

COVID: 60 Days From Scandal?!

Rosie Ruiz shocked the world when she won the Boston Marathon with a record time in 1980.

Except she wasn't sweating... couldn't recall details from the race... and was later found to have cheated and not run the full course.

Well, Ruiz's corner-cutting looks like nothing compared to a race we're seeing now, in 2020.

I'm talking about a race to develop a COVID-19 vaccine.

In October... about 60 days from now... Russia is promising to roll out a massive COVID vaccination program across the country. China has already approved use of a new vaccine for its military.

And as these roll-outs happen, there's no doubt they'll be used to call America's progress into question. The media will start asking how China and Russia have vaccines... and America, with all of its technological advantages, still doesn't.

But before we take that bait, it's time to talk about what's really happening in China and Russia.

And when you hear the truth, I don't think you'll be chartering a flight to Beijing or Moscow to get a shot.

Cutting corners?

I've written to you before about the vaccine stunt being pulled in China.

Dr. Dennis Burton, an immunologist at Scripps Research, called the evidence behind the Chinese vaccine, "Not overwhelming by any means at all."

And he's right. The vaccine was only moderately effective at its very highest dose... but that high dose had to be discontinued because a whopping 81% of people experienced side effects.

No thanks, right? Well, what's being done in Russia isn't going to bowl you over, either.

The Russian vaccine is being developed by the Gamaleya Institute in Moscow. And here are just SOME of the troubling details we know so far:

The clinical trials appear to have been cut short. In fact, the World Health Organization reportedly has no record of a Russian Phase III trial that is supposed to be taking place.

There still hasn't been any reliably published research showing that the vaccine is safe or effective.

The team behind the vaccine has already been accused of significant violations of research and safety protocols (this includes injecting themselves with the vaccine to allegedly try to shorten the research).

From what little has leaked out about the vaccine, we know it reportedly caused side effects like fevers.

The Russian scientific community has even spoken out about the "crude" process behind the vaccine rush.

The vaunted Dr. Anthony Fauci has raised concerns about whether proper protocols were being followed in the development of the Russian and Chinese vaccines.

A group with alleged links to the Russian government was recently caught trying to hack into and steal American vaccine secrets. This doesn't sound like folks who are confident that they have a sure-fire winner on their hands.

And, really, I could go on...

Now, don't get me wrong. I'd love for the Chinese and Russian vaccines to work. I don't want millions of innocent people getting harmed or running around with a false sense of protection.

I don't think anyone knows what's really going to happen... and that's the real risk here.

But, by hook or by crook, I firmly believe the Russians will start rolling out a vaccine... any vaccine... by October. And that means that 60 days from now, there will be lots of hoopla, chest-thumping, and questions about America's progress versus the Chinese and Russians.

And the answer, to me, is very simple. "No thanks. Good luck. But we'll wait."

To Your Health,
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