.S. between Dec. 14, 2020, and Dec. 3, 2021.

[Foreign reports](#) are reports received by U.S. manufacturers from their foreign subsidiaries. Under U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations, if a manufacturer is notified of a foreign case report that describes an event that is both serious and does not appear on the product’s labeling, the manufacturer is required to submit the report to VAERS.

Of the 9,136 U.S. [deaths reported](#) as of Dec. 3, 20% occurred within 24 hours of vaccination, 25% occurred within 48 hours of vaccination and 61% occurred in people who experienced an [onset of symptoms](#) within 48 hours of being vaccinated.

In the U.S., 466 million COVID vaccine doses had been administered as of Dec. 3. This [includes](#) 271 million doses of Pfizer, 178 million doses of Moderna and 17 million doses of Johnson & Johnson (J&J).



From the 12/3/2021 release of VAERS data:

**Found 946,463 cases where Vaccine is COVID19**

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Table

↓	↑ ↓	↑ ↓
Event Outcome	Count	Percent
Death	19,886	2.1%
Permanent Disability	32,644	3.45%
Office Visit	148,180	15.66%
Emergency Room	62	0.01%
Emergency Doctor/Room	104,156	11%
Hospitalized	102,579	10.84%
Hospitalized, Prolonged	278	0.03%
Recovered	281,888	29.78%
Birth Defect	706	0.07%
Life Threatening	22,421	2.37%
Not Serious	410,982	43.42%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>↑ 1,123,782</b>	<b>↑ 118.73%</b>

† 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 946463 (the number of cases found), and the Total Percentage is greater than 100.

Every Friday, [VAERS](#) publishes vaccine injury reports received

as of a specified date. Reports submitted to VAERS require further investigation before a causal relationship can be confirmed. Historically, VAERS has been shown to report only [1% of actual vaccine adverse events](#).

**U.S. VAERS data from Dec. 14, 2020, to Dec. 3, 2021 for 5- to 11-year-olds show:**

- 3,301 [adverse events](#), including [58 rated as serious](#) and 2 [reported deaths](#). One death occurred in an 11-year-old girl from Georgia vaccinated Sept. 14, prior to the authorization of Pfizer's COVID vaccine in the 5 to 11 age group.

The second death (VAERS I.D. [1890705](#)) occurred in a 5-year-old girl who died four days after receiving her first dose of Pfizer.

**U.S. VAERS data from Dec. 14, 2020, to Dec. 3, 2021 for 12- to 17-year-olds show:**

- 24,359 [adverse events](#), including [1,474 rated as serious](#) and [33 reported deaths](#).

The most recent deaths involve a 13-year-old girl from Texas (VAERS I.D. [1913198](#)) who died 31 days after receiving her COVID vaccine. According to her VAERS report, the girl received her first dose of Pfizer on Aug. 1. Two weeks later, she complained of vague upper back pain and was diagnosed with a [rare soft tissue cancer](#) located on her heart despite having no previous medical history. Parents requested a VAERS report be filed in case her cancer was related to the vaccine. Her cancer and heart condition rapidly and progressively worsened and she died Dec 1.

The second death involves a 17-year-old girl from Minnesota (VAERS I.D. [1912785](#)) who experienced cardiac arrest and died at home after receiving her first dose of Pfizer's COVID vaccine.

- [60 reports](#) of anaphylaxis among 12- to 17-year-olds where the reaction was life-threatening, required treatment or resulted in death – with 96% of cases attributed to [Pfizer's vaccine](#).
- [567 reports](#) of myocarditis and pericarditis (heart inflammation) with [557 cases](#) attributed to Pfizer's vaccine.
- [141 reports](#) of blood clotting disorders, with all cases attributed to Pfizer.

**U.S. VAERS data from Dec. 14, 2020, to Dec. 3, 2021, for all age groups combined, show:**

- 19% of deaths were related to cardiac disorders.
- 54% of those who died were male, 42% were female and the remaining death reports did not include gender of the deceased.
- The [average age](#) of death was 72.7.
- As of Dec. 3, [4,538 pregnant women](#) reported adverse events related to COVID vaccines, including 1,428 reports of [miscarriage or premature birth](#).
- Of the [3,249 cases of Bell's Palsy](#) reported, 51% were attributed to [Pfizer](#) vaccinations, 41% to [Moderna](#) and 8% to [J&J](#).
- 784 reports of [Guillain-Barré syndrome](#) (GBS), with 42% of cases [attributed to Pfizer](#), 29% to [Moderna](#) and 27% to [J&J](#).
- [2,184 reports](#) of anaphylaxis where the reaction was life-threatening, required treatment or resulted in death.
- [11,514 reports](#) of blood clotting disorders. Of those, [5,112 reports](#) were attributed to Pfizer, [4,101 reports](#) to Moderna and [2,249 reports](#) to J&J.
- [3,333 cases](#) of myocarditis and pericarditis with [2,074 cases](#) attributed to Pfizer, [1,109 cases](#) to Moderna and [140 cases](#) to J&J's COVID vaccine.

