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Re: Americans Skipping Their Second Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine

Dear Dr. Oliver and Dr. Talbot,

We write on behalf of Informed Consent Action Network (“**ICAN**”) to follow-up on our letter dated February 7, 2022, attached hereto,¹ regarding the large number of Americans who have not received their second COVID-19 mRNA vaccine dose.

As of that date, CDC data reflected that nearly 32 million Americans were behind on the two-dose COVID-19 mRNA vaccine schedule. We asked that you address the concern that these millions of Americans did not receive a second dose because of an adverse event after the first dose. You have yet to respond to that request.

Since then, the CDC data reflects that the number of Americans not receiving their second dose has grown larger. Recent data shared by the CDC states, “About 78% of people in the United States have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 66.5% are fully vaccinated.”² This means that approximately 11.5% of people -- over 38 million Americans -- are eligible for a second dose and have not received one.

As noted in our prior letter, peer reviewed studies reflect that patients may not complete a vaccine series because of a reaction after one of the doses.³ Given the rate of reactions reported

¹ Attachment 1.

² https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_2145-DM82459&ACSTrackingLabel=5.20.2022%20-%20COVID-19%20Data%20Tracker%20Weekly%20Review&deliveryName=USCDC_2145-DM82459.

³ See, for example, Pittman, *et al.*, *Anthrax vaccine: Immunogenicity and Safety of a Dose-Reduction, Route-Change Comparison Study in Humans*, Vaccine (Jan 31 2002), https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410X01004625?casa_token=KnXjiCJiK8kAAAAA:pvZHey50ifWQZFfcllrffYQN63U01kmPQrMW5wJN7Uj7p4Bdsu bs4S-RyxeC3gXnG10Y2cdwtA#TBL2.

from the mRNA vaccines to v-safe, VAERS, and other vaccine safety monitoring platforms, reactions from mRNA vaccines could be the most parsimonious explanation for why a significant percent of those receiving the first dose of mRNA vaccine have not returned for their second dose.

Given this concern, ICAN again asks that the CDC explain why it believes millions of Americans receiving their first dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine have apparently chosen to not timely receive their second dose. **Kindly provide a response on or before May 31, 2022.** We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT 1

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February 7, 2022

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Dear Dr. Oliver and Dr. Talbot,

We write on behalf of the Informed Consent Action Network (“**ICAN**”) regarding the large number of Americans who have not received their second COVID-19 mRNA vaccine dose.

CDC data reflects that nearly 32 million Americans appear to be behind on the two-dose COVID-19 mRNA vaccine schedule.

This number was calculated as follows:

Total receiving at least one dose as of January 30, 2022 ¹ :	249,892,470
Less fully vaccinated as of January 30, 2022 ² :	<u>211,695,131</u>
Total receiving only one dose vaccinated as of January 30, 2022:	38,197,339
Less total receiving one dose within 30 days before January 30, 2022 ³ :	<u>6,364,906</u>
Total late receiving their second dose:	31,832,433

Peer reviewed studies reflect that patients may not complete a vaccine series because of a reaction after one of the doses.⁴ Given the rate of reactions reported from the mRNA vaccines to

¹ <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/cdc-covid-data-tracker-02.jpg>.

² <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/cdc-covid-data-tracker-04.jpg>.

³ This was calculated by subtracting the total with at least one dose on December 30, 2021 (243,527,564) from the total with at least one dose as of January 30, 2022 (249,892,470). See <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/cdc-covid-data-tracker-01.jpg>; <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/cdc-covid-data-tracker-02.jpg>. This number is likely smaller since Pfizer’s Covid-19 vaccine is given 21 days apart.

⁴ See, for example, Pittman, *et al.*, *Anthrax vaccine: Immunogenicity and Safety of a Dose-Reduction, Route-Change Comparison Study in Humans*, Vaccine (Jan 31 2002), <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410>

v-safe, VAERS, and other vaccine safety monitoring platforms, reactions from mRNA vaccines could be the most parsimonious explanation for why a significant percent of those receiving the first dose of mRNA vaccine have not returned for their second dose.

Please explain why nearly 32 million Americans receiving their first dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine have apparently chosen to not timely return to receive their second dose.

Please provide a response on or before February 10, 2022. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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