

# Punishing Novak: US Extends Senseless Vax Travel Requirement

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#### **STORY AT-A-GLANCE**

- > In an apparent senseless move, U.S. authorities extended a ban into the country for a select few who arrive by air, but not on ships or overland. The shot doesn't prevent infection or transmission but not taking it will stop Novak Djokovic, 21-time Grand Slam tennis champion, from playing in two key U.S. tournaments
- > Djokovic has natural immunity after completely recovering from a SARS-CoV-2 infection, which in turn increases his risk of adverse events from the shot, but the Biden administration insists noncitizens and nonimmigrants receive the shot to enter the country
- > The rules allow unvaccinated immigrants who arrive by land, sea or air, unvaccinated citizens who travel outside the country to return home and unvaccinated diplomats to name a few; yet, if protecting public health were the intent, the ban would include everyone
- > Djokovic belongs to a unique population of individuals whose bodies are highly-tuned machines, capable of performing at levels most of us only dream about and who are dying at unprecedented rates since 2021, an increase measured at 1,696% higher than athletes from 1966 to 2004
- > These decisions have not made sense on many levels. The sheer number of athletes who have died is just one indication of the danger involved

Many people who refused the gene therapy jab have lost their jobs, standing in the community, military status and even family relationships. In the sports arena, world-class tennis player and 21-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic has forfeited his eligibility to play in key tournaments, again.

Djokovic will likely miss the Indian Wells and Miami Open, since U.S. travel authorities have extended the shot requirement for non-U.S. nationals to enter the country.<sup>1</sup> Djokovic has natural immunity, after having had COVID-19.

According to Dr. Hooman Noorchashm, cardiac surgeon and patient advocate, there is a "clear and present danger" for individuals who have had the infection and subsequently get the injection.<sup>2</sup> He has repeatedly warned the FDA that naturally infected individuals' responses to the injections are reactivated by the injection, and can trigger a significant inflammatory response in areas where viral antigens are present.

Especially at risk are the endothelium or interlining of the blood vessels, lungs and brain. Researchers explain:3

"Some people who have recovered from COVID-19 might not benefit from COVID-19 vaccination. In fact, one study found that previous COVID-19 was associated with increased adverse events following vaccination with the Comirnaty BNT162b2 mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech). In addition, there are rare reports of serious adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination."

As it currently stands, the CDC continues to push universal injections without regard to past infection status. As far as they're concerned, natural immunity is not adequate, which is not the case in Switzerland where, as The Lancet reports, citizens who can show a positive PCR test in the past 12 months after an active infection are considered as equally protected as those who took the shot.

This is only one aspect of the controversy around the COVID-19 shot. While vaccines have always been controversial, the topic reached a fever pitch in 2021, when it became sacrilegious to speak out or even question the safety and efficacy of this gene therapy

jab. Investigative journalist Paul Thacker calls it "the Great Vaccine Scare — hysteria about any and all vaccine criticism." 4

### **Proof of the Jab Is Mandated Until April 10, 2023**

While Djokovic's decision to reject the jab may have had a significant impact on his tennis career, he says his choice is reflective of his lifestyle. "... the principles of decision making on my body are more important than any title or anything else," he told the BBC. "I'm trying to be in tune with my body as much as I possibly can."

He has always been a great student of wellness, well-being, health [and] nutrition, he said. 5 So, his decision not to take the shot was influenced by the positive impact he experienced with his athletic performance by changing other things in his life, like his diet and sleeping patterns.

As it is, unless the CDC backs down, Djokovic will not be able to enter the U.S. until after April 10, 2023.<sup>6</sup> He experienced a similar circumstance in early 2022, when he traveled to Australia for the Australian Open. At the time, he submitted the required documentation to request an exemption.

The initial medical exemption was submitted anonymously, and it was approved by two independent panels. His travel documents included an error, which Djokovic said was not an intentional error. He told the BBC:<sup>7</sup>

"So actually, what people probably don't know is that I was not deported from Australia on the basis that I was not vaccinated, or I broke any rules or that I made an error in my visa declaration. All of that was actually approved and validated by the Federal Court of Australia and the Minister for Immigration."

Yet, many in the mainstream media reported Djokovic was deported,8 kicked out of the country9 or asked to leave because he was not vaccinated.10 Instead, Djokovic told the BBC:11

"The reason why I was deported from Australia was because the Minister for Immigration used his discretion to cancel my visa based on his perception that I might create some anti-vax sentiment in the country or in the city, which I completely disagree with."

