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Start by navigating to the  
following URL:

VAERS.HHS.GOV

Note: This should work in any  
browser on desktop OR  
smartphone.

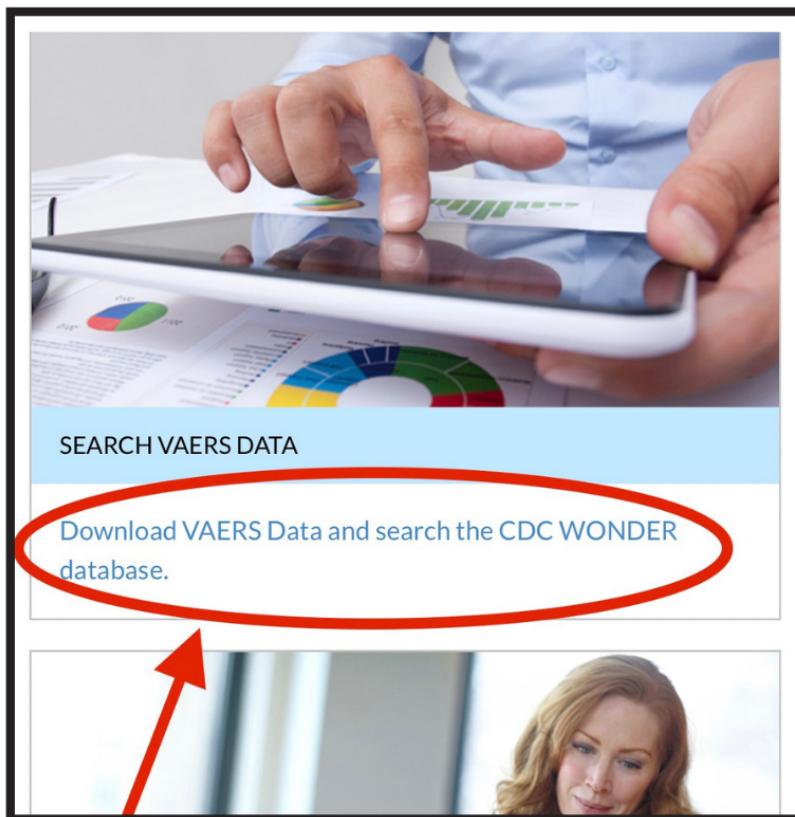


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Scroll halfway down the page and click the link circled below.




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Scroll down once more, click the check mark, then click search.



Search data with an easy-to-use, menu-driven tool. Produce tables, maps, charts, and data extracts of vaccine adverse events.

☒ I have read and understand the disclaimer.



1. Check.

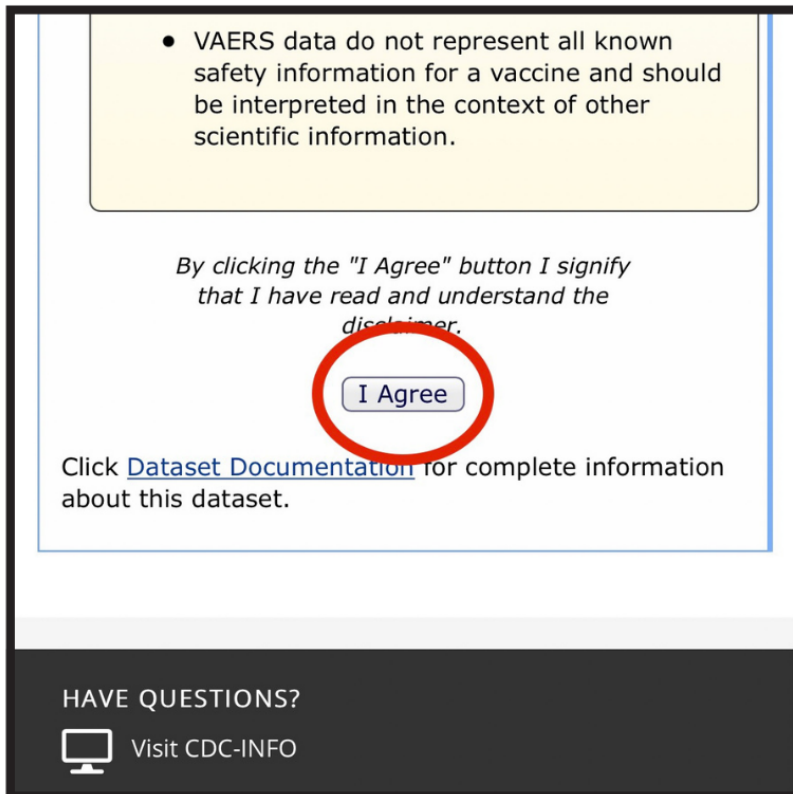
2. Click.

