

# United States Senate

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December 19, 2022

Lt. Gen. Ronald J. Place  
Director  
Defense Health Agency  
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Dear Lt. Gen. Place:

Over the last year, I have heard from countless individuals across the country who have suffered life-altering injuries after receiving COVID-19 vaccines. My office has also been in contact with many men and woman of the U.S. military who have shared their concerns about the Department of Defense's (DoD) pointless and harmful COVID-19 vaccine policy. In an effort to inform the public of the potential harm caused by these vaccines, I held three roundtables on this topic and have sent multiple letters to federal health agencies—including DoD—requesting information on vaccine safety and efficacy.<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately, despite the unprecedented number of adverse events and deaths associated with the COVID-19 vaccines on the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, this administration has failed to provide full and transparent information on vaccine safety to Congress and to the public.

Although the Biden Administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for the military will end with the signing of the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, my efforts to uncover and expose the vaccines' harmful effect on our service members will continue. The brave men and women who serve our country deserve to know the truth about the short and long-term health effects these mandated vaccines will have on the rest of their lives.

As part of my effort to uncover the truth, I request the following information from Tricare for active duty service members:

1. From January 1, 2017 – present, please provide the following annual data:
  - a. Total number of claims filed; and
  - b. Total number of hospitalization claims filed.
  
2. From January 1, 2020 – present, please provide the following annual data:
  - a. Total number of claims filed relating to a COVID-19 diagnosis;
  - b. Of those claims, please provide the number of:
    - i. Hospitalizations;
    - ii. Remdesivir treatments;

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<sup>1</sup> See VIDEO RELEASE Sen. Ron Johnson: What is the Rationale for the Mandates? There is No Rationale, Nov. 2, 2021, <https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/2021/11/video-release-sen-ron-johnson-what-is-the-rationale-for-the-mandates-there-is-no-rationale>; COVID-19: A Second Opinion, Jan. 24, 2022, <https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/vaccine-side-effects-and-mandates>; COVID-19 Vaccines: What they Are, How They Work, and Possible Causes of Injuries, Dec. 7, 2022, <https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/2022/12/sen-ron-johnson-hears-from-experts-and-medical-professionals-on-covid-19-vaccine-efficacy-and-safety>.

- iii. Ventilator usages;
  - iv. Treatments with no hospitalizations;
  - v. No treatments and no hospitalizations; and
  - vi. Deaths.
3. From January 1, 2017 – present, please provide data by year for the number of claims filed relating to the following diagnoses:
- a. Breast cancer;
  - b. Demyelinating;
  - c. Female infertility;
  - d. Guillain-Barre syndrome;
  - e. Hypertension;
  - f. Malignant neoplasms of esophagus;
  - g. Malignant neoplasms of digestive organs;
  - h. Malignant neoplasms of thyroid and other endocrine glands;
  - i. Migraines;
  - j. Multiple sclerosis;
  - k. Myocarditis;
  - l. Pericarditis;
  - m. Pulmonary embolism;
  - n. Ovarian dysfunction;
  - o. Tachycardia; and
  - p. Testicular cancer.
4. Please provide the number of service members who received at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- a. Of those individuals, please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of claims filed between January 1, 2020 – present for each diagnoses listed above.
5. Please provide the total number of deaths that occurred in days 0 through 7 after a service member received at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- a. Of those individuals that died in days 0 through 7 after receipt of a COVID-19 vaccine:
    - i. How many had a preexisting medical condition?
    - ii. What were the official causes of death?

Please provide this information as soon as possible but no later than January 9, 2023.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

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cc: The Honorable Jon Ossoff  
Chairman  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations