

# CDC Forced to Admit It Doesn't Collect Data on Natural Immunity to COVID

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The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, [said it has no record](#) of an individual previously infected with [COVID](#) becoming reinfected and transmitting the virus to others.

The [FOIA request](#), submitted Sept. 2 by attorney **Aaron Siri** of the Siri & Glimstad law firm on behalf of the Informed Consent Action Network (ICAN), sought the following information:

“Documents reflecting any documented case of an individual who: (1) never received a COVID vaccine; (2) was infected with COVID once, recovered, and then later became infected again; and (3) transmitted SARS-CoV-2 to another person when reinfected.”

The CDC responded Nov. 5, [stating](#):

“A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request. The CDC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) conveyed that this information is not collected.”

According to Siri, the revelation that the CDC does not collect data on people who have acquired natural immunity to the virus raises questions about vaccine mandates, specifically how the the government, or employers can mandate vaccines for people who may not need them and who could be at a greater-than-average risk of experiencing an adverse reaction to the shots.

In a [blog post](#), Siri wrote:

“... yet the CDC is actively crushing the rights of millions of naturally immune individuals in this country if they do not get the vaccine on the assumption they can transmit the virus. But despite clear proof the vaccinated spread the virus, the CDC lifts restrictions on the vaccinated?! That is dystopian.”

Siri added:

“Every single peer reviewed study has found that the naturally immune have far greater than 99% protection from having COVID, and this immunity does not wane. In contrast, the COVID vaccine provides, at best, 95% protection and this immunity wanes rapidly. I am no mathematician, but a constant 99% seems preferable to a 95% that quickly drops.”

The response from the CDC came as part of a broader [exchange](#) between the agency and Siri’s law firm, dating back to this past summer, in which ICAN and Siri’s law firm submitted a [citizen’s petition](#) to the CDC calling for restrictions on those individuals with natural immunity to be lifted.

### **What do the data show?**

As far back as last year, CDC **Director Rochelle Walensky**, [argued](#), “there is no evidence for lasting protective immunity to SARS-CoV-2 following natural infection.”

Yet data collected from numerous studies show just the opposite of what the CDC and public health authorities claim in their far-reaching vaccination campaign. In fact, many studies show individuals who have acquired natural immunity demonstrate a stronger and longer-lasting level of immunity and a decreased likelihood to transmit COVID to others.

The Brownstone Institute, founded in May 2021 [in response to](#) “the global crisis created by policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020,” documented [81 peer-reviewed scientific studies](#) which all come to the same conclusion: Natural immunity confers more effective and longer-lasting protection against COVID than vaccine-induced immunity.

The same institute previously documented [30 peer-reviewed scientific studies](#) on natural immunity in relation to COVID infection.

Further examples abound. For instance, the Cleveland Clinic in June [published](#) a [preprint study](#) showing individuals previously infected with COVID were less likely to be reinfected than fully vaccinated individuals who never contracted the virus.

The authors of the Cleveland Clinic study [concluded](#) vaccination provides no additional benefit to those who already have acquired natural immunity.

In another recent [preprint study](#), conducted by Israeli researchers, individuals fully vaccinated with the [Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine](#) were found to be [6 to 13 times more likely](#) to be infected with the [Delta variant](#) as compared to those with natural immunity.

The FOIA request filed Siri’s law firm on behalf of ICAN and provided [data](#) from numerous other global studies, supported by a group of expert witnesses, including:

- [Research](#) conducted by the National Institutes of Health [examined](#) the likelihood

of reinfection in people carrying antibodies against COVID, collecting data from more than 3.2 million people who had undergone antibody testing. Researchers found those individuals with antibodies became less likely to test positive for COVID as time went on.

The authors of the study wrote: “The data from this study suggest that people who have a positive result from a commercial antibody test appear to have substantial immunity to SARS-CoV-2, which means they may be at lower risk for future infection.”

