## COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATES: 21 Scientific Facts That Challenge the Assumptions

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ASSUMPTION: The COVID-19 vaccines significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19, so high universal vaccination rates will prevent outbreaks.

**FACT 1:** A study of a COVID-19 outbreak in July 2021 published in *Eurosurveillance* found that "all transmissions between patients and staff occurred between masked and vaccinated individuals, as experienced in an outbreak from Finland." The authors state that the study "challenges the assumption that high universal vaccination rates will lead to herd immunity and prevent COVID-19 outbreaks."<sup>1</sup>

**FACT 2:** A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study of another COVID-19 outbreak in July 2021 found that 74% of cases were fully vaccinated.<sup>2</sup>

**FACT 3:** A Harvard study investigating COVID-19 cases across 68 countries and across 2,947 counties in the U.S. found "no significant signaling of COVID-19 cases decreasing with higher percentages of population fully vaccinated."<sup>3</sup>



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### ASSUMPTION: The COVID-19 vaccines prevent death from COVID-19.

**FACT 4:** Clinical trials have observed tens of thousands of subjects and are the only studies 1) that included a control group and 2) where all subjects were monitored and tested for COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status. However, those trials did not detect enough COVID-19 deaths to measure a significant difference in mortality between vaccinated and unvaccinated patients.<sup>4-7</sup> The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) states, "A larger number of individuals at high risk of COVID-19 and higher attack rates would be needed to confirm efficacy of the vaccine against mortality."<sup>4-7</sup>

**FACT 5:** A study of a COVID-19 outbreak in July 2021 published in *Eurosurveillance* observed that 100% of severe, critical, and fatal cases of COVID-19 occurred in vaccinated individuals.<sup>1</sup>

**FACT 6:** CDC data show mass vaccination with the COVID-19 vaccine has had no measurable impact on the COVID-19 mortality rate in the U.S. In the nine months before the introduction of mass vaccination (April 2020 through December 2020), there were about 356,000 COVID-19 deaths or 39,500 deaths per month — a mortality rate of 0.120 per 1,000 people. In the nine months after the introduction of mass vaccination (January 2021 through September 2021), there were 342,000 COVID-19 deaths or 38,000 deaths per month — a mortality rate of 0.115 per 1,000 people. And in the five months that followed (October 2021 through February 2022), there were an additional 249,000 COVID-19 deaths or 49,800 deaths per month a mortality rate of 0.151 per 1,000 people.<sup>7</sup>





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### ASSUMPTION: COVID-19 vaccines cause fewer hospitalizations than COVID-19.

**FACT 7:** A study published in *Vaccine* observed a risk of a serious adverse event (SAE) from the Pfizer vaccine in 1 in 556 vaccinated subjects. The same study also observed a risk of an SAE from the Moderna vaccine in 1 in 1,408 vaccinated subjects. The study states, "An SAE was defined as an adverse event that results in any of the following conditions: death; life-threatening at the time of the event; inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization; persistent or significant disability/incapacity; a congenital anomaly/birth defect; medically important event, based on medical judgment."<sup>8</sup>

In addition, the study found, "In the Moderna trial, the excess risk of serious AESIs [adverse events of special interest] (15.1 per 10,000 participants) was higher than the risk reduction for COVID-19 hospitalization relative to the placebo group (6.4 per 10,000 participants). In the Pfizer trial, the excess risk of serious AESIs (10.1 per 10,000) was higher than the risk reduction for COVID-19 hospitalization relative to the placebo group (2.3 per 10,000 participants)."<sup>8</sup>



A study published in *Vaccine* found that in the Pfizer trial, the number of serious adverse events in vaccinated people was higher than the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations prevented. For every two COVID-19 hospitalizations prevented in vaccinated people, there were 10 COVID-19 vaccine serious adverse events.

ASSUMPTION: For children, being injected with COVID-19 vaccines is safer than being infected with SARS-CoV-2.

**FACT 8:** In the Pfizer clinical trial, there were zero cases of severe COVID-19 in children who did not receive the vaccine.<sup>9,10</sup> In contrast, for children 5 years or older, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial found that the vaccine causes severe (grade 3) systemic reactions that include fever greater than 102.1° F; vomiting that requires IV hydration; diarrhea of six or more loose stools in 24 hours; and severe fatigue, severe headache, severe muscle pain, or severe joint pain that prevents daily activity.<sup>10-13</sup>

**FACT 9:** In the clinical trial, a range of 1 in 59 to 1 in 143 vaccinated children 5 to 11 years of age suffered severe systemic reactions within seven days of the second dose. There were 3 to 8 cases of severe systemic reactions observed in the vaccinated group for every 10 cases of non-severe COVID-19 in the unvaccinated group.<sup>10</sup>

**FACT 10:** In the clinical trial, 1 in 9 vaccinated adolescents 12 to 15 years of age suffered severe systemic reactions within seven days of receiving the second dose. There were 7 times more severe systemic reactions observed in the vaccinated group than non-severe COVID-19 cases in the unvaccinated group.<sup>11-13</sup>

FACT 11: The clinical trial also found that 1 in about 1,100 vaccinated children 12 to 15 years of age had a grade 4 systemic reaction (fever greater than 104° F) after the first dose that required an emergency room (ER) visit and withdrawal from the study.<sup>11,12</sup>



In the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial, zero unvaccinated adolescents 12 to 15 years of age suffered a severe case of COVID-19. In contrast, for every 1 case of non-severe COVID-19 in the unvaccinated group, there were 7 cases of severe (grade 3) systemic reactions in the vaccinated group.