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Scroll down (again) and click  
"I Agree."


A screenshot of a web form with a black border. At the top, a yellow box contains a bullet point: "VAERS data do not represent all known safety information for a vaccine and should be interpreted in the context of other scientific information." Below this, italicized text reads: "By clicking the 'I Agree' button I signify that I have read and understand the disclaimer." In the center, a button labeled "I Agree" is circled in red. Below the button, text says: "Click [Dataset Documentation](#) for complete information about this dataset." At the bottom, a dark grey bar contains the text "HAVE QUESTIONS?" and a computer icon next to "Visit CDC-INFO".

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**I Agree**

Click [Dataset Documentation](#) for complete information about this dataset.

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Next, scroll halfway down the page and click “VAERS Data Search.”

<p>VAERS ID #, year reported, month reported, year vaccinated and month vaccinated. Click the VAERS Data Search button below to begin your data search.</p> <p><a href="#">VAERS Data Search</a></p> <p><a href="#">VAERS Report Details*</a></p> <p>* This allows you to search for details on a specific VAERS report by the VAERS ID number.</p>	<p>strengths and limitations of VAERS data.</p> <p>Watch specific sections of the video:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Section 1: Introduction to VAERS</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Section 2: How to Search VAERS Public Data</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Section 3: Strengths and Limitations of VAERS Data</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Section 4: Where to</a></li></ul>
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Begin editing the parameters for the report you'd like to produce.

These are the first parameters you need to change. The red highlights are the defaults. I chose the options below. This report will sort the adverse events by the below selections.

**Organize table layout:**

**Group Results By** Symptoms ▾ **Note**

**And By** None ▾ • Da

**And By** None ▾ • Mu

**And By** None ▾ • Wh

**And By** None ▾ Rep

**Optional Measures** (Check box to include in results.)

☐ Adverse Event Description

If you want the details of each report (the summary of what happened in each adverse event), check this box.

**Organize table layout:**

**Group Results By** Event Category ▾ **Note**

**And By** Vaccine Manufacturer ▾ • D

**And By** Age ▾ • M

**And By** Sex ▾ • W

**And By** VAERS ID ▾ Rep

**Optional Measures** (Check box to include in results.)

☒ Adverse Event Description

☐ Lab Data

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### IMPORTANT

Because there are now so many CV19 vaccine Adverse Events that have been reported to VAERS, you cannot run even a standard report as VAERS only allows 10k rows. We have to limit one of the "Group Results" now. I will show you how to do this in the next couple of slides.

**. Organize table layout:**

**Group Results By** Event Category ▼

**And By** Vaccine Manufacturer ▼

**And By** Age ▼


**And By** Sex ▼

**And By** VAERS ID ▼

**Optional Modules** (Check box to include in results.)

☒ **Adverse Event Description**

☐ **Lab Data**

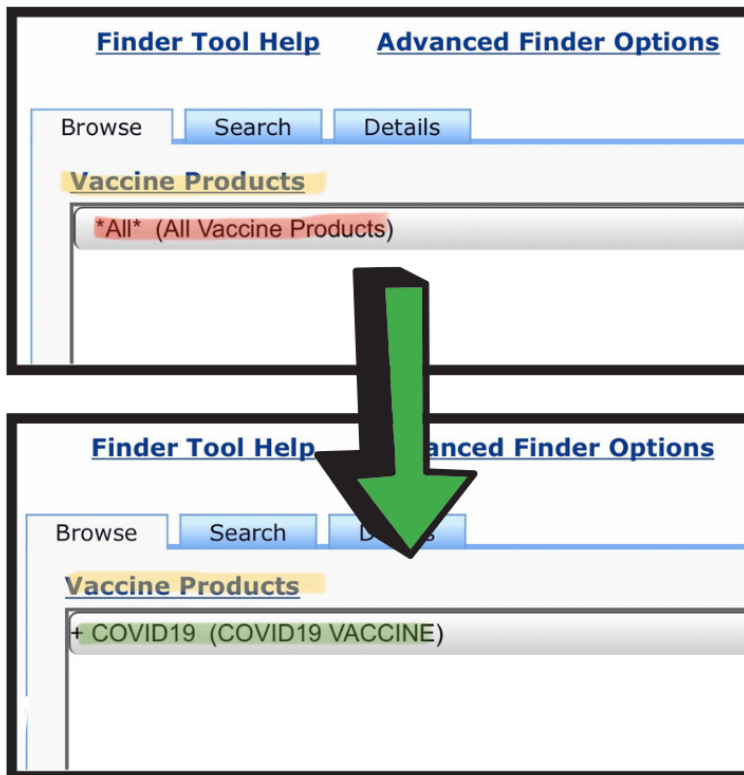




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Scroll down to “Vaccine Products,”  
**unselect** “All” and **select** “COVID-19.”



