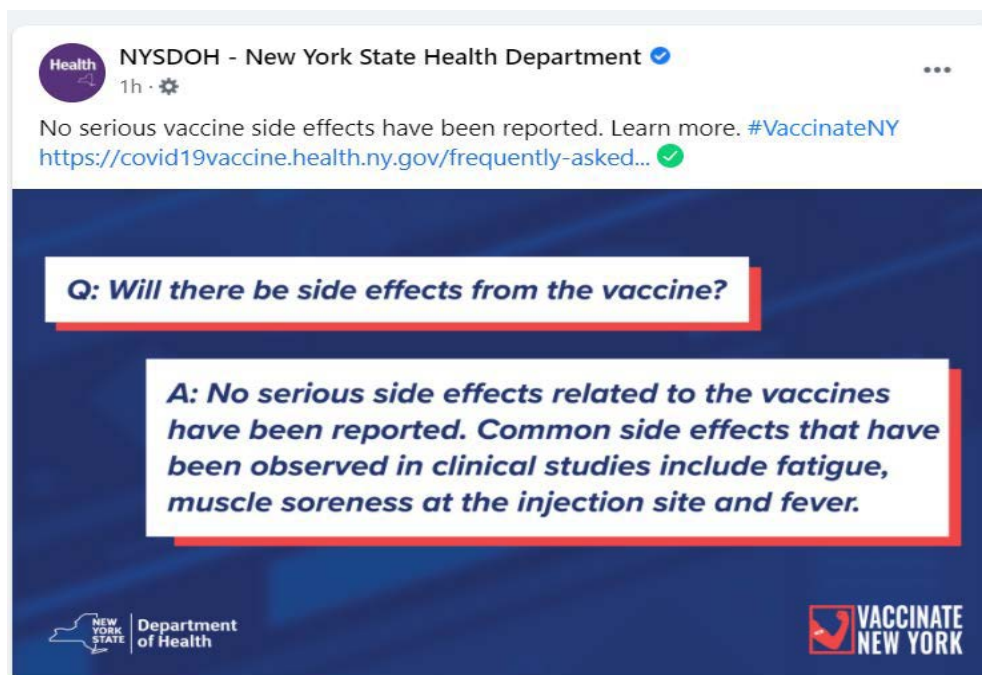


## GOVERNOR CUOMO AND THE NYS DEP'T OF HEALTH AGAIN COMPLY WITH ICAN'S LEGAL DEMAND THAT THEY REMOVE ADDITIONAL MISINFORMATION REGARDING THE COVID-19 VACCINES

ICAN achieved another victory in its ongoing campaign to ensure the government does not spread false information about vaccines. We previously reported how the NYS Dep't of Health was forced to remove a number of its false COVID-19 ads. It appears they did not learn from that mistake. In another, more recent ad they falsely claimed that: “No serious side effects related to the vaccines have been reported.” ICAN, through its attorneys, wrote to Governor Cuomo and the NYS Dep't of Health demanding they remove this false claim and related ad. They quickly complied.

On February 19, 2021, ICAN's attorneys, led by Aaron Siri, sent a [letter](#) to the NYS Health Commissioner and Governor Cuomo informing them that the following Facebook page contained false information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and demanded that it be removed:



The post stated that “no serious side effects related to the vaccines have been reported,” however this information is plainly false. In the vaccines’ clinical trials, there were serious adverse events that the trial investigators found were not only be “linked” to the vaccines, but in fact related to the COVID-19 vaccines. For [Pfizer’s](#) vaccine, these include shoulder injury, ventricular arrhythmia, and lymphadenopathy. For [Moderna’s](#) vaccine, these include intractable nausea and vomiting, facial swelling, rheumatoid arthritis, Dyspnea with exertion, peripheral edema, Autonomic dysfunction, and B-cell lymphocytic lymphoma.

Further, post-authorization, there have been numerous serious adverse reactions related to the COVID-19 vaccines. The [CDC](#), for example, has acknowledged that serious vaccine side

effects related to the COVID-19 vaccines have been reported, including “[a]naphylaxis, an acute and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.” Additionally, in the approximately two months since these vaccines have been in use, the CDC’s Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (“VAERS”) has received just under 16,000 reports of adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination and **over 3,000 reports of serious adverse events** related to a COVID-19 vaccination through February 12, 2021.

The NYS Health Commissioner and the Governor should be aware of the above information safety information. They nonetheless made the false claim that there are no serious side effects related to the COVID-19 vaccines when the data clearly shows otherwise. Even worse, the two COVID-19 vaccines are still undergoing clinical trials, so the data on serious adverse events is still being collected.

New York State and Governor Cuomo needed to be fact checked. We are pleased to tell you that, after being notified that failure to remove the inaccurate graphic would result in a lawsuit, they removed their false vaccine information. This is another victory that should serve to remind New York State, Governor Cuomo, and others that someone is watching. ICAN’s message should be heard loud and clear: you may not spread “misinformation” about vaccines.