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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] : I am working on an essay about myopericarditis post-Covid-19 vaccination in RI young men & would like links to any RIDOH statements on the issue I may have missed, please

Dr. Bostom,

As you know, CDC, FDA, and HHS maintain a reporting and tracking system for vaccine adverse events. The State does not maintain a separate system. We have not issued any statements on myopericarditis post-COVID-19 vaccination.

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Dear Joseph,

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For example, just over a year ago (May, 2021), the Connecticut DOH was quoted/referred to as follows:

<https://www.ctpost.com/news/coronavirus/article/Officials-Mild-myocarditis-seen-in-some-CT-16201915.php> [ctpost.com]

“Connecticut has seen at least 18 cases of people age 16 to 34 who developed an inflamed heart muscle — known as myocarditis — after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, state health officials said....The number and severity of cases is being tracked...by the state of Connecticut to gain more information.”

Has RIDOH 1) issued any similar statements, in 2021 or 2022, & 2) is RIDOH in fact compiling and tracking such cases?

Lastly, an excellent collaborative team of Radiologists & Cardiologists at Lifespan on June 9, 2022 published the MRI findings from 14 young RI men with post-mRNA covid-19 vaccine induced myopericarditis:

<https://pubs.rsna.org/doi/10.1148/ryct.220008> [pubs.rsna.org]

Is RIDOH tracking at least these 14 young men, and has RIDOH commented on the publication at all—or might RIDOH have any comment now if it was unaware of the publication, till now?

Would appreciate timely answers to these simple questions, as I hope to complete the essay in large part before Friday, July 1st.

Thanks,

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