



COVID-19 Vaccines and Adults Ages 18+

#1: Adult risk of death from COVID-19 is minimal

- As of December 25, 2021, there have been an estimated [728,850 COVID-19-associated hospitalizations](#) in U.S. adults ages 18-49 out of a total population of 138.2 million—that's 0.5%. And an estimated [1.8 million COVID-19-associated hospitalizations](#) in adults ages 50+ out of a total population of 118.5 million—that's 1.5%. There have also been [44,389 deaths in adults aged 18-49](#) (a mortality rate of 0.03%) and [648,677 deaths in adults 50+](#) (a mortality rate of 0.5%) attributed to COVID-19. More adults [die each year](#) from heart disease and cancer.

#2: Vaccinating adults does not prevent them from spreading the virus

- The CDC released a [study in July 2021](#) that confirmed that vaccinated people can become infected and transmit the COVID-19 virus to others.
- The United Kingdom is reporting that [the majority of their new COVID-19 cases are in the fully vaccinated](#) (see page 35).

#3: COVID-19 vaccination carries the risk of injury and death

- The government's [Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#) has received [21,002 reports of death](#) from COVID-19 vaccination as of December 24, 2021. While these deaths are not verified, this is of immediate concern since the most deaths reported in a single year across *all other vaccines* was only 605. In addition, VAERS has received reports of 10,640 heart attacks, 3,435 miscarriages, and 36,492 severe allergic reactions.
- The CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force cited [545 cases of myocarditis/pericarditis](#) (heart inflammation that can cause permanent damage) in males ages 18-49 years that had been reported to VAERS, compared to no more than 143 cases expected for that age group—that's a 4 times increase in risk.

#4: The vaccines are experimental and long-term side-effects are unknown

- Because they are so new, it is not possible to know how the COVID-19 vaccines may affect human health in the long run. No studies have yet been done on toxicity, carcinogenicity, fetal and reproductive risks, or other important aspects of safety.

#5: Manufacturers are not liable for injuries caused by COVID-19 vaccines

- All vaccines authorized as a countermeasure against COVID-19 are [shielded from liability under the PREP Act](#). If you are injured or killed by a COVID-19 vaccine, you cannot sue—and the government will not pay for your medical care. Your only recourse is the [Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program \(CICP\)](#). The program has compensated less than 4% of petitioners to date.