One COVID-19 vaccine dose wasted for every 850 used: CDC data

April 23 2021

(HealthDay)—One dose of COVID-19 vaccine was thrown out for every

850 doses administered in the United States, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data up to March 29.

By that date, 182,874 doses were reported as wastage by 35 states, 17 pharmacies, and three other federal agencies, *CNN* reported. The data also show that pharmacies accounted for three-quarters of the reported wastage, or about 137,000 doses.

The wasted doses represent less than 1 percent of the 155 million doses reported to be administered by March 29, and the CDC has noted that some wastage is expected with any vaccine, *CNN* reported.

COVID-19 vaccine wastage is likely higher than suggested by the data because 15 states did not report any wastage through a CDC tracking system.

More information: *CNN Article*