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Should We Trust CDC COVID-19 Death Count?

Do you trust the CDC’s numbers? After all, the CDC told doctors to put Covid-19 on death certificates even if Covid wasn’t the known cause of death. The agency also told states to define people as probable cases and probable deaths, and told states to include these “probables” in their actual cases and actual deaths.

Ten years after the 2009 Swine Flu epidemic, the CDC doesn’t have an accurate death count. It estimates about twelve thousand five hundred deaths, but says it could be almost 8700 or as many as 18,300. So, as with the seasonal flu, the CDC uses calculations, estimates, modeling and algorithms, not hard numbers. So, should we trust their COVID numbers?

“2009 H1N1 Pandemic (H1N1pdm09 virus),” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Last reviewed June 11, 2010: https://bit.ly/3fABXm1