- Official [UK government data](#) show a probable reinfection rate of 0.025%, but a vaccine breakthrough rate of 23% for Delta variant infections.
- An [Irish review](#) of 11 cohort studies involving more than 600,000 individuals who recovered from COVID found, in all studies, reinfection was “an uncommon event,” adding that there was “no study reporting an increase in the risk of reinfection over time.”
- Israel is one of the global leaders in overall vaccination against COVID. Nevertheless, research by the Israeli Health Ministry [found](#) vaccinated individuals had 6.72 times the rate of infection as compared to those that had previously contracted COVID.
- Another Israeli [study](#) found the naturally immune had a higher rate of protection against infection, hospitalization and severe illness as compared to those who were vaccinated.
- In Barnstable County, Massachusetts, despite a 69% vaccination coverage rate among its eligible residents at the time of the study, the CDC found 74% of those infected in a COVID outbreak were fully vaccinated for COVID, and the vaccinated had, on average, a higher presence of the virus in their nasal cavity than the unvaccinated who were infected.
- Following a COVID outbreak among employees of a gold mine in French Guiana, [findings showed](#) no employees with a previous history of infection were reinfected, while 63.2% of employees with no previous history of infection ended up contracting the virus.
- [Findings](#) from researchers at the NYU School of Medicine showed “[i]n COVID patients, immune responses were characterized by a highly augmented interferon response which was largely absent in vaccine recipients.”
- Researchers at Aarhus University Hospital in Denmark studied the immune response following COVID infections, [finding](#) the overwhelming majority of individuals who had recovered from infection had detectable, functional SARS-CoV2 spike-specific adaptive immune responses, making vaccination for any of them redundant.
- Yale University researchers [determined](#) that “plasma from previously infected vaccinated individuals displayed overall better neutralization capacity when compared to plasma from uninfected individuals that also received two vaccine doses.”
- University of California researchers [concluded](#) “[n]atural infection induced expansion of larger CD8 T cell clones occupied distinct clusters, likely due to the recognition of a broader set of viral epitopes presented by the virus not seen in the mRNA vaccine.”
- A [study](#) conducted by the CDC and the Wisconsin’s Department of Health Services evaluated the shedding of infectious COVID and observed high viral load in 68% of fully vaccinated individuals and in 63% of unvaccinated

individuals. This demonstrates that those who are vaccinated will not only shed virus, but also will do so at the same rate as the unvaccinated. Most notably, this study did not identify anyone with prior natural infection that had any viral load.

- Researchers at Osaka University [found](#) “the SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant is poised to acquire complete resistance to wild-type spike vaccines.”
- Washington University School of Medicine researchers [determined](#) “[p]eople who recover [even] from mild COVID have bone-marrow cells that can churn out antibodies for decades.”

And in a [damning revelation](#) coming directly from three Pfizer scientists and officials, leaked and released by Project Veritas as part of its ongoing [investigative series](#) on COVID vaccines, Pfizer scientists admitted [natural immunity](#) is better than the immunity provided via vaccination. One of the scientists who was exposed making such admissions, Nick Karl, is directly involved in the production of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID vaccine. Specifically, he said the following:

“When somebody is naturally immune — like they got COVID — they probably have more antibodies against the virus ... When you actually get the virus, you’re going to start producing antibodies against multiple pieces of the virus ... So, your antibodies are probably better at that point than the [COVID] vaccination.”

### **Scientific findings ignored**

Despite the mounting evidence that natural immunity is superior to vaccine immunity, and that vaccine immunity wanes faster than originally thought, the CDC continues to recommend everyone over age 5 get the vaccine, and is pushing third and even fourth shots for some people.

In October, the CDC released its own [study](#) which the agency said showed vaccination confers superior immunity against COVID, as compared to natural immunity.

**Dr. Marty Makary**, of Johns Hopkins University, [characterized](#) the CDC study as a “highly flawed” study that “flies in the face of science.”

Makary pointed to an [analysis](#) by **Martin Kulldorff**, Ph.D., comparing the CDC study to a [preprint study](#) out of Israel which contradicted the CDC’s findings.

Kulldorff, an epidemiologist and biostatistician specializing in infectious disease outbreaks and vaccine safety, and senior scientific director of Brownstone Institute, wrote:

“I have worked on vaccine epidemiology since I joined the Harvard faculty almost two decades ago as a biostatistician. I have never before seen such a large discrepancy between studies that are supposed to answer the same question.

Kulldorff concluded that based on “the solid evidence from the Israeli study,” the COVID-recovered have stronger and longer-lasting immunity against Covid disease than the vaccinated. Hence, there is no reason to prevent them from activities that are permitted to the vaccinated. In fact, it is discriminatory.

Following the CDC’s response to its FOIA request, ICAN, along with Siri & Gilmstad, have [threatened to file a lawsuit](#) against the CDC “to redress your actions which are crushing the

civil and individual rights of those with natural immunity.”

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