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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 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: As of January 30, 2022, 249,892,470 Americans received at least one dose of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine, and 211,695,131 were fully vaccinated, for a difference of 38,197,339 million people partially vaccinated.¹ To remove those with only one dose that may not yet be late for their second dose, those receiving their first dose within 30 days of January 20, 2022 was calculated by subtracting the total with at least one dose on December 20, 2021, 243,527,564, from the total with at least one dose as of January 30, 2022.² The resulting figure of 6,364,906 was then subtracted from those with only one dose as of January 30, 2022 to arrive at the minimum number of individuals who were late on their second dose, 31,832,433.³ This amounts to 12.7% of those receiving a first dose of mRNA vaccine as of January 30, 2022.

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

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

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

³ Note that the number that are late on their second dose may be higher since some of the individuals that received their first dose within thirty days of January 30, 2022 may have also received their second dose within that period, especially for the Pfizer vaccine which only has a 21-day period between doses, and hence would have already been counted in the fully vaccinated column. This would have resulted in deducting them twice from the final count of those missing one dose.

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 vaccine 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.

Please explain why over 12% of 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Siri', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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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/S0264410X01004625?casa_token=KnXjiCJiK8kAAAAA:pvZHeY50ifWQZFfcllrffYQN63U01kmPQrMW5wJN7Uj7p4Bds4S-Ryxec3gXnGl0Y2cdwtA#TBL2.