FDA, CDC sign off on Pfizer boosters for 16- and 17-year-olds,

suggest 3rd shot for younger kids may come soon

The CDC on Thursday [signed off](#) on Emergency Use Authorization of booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for 16- and 17- year olds.

Approval from CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky came hours after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized booster doses for the same age group.

Walensky said in a statement initial data suggest a third shot will help strengthen protection against [Omicron](#) and other variants, and she urged older teens to get the booster.

The FDA on Thursday authorized the booster doses for 16- and 17-year-olds at least six months after receiving their second dose of the vaccine, the [New York Times reported](#).

The FDA broadened Pfizer's authorization to cover the younger age group on an emergency basis as [initial research](#) suggested the new Omicron variant undermines antibody protection of two doses of Pfizer's vaccine.

Pfizer boosters will be available to 16- and 17-year-olds at least six months after they received their initial two doses of Pfizer's COVID vaccine. The [Moderna](#) and [Johnson & Johnson](#) vaccines remain authorized only for adults

Meanwhile, the [CDC today said](#) it was "considering" boosters for 5- to 11-year-olds.

"We're first starting to get our 5- to 11-year-olds vaccinated," Walensky said. "We'll look again at the 12- to 15-year-olds, of course, as with the FDA, in real-time."

Roughly two-thirds of parents of elementary school-aged children are either holding off on getting their younger kids vaccinated or refuse to do so, according to ABC7 in New York.

**Breakthrough cases surge in Missouri, Massachusetts,**

## Connecticut

The [latest data](#) from Missouri show 730 people died from COVID despite being fully vaccinated. According to the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](#), the state recorded 760,035 COVID cases as of Dec. 9.

More than 11,321 fully vaccinated people in Massachusetts [tested positive](#) for COVID last week – an increase of 71% over the 6,610 breakthrough infections reported the previous week.

Breakthrough cases in Massachusetts account for 40% of the state's overall cases in recent months as the vaccine's effectiveness wanes after six months. In all, 88,968 fully vaccinated people have tested positive for the virus since Dec. 14, according to data from the state's Department of Public Health on Tuesday.

Data [provided](#) by the Connecticut Department of Public Health showed an increase in breakthrough cases over the past four weeks. A total of 4,143 breakthrough cases were reported over the previous week ending Wednesday – an increase from Dec. 2, when there were a total of 2,553 new breakthrough cases.

Of the 4,143 identified [breakthrough cases](#) in Connecticut most occurred among patients between the ages of 35 and 64. There were 802 breakthrough cases in patients 35 to 44, 842 cases in patients aged 55 to 64, 33 breakthrough infections among children aged 12 to 15 and 321 cases in patients 75 and older.

### **Definition of fully vaccinated will change to include 3rd dose**

It's only a matter of time before the [definition of fully vaccinated](#) is changed to include a third dose, [Dr. Anthony Fauci](#), director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said Wednesday.

According to the CDC [website](#), "fully vaccinated persons are

those who are  $\geq 14$  days post completion of the primary series of an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.”

The term fully vaccinated refers to a person who has received two doses of Pfizer or Moderna COVID vaccines or a single shot of Johnson & Johnson. The [definition has implications](#) because it is used by those imposing [vaccine mandates](#) across the country, including federal mandates for healthcare workers, government contractors and private businesses with more than 100 employees.

### **Four doses of COVID vaccine likely needed to combat Omicron variant**

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla said Wednesday people may [need a fourth dose](#) of the COVID vaccine sooner than expected after preliminary research showed the Omicron variant can undermine antibody protection in people who only received two doses.

Pfizer and BioNTech [released results](#) from their initial lab study showing a third dose was protective against the new variant, but the initial two-dose series dropped significantly in its ability to protect against the new strain.

Bourla said three doses against Omicron are equivalent to the two doses’ effectiveness against the original variant, although more data is needed from tests using the actual virus. Real-world results will be more accurate and are expected in the next two weeks, he said.

Bourla [previously predicted](#) a fourth dose would be needed 12 months after the third dose, but said with Omicron, “we may need it faster.”

120 teens hospitalized, 3 dead following Pfizer vaccine rollout for 15- to 17-year-olds in Vietnam

The Vietnamese province of Thanh Hoa [suspended a batch](#) of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID vaccine after more than 120 teens were

hospitalized after being vaccinated.

According to the province's CDC, the teens were hospitalized for symptoms ranging from nausea and high fevers to breathing difficulties – with 17 children exhibiting severe reactions.

Since the rollout began on Nov. 30, three Vietnamese teens died after receiving Pfizer's vaccine, including two 12-year olds and a 16-year-old.

The Health Ministry said the deaths were caused by "overreaction to the vaccine," not by a problem with the quality of the vaccine or the vaccination process.

[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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