



A nurse fills a syringe with the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in a file image. (Sergio Flores/Getty Images)

COVID-19

Why do vaccinated people account for the majority of COVID deaths today?

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In September 2021, President Joe Biden declared a “pandemic of the unvaccinated,” blaming the nearly 80 million Americans who did not get vaccinated against COVID-19.

However, in 2022, vaccinated people made up the majority of the population, with about 79 percent of adults having completed at least their initial vaccinations.

The most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now finds that the majority of adults who die from COVID-19 are vaccinated or boosted.

60% of COVID-related deaths occur among those vaccinated

An alarming trend has emerged: Vaccinated and boosted people account for an increasing proportion of COVID-19 deaths.

The Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) showed in an analysis published in the Peterson-KFF Health System Tracker , that about 4 in 10 COVID-related deaths occurred among those vaccinated or boosted in January 2022.

The most recent analysis of CDC data by KFF reveals that 6 out of 10 COVID-related deaths between April and August 2022 occurred among people with some level of vaccination.

According to the KFF, this is due to a number of factors related to the number of people who were vaccinated early in the pandemic, when the vaccines first became available.

When the vaccines were first rolled out, the people who received the initial series of shots accounted for only a small part of the total deaths, because they were such a small number compared to the unvaccinated majority.

But that percentage was expected to rise as vaccinated people made up an increasing share of the US population. Ultimately, if everyone in the United States was vaccinated, then vaccinated people would account for 100 percent of COVID-19 deaths. The same would be observed among those who received a booster dose.

This is because some people who are up to date with their vaccinations will continue to contract COVID-19, incidents that are considered "breakthrough infections." As the CDC states , vaccination against COVID-19 is effective in preventing serious illness and death, but vaccines are not perfect.

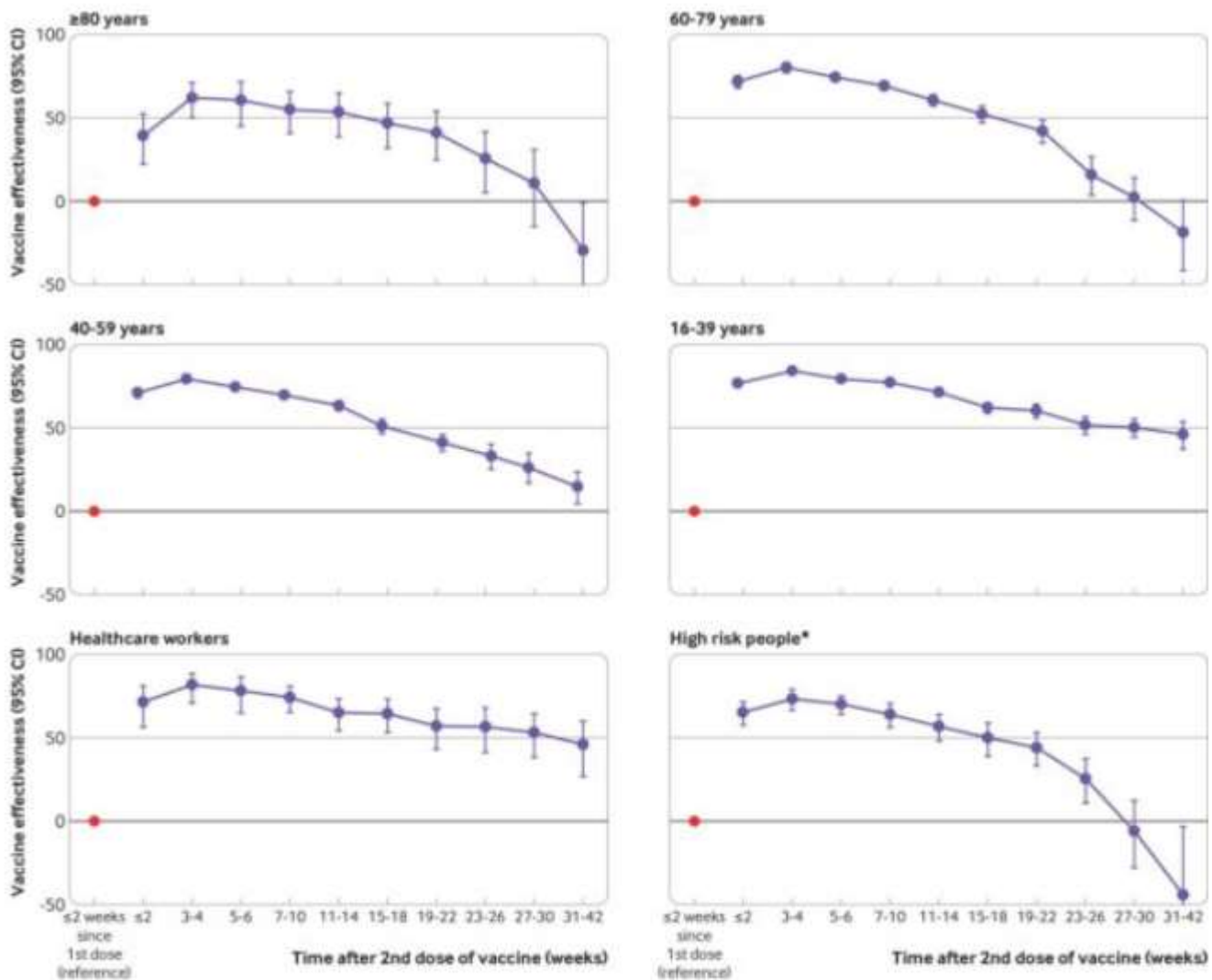
The benefit of the vaccine has become marginal

The increase in the proportion of the population vaccinated is only one of the factors and does not seem to explain all the increase in deaths among people vaccinated in the last year.

KFF concluded that vaccination rates have only grown slightly during this time, however the number of vaccinated people who die has risen more steeply.

Another possible reason we are seeing increased deaths among those vaccinated is that, even in 2021, one study showed that vaccine efficacy declined significantly over time for all adults.

This effect was more pronounced in the older age groups, especially those aged 40 to 59, and those older than 80.



Efficacy of mRNA vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 infection during the Delta phase by age group and priority risk category, Italy, July 19-November 7, 2021. British Medical Journal

"The data suggests that at this point, with the vast majority of the population having had contact with the infection or the vaccine, the effects of the vaccine are marginal," COVID expert Dr. Jacob Teitelbaum told The Epoch Times prolonged and chronic fatigue syndrome and postviral fibromyalgia.

An Israeli study found that the vaccine's efficacy dropped to the same level as three doses just a few months later, while Moderna-funded research found that the efficacy of its COVID vaccine actually turned negative over time.

Is modern medicine causing more harm than good?

Updated (bivalent) booster vaccines became available in September 2022, and uptake of these vaccines has been slow across the country.

Dr. Robert G. Lahita, director of Saint Joseph Health's Institute for Rheumatic and Autoimmune Diseases, said the new booster is a hard sell because people are fed up with vaccines.

"People were told that the vaccine would prevent infection and it didn't," he continued. "The man in the street just sees his family and friends sick over and over again and they've all been vaccinated, so he says 'what for?'"

Teitelbaum also pointed out the possible limitations of modern medicine.

He said there are four areas where modern medicine has clearly been beneficial: antibiotics, acute surgical care, correctly used vaccines (smallpox, tetanus) and public hygiene.

"For many of the others, it's often a toss-up whether our modern medical system does more harm than good," he said. In any case, Lahita pointed out that turning our population — and especially our children — into "pincushions for more and more vaccines" is not the best idea.

“What I have found in my 50 years in medicine is that as people get more and more boosters of the same vaccine, I see more toxicity,” he said.

An example of this would be the hepatitis B vaccine, in which receiving more than two doses was associated with a series of cases in which Teitelbaum observed that patients developed chronic fatigue syndrome.

Teitelbaum considers the initial two doses of the COVID vaccine reasonable in people older than 50 or with diabetes, cancer or other serious illnesses, or in children with leukemia or other serious illnesses. However, he believes it is a mistake to give the vaccine to healthy children because their risk of death from infection is very low and the risks of the vaccines are still unknown.

Optimize immunity

Experts still have no idea why some people, vaccinated or not, have more severe COVID infections.

According to Lahita, this could be due to factors such as genetics and the person's general lifestyle.

For example, obesity is associated with impaired immune function, as is type 2 diabetes. Both conditions are common in the United States and are lifestyle related.

According to Lahita, in the most serious COVID infections, factors such as the intestinal microbiome of each person, their environment or their particular immunogenetics (genetic basis of our immune response) may also intervene.

The recent outbreak of COVID-19 in China also raises concerns.

The current COVID-19 outbreak in China is led by the omicron BA.5.2 and BF.7 subvariants, as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) on January 4, 2023. Chinese data also shows that they have identified no new variants of the coronavirus, while underestimating the number of people who have died in the rapidly spreading outbreak.

According to the latest data, nearly 90 percent of the mainland Chinese population has been fully vaccinated.

“The Chinese outbreaks are worrisome,” Lahita explained, “because the virus tends to escalate and mutate in large infected groups.” This could lead to a new uptick in COVID-19 infections around the world, as new variants emerge, against which we will have neither naturally acquired nor vaccine-induced protection.

“I expect a new and possibly lethal variant in the near future,” Lahita warned.

Teitelbaum stressed the importance of optimizing our immunity. He said this could easily be done

- Get a full eight hours of sleep each night, as sleep deprivation is a powerful way to suppress immunity.
- Stay hydrated, but not with sugary drinks, which can suppress immunity.

Several key nutrients, especially zinc and vitamin D, are critical to dramatically improving immunity and overall infection outcomes, especially with COVID-19.

“Personally, during COVID outbreaks (or when I had the infection), I take an elderberry blend along with these nutrients,” Teitelbaum said.