

Johns Hopkins Study Found Zero COVID Deaths among Kids without Other Illness

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The CDC is ignoring a study from Johns Hopkins University that found zero deaths from COVID-19 in 48,000 healthy children who had no pre-existing illnesses. Dr. Marty Makary, a medical expert and professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, says COVID deaths are greatly inflated. He gave an example of an asymptomatic child who tests positive after being injured in a bicycle accident and counted as a COVID hospitalization. The CDC does not distinguish whether a child is hospitalized *for* Covid or *with* Covid.

While the CDC claims 335 children under the age of 18 have died with a COVID diagnosis, the agency, which has 21,000 employees, has not checked to verify whether the death was caused by COVID or some other condition. Makary also criticized the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System that records vaccine injuries, which he says likely underreports adverse events. He says the agency seems completely disinterested in discovering natural-immunity rates. -GEG

Dr. Marty Makary is a medical expert and professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Carey Business School. His research team “worked with the nonprofit FAIR Health to analyze approximately 48,000 children under 18 diagnosed with Covid in health-insurance data from April to August 2020.”

After studying comprehensive data on thousands of children, the team “found a mortality rate of zero among children without a pre-existing medical condition such as leukemia.” Rather than acknowledge this scientific reality, Makary says the CDC continues to use “flimsy evidence” to push the COVID vaccine upon children.

As Makary noted in the Wall Street Journal on Monday, the implications of his team's research are huge. "[If our research] holds, it has significant implications for healthy kids and whether they need two vaccine doses," Makary says. After all, "The National Education Association has been debating whether to urge schools to require vaccination before returning to school in person. How can they or anyone debate the issue without the right data?"

Makary's question is obvious, but no less timely. Makary says inflated COVID death counts continue to be corrected and "revised downward."

But rather than combat institutional distrust with scientific data and discussion, Makary says the CDC is avoiding transparency and rigorous inquiry. He slammed the agency on Monday, saying it "overcounts Covid hospitalizations and deaths and won't consider if one shot is sufficient." According to Makary, this problem is systemic.

Makary says "a tremendous number of government and private policies" regarding the vaccination of children are dependent upon one questionable data point. The CDC claims 335 children under the age of 18 have died with a COVID diagnosis in their record. However, Makary reports that, "the CDC, which has 21,000 employees, hasn't researched each death to find out whether Covid caused it or if it involved a pre-existing medical condition."

"Without these data, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices decided in May that the benefits of two-dose vaccination outweigh the risks for all kids 12 to 15," Makary notes. "I've written hundreds of peer-reviewed medical studies, and I can think of no journal editor who would accept the claim that 335 deaths resulted from a virus without data to indicate if the virus was incidental or causal, and without an analysis of relevant risk factors such as obesity."

According to Makary, the CDC defies medical research norms, by propagating a "flimsy" claim without sufficient research or transparency. And this isn't an isolated incident. Makary illustrates that it's part of a pattern.

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