

Natural Immunity is More Durable than Vaccine Immunity. Citizens Petition

Informed Consent Action Network (ICAN) Confronts the CDC

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When the CDC chose to lift restrictions on the vaccinated, ICAN went to work. Through its attorneys, it formally demanded that the CDC also (at the least) lift restrictions on the naturally immune. It provided the CDC with over 60 studies reflecting that natural immunity is more durable and robust than vaccine immunity.

The CDC’s response is shameful. It fails to address any of these studies, collectively involving millions of people, and instead cites a single irrelevant study of a few hundred people that does not even involve comparing vaccine versus natural immunity!

As reflected in ICAN’s formal exchange with the CDC, the available data and studies reflect as follows regarding the current virus causing most COVID-19 in the United States:

	Natural Immunity	Vaccine Immunity
Duration	Durable	Wanes
Subsequent infection	Extremely rare	Common
Prevents infection and transmission	Yes	No

And here is the full story. In May, the CDC revised its recommendations for fully vaccinated people, lessening certain restrictions. This same guidance, however, made no mention of those who have already recovered from COVID-19.

Immediately after the CDC revised its recommendations, ICAN, through its attorneys, [demanded](#) that the CDC immediately include those who have recovered from COVID-19 in the same category as those fully vaccinated. ICAN’s demand was based on a robust body of

science.

The CDC responded with a ridiculous [form response](#) thanking us for our “interest in” COVID-19. Our attorneys therefore submitted the letter as a [formal petition](#) to the CDC on July 6, 2021, to which the CDC is required by law to thoroughly respond.

In September, after even more studies had come out evidencing the robust and durable nature of natural immunity (and the waning efficacy of the vaccines), and having not yet received a response from the CDC (as they were busy cooking up the Kentucky study), our attorneys [supplemented](#) the Citizen Petition with 56 additional studies supporting that natural immunity is, in fact, superior to vaccine immunity.

Months after ICAN first contacted the CDC regarding natural immunity and submitted the petition, the CDC responded that it, “find[s] no basis to further modify the current CDC recommendation in this area until the science warrants it.” The CDC’s conclusion relied on one single [study](#) of Kentucky residents and ignored each of the 60+ studies ICAN submitted it the CDC!

ICAN’s attorneys have now submitted a [reply](#) to the CDC. In that [reply](#), the attorneys explain that the Kentucky study, a retrospective study of only a few hundred people, is irrelevant as to whether it is appropriate for the CDC to lift restrictions on the naturally immune because the study did not compare naturally immune individuals with vaccinated individuals. Instead, it compared the naturally immune to the naturally immune with subsequent vaccination.

Even if vaccinating the naturally immune may improve immunity (which robust studies of millions of people show is not true, as detailed in our reply), it does not change the fact that natural immunity, alone, is better than vaccine immunity. Hence, if the CDC is going to lift restrictions on the vaccine immune, it is downright authoritarian to not do so for the naturally immune.

This letter exchange with the CDC represents the most comprehensive analysis of the current state of the science regarding natural versus vaccine immunity. We trust that you will not only appreciate reading and learning from this letter exchange with the CDC, but you will also enjoy it.

As for next steps, if the CDC does not, as it likes to put it, “follow the science” and lift restrictions on the naturally immune, we will be taking the CDC to court on this issue, that is federal court as well as the court of public opinion. And we look forward to doing so.

[Click here to read the documents below which include extensive scientific evidence as well as a statement by Dr. Peter McCullough](#)

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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**REPLY REGARDING CITIZEN PETITION TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON THE
NATURALLY IMMUNE TO THE EXTENT LIFTED ON THE VACCINATED**

Dear Dr. Walensky and Ms. Cashman,

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