

One Severe Allergic Reaction to COVID Vaccine Reported

An Alaskan health worker had a serious allergic reaction from the new coronavirus vaccine. She is now stable, public health authorities said on Wednesday.

The Alaskan patient did not have a history of allergic reactions, Lindy Jones, the director of the emergency department in the capital Juneau where the patient was treated, told reporters at a virtual briefing.

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The adverse reaction happened within minutes of receiving the Pfizer shot on Tuesday. The symptoms in the middle-aged patient resolved after being administered with allergy treatment epinephrine, Jones said. This reaction was similar to two cases reported last week in Britain.

Two British people with severe allergies apparently had allergic reactions to Pfizer/BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine, raising questions about whether it is safe for people with preexisting allergies.

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Britain's medical regulator stated that people with a history of anaphylaxis, or severe allergic reactions to medicine or food, should not get this COVID-19 vaccine.

But the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says most Americans with allergies should be safe to receive the vaccine. Allergic reactions were not a significant problem in the U.S. trial where more than 20,000 people got two doses of the vaccine,

but the U.S. trials did not test on subjects who have had severe allergic reactions in the past, according to Moncef Slaoui, co-head of Operation Warp Speed which is the government program tasked with developing and distributing COVID-19 vaccines.

Pfizer says the vaccine comes with a clear warning that appropriate medical treatment and supervision should always be readily available in case of anaphylaxis, and that they would update the labeling language for the vaccine if needed.

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