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# Pfizer Covid vaccine: Full list of side effects reported – ranging from mild to serious

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There has never been a stronger case to get vaccinated than the present. The Delta variant is raging in many parts of the world and unvaccinated populations are at a far greater risk of death and the long-term effects associated with the viral disease. It is important to note that the <u>Covid</u> vaccines can still engender a number of side effects, from mild to serious, although the benefits of getting vaccinated far outweigh the risks posed by the virus.

There have been 19 side effects reported in those receiving the Pfizer Covid vaccine.

According to Pfizer's official website, side effects that have been reported with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- Severe allergic reactions
- Non-severe allergic reactions such as rash, itching, hives, or swelling of the face
- Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart

#### muscle)

- Pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart)
- Injection site pain
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Joint pain
- Fever
- Injection site swelling
- Injection site redness
- Nausea
- Feeling unwell
- Swollen lymph nodes

### (lymphadenopathy)

- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Arm pain.

"These may not be all the possible side effects of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine," notes Pfizer.

The pharmaceutical giant continues: "Serious and unexpected side effects may occur.

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### Agency (EMA) has said it is investigating possible side effects of COVID-19 vaccines produced by Pfizer and Moderna.

In a report published last Wednesday, the European drugs regulator said it was investigating the link to three medical conditions reported by patients, including a small number of incidences of skin rashes and two kidney disorders.

These are erythema multiforme, a form of allergic skin reaction; glomerulonephritis or kidney inflammation; and nephrotic syndrome, a renal disorder characterised by heavy urinary protein losses.

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The EMA did not give details on Wednesday on how many cases of these conditions were recorded, but said it had requested more data from the companies.

Pfizer released the following statement: "We take adverse events that are potentially associated with our COVID-19 vaccine, BNT162b2, very seriously. "We closely monitor all such events and collect relevant information to share with global regulatory authorities."

The company's spokesperson pointed out that hundreds of millions of people have received the vaccine without experiencing any adverse effects.

The approved COVID-19 vaccines have also been tested on millions of people in the UK and around the world, including:

- People from different ethnic backgrounds
- People aged between 18 and 84
- Children and young people aged between 12 and 17

• People with different health conditions.

All vaccines used in the UK must be approved by the independent Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

The MHRA makes sure the vaccines meet strict international standards for safety, quality and effectiveness.

Once a vaccine is approved, it's closely monitored to continue to make sure it is safe and effective.

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