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Change “US Locations” to “All Locations” (it’s still only US citizens).

The screenshot displays two sections of the VAERS search interface. The first section, titled "4. Select location, age, gender:", contains a dropdown menu for "State / Territory" with "All Locations" selected, and a partially visible "Age" dropdown with "All" selected. The second section, titled "5. Select other event characteristics:", contains a dropdown menu for "Event Category" with "All Events" selected, and a partially visible "Rec" dropdown with "All" selected.

**4. Select location, age, gender:**

State / Territory Age

All Locations All

**5. Select other event characteristics:**

Event Category Rec

All Events All

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### Limiting Results

There are many ways to limit VAERS reports on the Parameters page. You can limit by vaccine manufacturer, state, age, sex, etc. For this report, we will limit the Event Category by "Death" and "Permanent Disability."

1. Scroll down to and click on "All Events" under "Event Category."
2. **Unselect** "All Events" and **Select** "Death" and "Permanent Disability."



**5. Select other event characteristics:**

Event Category

All Events ...

\* VAERS 2.0 Report Form Only

\*\* VAERS-1 Report Form Only

Recovered

All Events ...

Days In Hospital

All Days ...

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Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "Send."

Use death dates by a range or aggregate dates.

**Aggregate Dates** ☐

(Start: Before 1980)

(End: Jan., 2021)

☐ (Check box to download results to a file)

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**decimal places**

**minutes**

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This should generate a report with your selected parameters.

Event Category	Vaccine Manufacturer	Age	Sex	VAERS ID	
Death	MODERNA	18-29 years	Male	<a href="#">0936805-1</a>	Patient received the vaccine on 12/22/20 without complication
Death	MODERNA	18-29 years	Male	<a href="#">1034146-1</a>	ARRIVED AT EVENT, CONSENT FORM COMPLETED, DID NOT
Death	MODERNA	30-39 years	Female	<a href="#">0939050-1</a>	Patient vaccinated on 12/28. Approximately one day later, d
Death	MODERNA	30-39 years	Female	<a href="#">1037207-1</a>	She had pain in the injection site Tuesday night and then du We arrived at the hospital just before 0700 and she immedi evade about 0930 to Medical center and just over 30 hours
Death	MODERNA	30-39 years	Female	<a href="#">1040170-1</a>	Received vaccine on 2/6/2021. was a bit off all week per car was not turning pages of the book as she usually would. She until family could be reached and decision was made to stop
Death	MODERNA	30-39 years	Male	<a href="#">0965256-1</a>	Found deceased, presumed while exercising
Death	MODERNA	30-39 years	Male	<a href="#">1054160-1</a>	2/12/2021 woke up with sore arm and back. 2/13/2021 wok
Death	MODERNA	40-49 years	Female	<a href="#">0950057-1</a>	Patient suffered a cardiac arrest and was unable to give deta
Death	MODERNA	40-49 years	Female	<a href="#">0961339-1</a>	possibly got it at clinic, possibly who administered shot. Pts.
Death	MODERNA	40-49 years	Female	<a href="#">0994913-1</a>	patient passed away 2 days after vaccine. patient had temp
Death	MODERNA	40-49 years	Female	<a href="#">1020702-1</a>	Passed away the morning of 2/9/21.
Death	MODERNA	40-49 years	Female	<a href="#">1051803-1</a>	unknown, was informed by Health Director that person had
Death	MODERNA	40-49 years	Female	<a href="#">1055070-1</a>	Client died on 02/21/2021 and had received the second dose
Death	MODERNA	40-49 years	Male	<a href="#">0929764-1</a>	The patient was found deceased at home about 24 hours aft
Death	MODERNA	40-49 years	Male	<a href="#">0933578-1</a>	Pronounced dead 1/9/2021 at 12:42. Received first dose of
Death	MODERNA	40-49 years	Male	<a href="#">0977319-1</a>	Notified by patient's sister on 1/26/2021 that patient died in
Death	MODERNA	50-59 years	Female	<a href="#">0918518-1</a>	syncopal episode - arrested - CPR - death
Death	MODERNA	50-59 years	Female	<a href="#">0920815-1</a>	Found deceased in her home, unknown cause, 6 days after v
Death	MODERNA	50-59 years	Female	<a href="#">0928933-1</a>	Patient had been diagnosed with COVID-19 on Dec. 11th, 20
Death	MODERNA	50-59 years	Female	<a href="#">0930910-1</a>	Patient received COVID vaccination around 12:15pm. Patien

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