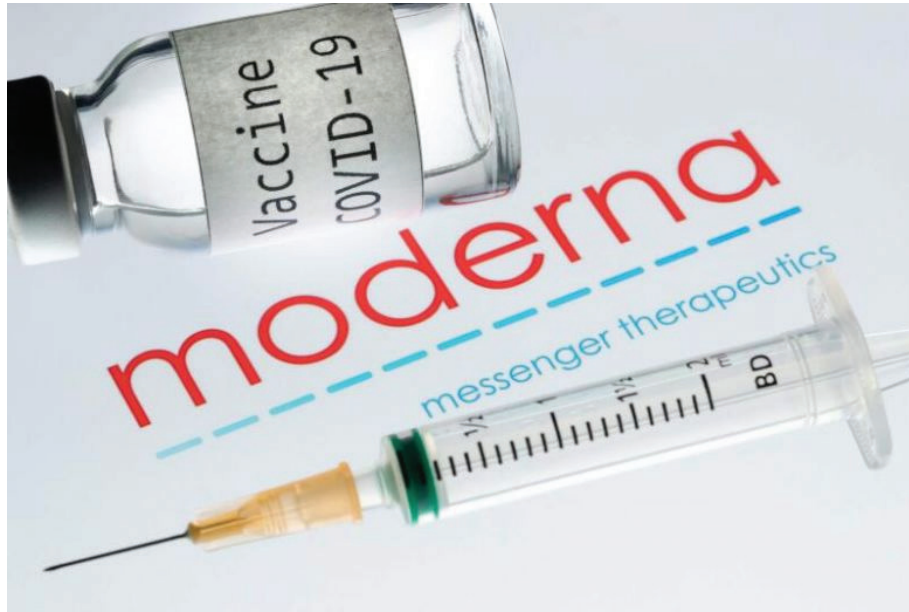


Vaccine News: Doctors In California Call For Urgent Halt Of Moderna Vaccines After Many Fall Sick

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Vaccine News: As Moderna vaccines are being rolled out in California, the incidence of adverse reactions and individuals falling sick are raising alarms with many doctors who are in turn calling for an urgent halt of the vaccines and a proper investigation.



The state's epidemiologist is urging a halt to more than 330,000 coronavirus vaccinations using a Moderna vaccine version because some individuals received medical treatment for possible severe allergic reactions.

California's state epidemiologist Dr Erica S. Pan on Sunday recommended providers stop using lot 41L20A of the Moderna vaccine pending completion of an investigation by state officials, Moderna, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Dr Pan told Thailand Medical News and other media, "Out of an extreme abundance of caution and also recognizing the extremely limited supply of vaccine, we are recommending that providers use other available vaccine inventory."

Dr Pan said more than 330,000 doses from the lot arrived in California between Jan. 5 and Jan. 12 and were distributed to 287 providers.

Alarmingly the initial 10 people, who all received the vaccine at the same community site, needed medical attention over a 24-hour period, Dr Pan said.

Dr Pan did not specify the number of cases involved or where they occurred.

It was reported however that six San Diego health care workers had allergic reactions to vaccines they received at a mass vaccination center on Jan. 14. The site was temporarily closed and is now using other vaccines.

Numerous cases of adverse reactions and also individuals falling sick after vaccinations with the Moderna vaccine are also being reported in other vaccination centers as well in California.

A spokesman for Moderna said in a media statement said the company "is unaware of comparable adverse events from other vaccination centers which may have administered vaccines from the same lot."

The U.S.CDC has said COVID-19 vaccines can cause side effects for a few days that include fever, chills, headache, swelling or tiredness, "which are normal signs that your body is building protection."

But severe reactions are extremely rare.

Dr Pan said in a vaccine similar to Moderna, the rate of anaphylaxis in which an immune system reaction can block breathing and cause blood pressure to drop was about 1 in 100,000.

This sudden development came as California counties continue to plead for more COVID-19 vaccine as the state tries to reduce its rate of infection, which has led to record numbers of hospitalizations and deaths.

The state of California, with a population of 40 million, has received about 3.5 million vaccine doses and has only administered about a third of them, according to the CDC.

To date, the state has vaccinated just 2,468 people per 100,000 residents, a rate that falls well below the national average, according to the federal data.

California's Governor Gavin Newsom announced last week said anyone age 65 and older would be eligible to start receiving the vaccine but Los Angeles County and some others have said they do not have enough doses to vaccinate so many people and are concentrating on inoculating health care workers and the most vulnerable elderly living in care homes first.

Early this week, the superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District sent a letter to state and county public health officials asking for authorization to provide COVID-19 vaccinations at schools for staff, local community members and for students once a vaccine for children has been approved.

Superintendent Austin Beutner wrote, "Doing so will help reopen schools as soon as possible, and in the safest way possible."

The state of California is nearing 3 million coronavirus cases and more than 33,600 people have died since the start of the pandemic last year, according to figures from Johns Hopkins University.

Hospitals in the state are overrun and there is an acute shortage of hospital beds and ICU facilities coupled with a shortage of healthcare staff.

Sadly the death rate from COVID-19 in Los Angeles County ie the nation's most populous and an epicenter of the state pandemic works out to about one person every six minutes!

It was reported that on Sunday, the South Coast Air Quality Management District suspended some pollution-control limits on the number of cremations for at least 10 days in order to deal with a backlog of bodies at hospitals and funeral homes.

The agency said, "The current rate of death is more than double that of pre-pandemic years."

The state of California has had about 500 deaths and 40,000 new cases daily for the past two weeks. Although hospitalizations and intensive care unit admissions remained on a slight downward trend, officials have warned that could reverse when the full impact from transmissions during Christmas and New Year's Eve gatherings is felt.

The state Department of Public Health said in a statement Sunday, "As case numbers continue to rise in California, the total number of individuals who will have serious outcomes will also increase."

Meanwhile it is being reported that many Chinese medical specialists are calling for a suspension of COVID-19 vaccination campaigns that use mRNA-based vaccines, such as the one produced by Moderna.

Wuhan University virologist Professor Dr Yang Zhanqiu said that the deaths were are being caused by the mRNA vaccine across the globe and that this indicates that the mRNA vaccines are not as good as was previously thought.

Also another immunologist from Beijing told local Chinese media that the world should stop using the mRNA vaccine as the mRNA technology was not proved to be safe enough for large scale immunization.

The vaccine expert went on to speak against people over 80 receiving any COVID-19 vaccines, citing their weakened immune systems.

Numerous Chinese experts say the adverse reactions and deaths should be studied to learn if they were caused by the vaccine or some antecedent conditions.

The novel so-called messenger RNA vaccines trick cells into producing a viral protein that in turn triggers an immune response. This is a new method of immunization that has been used by various companies to produce their vaccines against the new coronavirus disease. However, some are voicing concerns about the method being too novel to be used safely.

Please help share these articles as certain American social media platforms like Twitter and also certain American search engines are trying to curtail any news dissemination of any adverse reactions or deaths from the COVID-19 vaccines. We at Thailand Medical News support vaccines but provided that proper studies and clinical trials have been conducted and that they are truly safe and effective and we believe in reporting from a neutral perspective on both negative and positive aspects.

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