# Updates on myocarditis and pericarditis following Moderna COVID-19 vaccination

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#### Topics

- Reporting rates of myocarditis following Moderna COVID-19 primary series vaccination in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) among persons ages 18 years and older
- Care and outcomes of persons ages 18 years and older with myocarditis after Moderna COVID-19 primary series vaccination reported to VAERS
- Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) subgroup analysis of confirmed myocarditis and pericarditis cases after primary series Moderna COVID-19 vaccination among persons ages 18–39 years



### VAERS is the nation's early warning system for vaccine safety





#### Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System

http://vaers.hhs.gov





#### VAERS accepts reports from everyone

Regardless of the plausibility of the vaccine causing the event or the clinical seriousness of the event

#### **Key strengths**

- Rapidly detects potential safety problems
- Can detect rare adverse events

#### **Key limitations**

- Passive surveillance system
- Inconsistent quality and completeness of information
- Reporting biases
- Generally, cannot determine cause and effect



Reporting rates (per 1 million doses administered) of myocarditis among males after Moderna COVID-19 vaccination, days 0–7 after vaccination (through Jan 13, 2022<sup>\*</sup>)

- 76,682,682 total doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine administered to males (dose 1 and dose 2)\*
- 283 myocarditis case reports in days
  0–7 that met CDC case definition
- Reporting rates exceed background incidence<sup>†</sup>
  - After dose 1 (18–39 years)
  - After dose 2 (18–49 years)
- Reporting rates consistently higher after dose 2 vs. dose 1

	Moderna				
	(Males)				
Ages (years)	Dose 1	Dose 2			
18–24	5.8	40.0			
25–29	2.9	18.3			
30–39	3.3	8.4			
40–49	0.5	3.5			
50–64	0.7	0.9			
65+	0.2	0.6			



\* As of Jan 13, 2022; 283 of 347 reports of myocarditis among males ages 18 years and older after doses 1 and 2 of Moderna vaccine occurred during days 0–7 after vaccination; reports verified to meet case definition by provider interview or medical record review

<sup>+</sup> An estimated 1–10 cases of myocarditis per 100,000 person years occurs among people in the United States, regardless of vaccination status; adjusted for day 0–7 risk period, this estimated background is **0.2 to 2.2 per 1 million person 8-day risk period** 

Reporting rates (per 1 million doses administered) of myocarditis among females after Moderna COVID-19 vaccination, days 0–7 after vaccination (through Jan 13, 2022<sup>\*</sup>)

- 85,729,766 total doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine administered to females (dose 1 and dose 2)\*
- 76 myocarditis case reports in days
  0–7 that met CDC case definition
- Reporting rates exceed background incidence<sup>†</sup>
  - After dose 2 (18–29 years)

	Moderna				
	(Females)				
Ages (years)	Dose 1	Dose 2			
18–24	0.5	5.5			
25–29	0.3	5.8			
30–39	0.6	0.6			
40–49	0.8	1.6			
50–64	0.8	0.4			
65+	0.1	0.5			



\* As of Jan 13, 2022; 76 of 117 reports of myocarditis among females ages 18 years and older after doses 1 and 2 of mRNA vaccines occurred during days 0–7 after vaccination; reports verified to meet case definition by provider interview or medical record review

<sup>+</sup> An estimated 1–10 cases of myocarditis per 100,000 person years occurs among people in the United States, regardless of vaccination status; adjusted for day 0–7 risk period, this estimated background is **0.2 to 2.2 per 1 million person 8-day risk period** 

Care and outcomes of myocarditis cases reported to VAERS after Moderna COVID-19 primary series vaccination among persons ages 18 years and older, days 0–7 after vaccination (N=359), through Jan 13, 2022\*

Of 359 meeting case definition:

- 337 were hospitalized
  - 335 discharged
    - 230 (69%) known to have recovered from symptoms at time of report
  - 2 with disposition under review
- 22 were not hospitalized (seen in emergency department, urgent care, outpatient clinic, not specified)



\* As of Jan 13, 2022; 359 reports of myocarditis among persons ages 18 years and older after doses 1 and 2 of Moderna vaccine; reports verified to meet case definition by provider interview or medical record review

## **Summary of VAERS findings**

- I64 million total doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (doses 1 and 2) administered to persons ages 18 years and older (as of Jan 13, 2022)\*
  - 359 total reports of myocarditis to VAERS in the 0–7 days following vaccination that met CDC case definition
  - Reporting rates of myocarditis exceed background rates for males (18–49 years, depending upon dose) and females (18–29 years, after dose 2)
  - Reporting rates of myocarditis were generally higher following dose 2 vs. dose 1, especially in males
  - Most myocarditis patients were hospitalized, and most were discharged home
    - Most discharged patients (69%) had recovered from symptoms at time of discharge



# Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD)



Established in 1990



Collaborative project between CDC and 9 integrated healthcare organizations

## VSD Rapid Cycle Analysis (RCA)

Aims:

- To monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines weekly using prespecified outcomes of interest among VSD members
- To describe the uptake of COVID-19 vaccines over time among eligible VSD members overall and in strata by age, site, and race/ethnicity

Safety monitoring began in December 2020



#### VSD COVID-19 vaccine RCA prespecified surveillance outcomes

Prespecified outcomes	Settings		
Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Acute myocardial infarction – First Ever	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Acute respiratory distress syndrome	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Anaphylaxis – <b>First in 7 days</b>	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Appendicitis	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Bell's palsy – First Ever	Emergency dept, Inpatient, Outpatient		
Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Disseminated intravascular coagulation	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Encephalitis / myelitis / encephalomyelitis	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Guillain-Barré syndrome	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Immune thrombocytopenia	Emergency dept, Inpatient, Outpatient		
Kawasaki disease	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children/adults (MIS-C/MIS-A)	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Myocarditis / pericarditis – First in 60 Days	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Narcolepsy / cataplexy	Emergency dept, Inpatient, Outpatient		
Pulmonary embolism – First Ever	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Seizures	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Stroke, hemorrhagic	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Stroke, ischemic	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome – First Ever	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Transverse myelitis	Emergency dept, Inpatient		
Venous thromboembolism – <b>First Ever</b>	Emergency dept, Inpatient, Outpatient		



#### VSD RCA analytic strategy

- For the primary analysis, the number of outcomes observed in the risk interval after COVID-19 vaccination were compared to the number expected
- Expected counts were derived from "vaccinated concurrent comparators" who were in a comparison interval after COVID-19 vaccination
- On each day that an outcome occurred, vaccinees who were in their risk interval were compared with similar vaccinees who were concurrently in their comparison interval
  - Comparisons were adjusted for age group, sex, race/ethnicity, VSD site, as well as calendar date



## Myocarditis and pericarditis electronic case identification

 Electronic case identification using
 ICD-10 codes

 Followed by chart review and adjudication by clinical subject matter experts using CDC case definitions Code listB33.22 Viral myocarditisB33.23 Viral pericarditisI30.\* Acute pericarditisI40.\* Acute myocarditisI51.4 Myocarditis, unspecifiedI31.9 Disease of the pericardium, unspecified



#### VSD mRNA COVID-19 vaccine totals in persons ages 18–39 years





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Confirmed myocarditis and pericarditis in the 0–7-day risk interval among persons ages 18–39 years compared with outcome events in vaccinated comparators on the same calendar days for Moderna COVID-19 vaccination (thru Jan 15, 2022)

Moderna COVID-19 vaccine	Events in risk interval, 0–7d <sup>*</sup> (per million doses)	Events in comparison interval, 22–42d <sup>*</sup>	Adjusted rate ratio <sup>†</sup> (95% CI)	2-sided P-value	Excess cases in risk interval (per million doses)
Both doses	38 (21.1)	7	9.18 (4.12 – 22.89 )	<0.001	18.8
Dose 1	9 (9.7)	7	3.46 (1.12 – 11.07)	0.031	6.9
Dose 2	29 (33.0)	4	18.75 (6.73 – 64.94)	<0.001	31.2
Dose 2 males	26 (65.7)	4	16.96 (6.02 – 59.17)	<0.001	61.8
Dose 2 females	3 (6.2)	0	NE <sup>‡</sup> (0.93 – ∞)	0.056	6.2



\* Risk interval is 0–7 days after either dose, comparison interval is 22–42 days after either dose

<sup>†</sup> Adjusted for VSD site, 5-year age group, sex, race/ethnicity, and calendar date

<sup>‡</sup> NE = not estimable

## Summary of VSD findings<sup>\*</sup>

- 923,711 dose 1 and 901,393 dose 2 Moderna COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered in VSD
- VSD analyses with vaccinated concurrent comparators indicate that Moderna COVID-19 vaccination is associated with increased risk of myocarditis and pericarditis in persons ages 18–39 years
  - Increased risk observed after both dose 1 and dose 2 in the 0–7-day risk interval, with risk greater following dose 2
    - Dose 2 adjusted rate ratio=18.75 vs. Dose 1 adjusted rate ratio=3.46
    - Highest excess cases per million doses administered observed after dose 2
      - > 31.2 excess cases in 0–7-day risk interval per million doses administered in both males and females
      - > 61.8 excess cases in 0–7-day risk interval per million doses administered to males



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