



EXCLUSIVE: Hundreds of CDC Employees Haven't Received COVID-19 Vaccine

Description

USA: Nearly 400 employees at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) haven't received a COVID-19 vaccine, according to data obtained exclusively by The Epoch Times.

A total of 382 workers at the CDC are unvaccinated, Roger Andoh, a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) officer at the agency, told The Epoch Times.

Another nine employees have just had one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, meaning they also don't qualify as fully vaccinated per the CDC's guidelines.

Collectively, the number is 3.2 percent of the CDC's workforce.

Andoh initially pointed to [a statement](#) from the government that contained data as of December 2021 and [declined to fully answer The Epoch Times' FOIA request](#), which asked for more detailed figures that were current as of March 15.

"Please note that this is the most recent and most complete data available and some data elements that you requested are not available," Andoh said initially.

When asked to clarify, another CDC officer repeated Andoh's statement.

After The Epoch Times filed an appeal to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the CDC's parent agency, the office changed its stance without explaining why.

"After an additional search, we are providing you with the following information," Andoh said in the new response.

"The response I got to your appeal from CDC gave me the impression they didn't mean to withhold any information in the first place," Jonathan Nelson, a FOIA analyst with HHS, told The Epoch Times in an email. "Based on that, my (personal) belief is that this was just an accidental omission on their part."

In addition to revealing that 391 employees weren't fully vaccinated, the CDC said that 12,399 were fully vaccinated, meaning that they had received two doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines or the

single-shot Johnson & Johnson jab.

Additionally, 5,810 employees shared that they had received a booster dose, although the agency stressed that employees don't have to say whether they've had a booster.

The CDC also disclosed that the agency had granted zero requests for exemption to President Joe Biden's federal worker vaccine mandate, which is poised to take effect [on May 31](#) after a months-long suspension due to [a court ruling](#).

The CDC's media office didn't reply when asked what would happen to unvaccinated workers who don't have an exemption, and why no exemptions had been granted.

The data were current as of April 12.

Three other health agencies inside HHS that are deeply involved in promoting COVID-19 vaccination and refused to provide data beyond December 2021 still have not provided the figures requested. They are the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the National Institutes of Health.

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