# ASSUMPTION: The COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial was large enough to show safety in children.

**FACT 12:** The Pfizer clinical trial did not have enough statistical power to show the vaccine is safe in children under 18 years of age, as the study did not include enough subjects to establish safety (i.e., the clinical trial only included about 2,600 vaccinated children aged 5 to 15).<sup>10,14</sup> In comparison, it is known that COVID-19 fatalities are rare in children. Between 2020 and 2022, the chance of a child 17 years or younger contracting SARS-CoV-2 and dying from COVID-19 was 1 in 70,000 or 0.001%.<sup>15</sup>



The COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trial Is Inadequate to Show Safety in Children

There are not enough children in clinical trials to prove that COVID-19 vaccines pose less risk than COVID-19 for children under 18 years of age.



### ASSUMPTION: COVID-19 vaccines have no serious or long-term side effects.

**FACT 13:** Because all subjects in clinical trials were observed for only two to six months, the long-term safety of COVID-19 vaccines for any age group is not known. Per the FDA, there are currently insufficient data to make conclusions about the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in subpopulations such as pregnant and lactating individuals, and immunocompromised individuals.<sup>4,9</sup> Per Pfizer, the vaccine "has not been evaluated for the potential to cause carcinogenicity, genotoxicity, or impairment of male fertility."<sup>16</sup>

FACT 14: Safety surveillance reports have identified serious risks of myocarditis and pericarditis in subjects under age 40, within seven days of vaccination. In males aged 18 to 24 years, a study published in *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety* observed a risk of myocarditis of 1 in 1,862 after the second dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine.<sup>17</sup> In addition, a study conducted by the Florida Department of Health found a 97% increased risk of cardiac-related deaths in males aged 18–39 within 28 days of being vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine.<sup>18</sup> In women, a study published in *BMJ* found that vaccination with two doses within the same menstrual cycle led to a 3.7-day increase in that cycle. The consequences of that phenomenon are not known.<sup>19</sup>





**FACT 15:** The clinical trials detected that vaccine immunity wanes significantly over a short period of time. For example, the Pfizer vaccine efficacy decreased by 8% to 18% within only six months.<sup>20</sup> Additionally, the efficacy measured in the clinical trials was against the original Wuhan strain, not the new variants.

**FACT 16:** In clinical trials, a third dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine has not been evaluated for efficacy against disease, but rather antibody counts were observed in a small number of vaccinated subjects for only one month.<sup>21,22</sup>

ASSUMPTION: There are no known effective treatment or prevention options for COVID-19 except vaccines.

**FACT 17:** Treatments for COVID-19 have improved significantly since the pandemic began in early 2020, resulting in improved survival rates in hospitalized cases.<sup>23,24</sup> Indeed, for people not living in a nursing home, the overall survival rate of COVID-19 is 99.8% in the U.S., and 99.997% for children specifically.<sup>25,26</sup>

**FACT 18:** Many studies have observed the effectiveness of various treatments, the most studied being ivermectin, vitamin D, hydroxychloroquine (HCQ), and monoclonal antibodies.<sup>27,28</sup> These treatments may also be beneficial for prophylaxis (i.e., pre-exposure or post-exposure prevention of symptomatic COVID-19 infections).<sup>29-33</sup>



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ASSUMPTION: People who were previously infected with SARS-CoV-2 need to get vaccinated because natural immunity is insufficient.

**FACT 19:** There is evidence that previous SARS-CoV-2 infection is more effective at preventing SARS-CoV-2 infection than COVID-19 vaccines. An article published in *Science* in August 2021 states, "Newly released data show people who once had a SARS-CoV-2 infection were much less likely than never-infected, vaccinated people to get Delta, develop symptoms from it, or become hospitalized with serious COVID-19." The article also states, "It's a textbook example of how natural immunity is really better than vaccination."<sup>34</sup>

FACT 20: Data from the Johnson & Johnson clinical trial also indicate that an unvaccinated person previously infected with SARS-CoV-2 has a 99.9% chance of being protected from a repeat infection.<sup>35</sup>



ASSUMPTION: Vaccine mandates have been proven to create a safer environment.

**FACT 21:** Infection and transmission of SARS-CoV-2 occur at high rates in fully vaccinated populations, and a significant proportion of severe, critical and fatal COVID-19 cases occur in fully vaccinated individuals. CDC data show mass vaccination with the COVID-19 vaccine has had no measurable impact on COVID-19 mortality in the U.S. In addition, short-term clinical trial data indicate that 1 in 6 to 1 in 9 people 12–55 years of age who receive mRNA COVID-19 vaccines suffer severe (grade 3) systemic reactions, and long-term safety studies have not been conducted.<sup>36</sup> Thus, the scientific data demonstrate that vaccine mandates have not been proven to create a safer environment.



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