## By Air, Sea or Land?

Djokovic didn't play in the U.S. Open in August 2022, again because he refused to accept a gene therapy experiment in his body. 12 He has spent more time ranked No. 1 than anyone else in the history of the Association of Tennis Professionals, but admirably chose to miss the U.S. Open to protect his right to make decisions about his body.

According to the CDC, the U.S. requires proof of vaccination for COVID-19 if people enter the country by air. Specifically, the CDC writes<sup>13</sup> "Requirement for proof of COVID-19 vaccination for air passengers [is] required for non-U.S. citizen[s], nonimmigrant passengers arriving from a foreign country to the United States by air."

This begs the question, what about people walking and driving across the border or arriving on ships? According to the CDC, they don't count, as some noncitizens are exempt from this requirement and natural immunity is not one of the criteria.<sup>14</sup> For example, some of the exemptions include:<sup>15</sup>

Individuals from Ukraine who are part of Uniting for Ukraine program	U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, U.S. lawful permanent residents and immigrants
Diplomats or people on official government business	Children under 18 years
Documented medical contraindications or "certain" vaccine trials	Humanitarian or emergency exception
Valid visas from foreign countries with limited vaccine availability	Members of the U.S. Armed Forces, spouses and their children

Persons whose entry is in the national interest

Interestingly, the CDC uses two definitions — you are "fully vaccinated," or your vaccinations are "up to date," and they don't mean the same thing. According to the description for U.S. citizens,<sup>16</sup> you are "up-to-date" with your shots "when you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and got the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC." This includes:

- If you have completed your primary series but are not yet eligible for a booster you are also considered up to date.
- If you become ill with COVID-19 after you received all COVID-19 vaccine doses recommended for you, you are also considered up to date. You do not need to be revaccinated or receive an additional booster.

However, for noncitizens entering the U.S. by air, the requirements are much more specific.<sup>17</sup> You are only considered fully vaccinated at:

- 2 weeks (14 days) after your dose of an accepted single-dose vaccine or after your second dose of an accepted 2-dose series
- 2 weeks (14 days) after you received the full series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) in a clinical trial
- 2 weeks (14 days) after you received 2 doses of any "mix-and-match" combination of accepted COVID-19 vaccines administered at least 17 days apart

#### **Conflicting Regulations May Leave You Stranded**

Consider what just these three regulations governing who can enter the country and under what conditions could mean to your travel plans:18

• Exempted people traveling into the U.S. do not have to quarantine, which means the CDC expects that while they didn't get the shot, they likely aren't a risk if they aren't

sick.

- Travelers must be fully vaccinated but do not need boosters, which means travelers
  meet a definition of "fully vaccinated" but are not "up to date" on their shots. Since
  it's known that the efficacy of the shot wanes significantly after six months, the
  regulations must mean that it's only necessary to have gotten the shot and not
  necessary to be "protected" against the virus.
- You may not make a connecting flight in a U.S. airport if you have not been "fully vaccinated," which must mean that public health experts believe noncitizen, nonimmigrant individuals carry a greater risk of spreading SARS-CoV-2 than citizens and immigrants.

#### **How Many Must Die Before Questions Are Asked?**

Djokovic belongs to a unique population whose bodies are highly tuned machines, capable of performing at levels most of us only dream about. These are professional athletes, whose workday consists of aerobic and anaerobic activities, strength training and technical work, to reach the top of their field.

Unfortunately, these are some of the same people that sports enthusiasts have watched die very publicly on television, or who sadly have not reached a professional status, but succumbed in high school. And, while "fact checkers" deny the idea that the COVID-19 gene therapy shot has anything to do with higher rates of death in athletes, data tell a different story.

A full investigation into the number of athletes who have died since the release of the COVID shot was published in April 2022 by The Exposé.<sup>20,21</sup> The investigative team compared the death rate to a 2006 study<sup>22</sup> using data from 1966 to 2004, during which they recorded 1,101 sudden deaths in athletes engaged in competitive sports.

The researchers found the average monthly number of deaths in athletes from 1966 to 2004 was 2.35. But there was a meteoric rise in the average number of deaths from

January 2021 to April 2022 — on average 20 deaths per month early on, building up to 42 deaths every month, with an astounding 92 deaths in March 2022.<sup>23</sup>

These numbers are even more disturbing when you consider that the shot rollout was not as extensive in some countries during the first year. Had every country received the same number of injections, this data suggests the rise in the worldwide rate of death in athletes would have been more significant.

However, as the data have shown, the rate is continuing to rise, by 1,696%. The researchers estimate that if the numbers continue to rise on the current trajectory, the rate of death in athletes could tragically increase by 4,120%.<sup>24</sup>

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