

If You've Done This Recently, You Could Have a Bad Vaccine Reaction

A SMALL NUMBER OF COVID VACCINE RECIPIENTS HAVE REPORTED THIS UNUSUAL SIDE EFFECT.



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As more and more Americans are vaccinated, we continue to learn new things about the COVID vaccine. After a few **allergic reactions**, experts now have a better idea of who can safely get the shot and who can't. But one recent discovery has pinpointed another group that needs to be cautious when receiving the vaccine—people who have had fillers. After three subjects in Moderna's clinical trial who had facial or lip fillers experienced an adverse reaction, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning people about this potential side effect of the vaccine. Keep reading for further details on this unusual complication, and for more on vaccine reactions, discover **The One Side Effect Dr. Fauci Is Worried About With His Next COVID Shot.**

Three people with fillers experienced adverse side effects to the COVID vaccine.



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A report by the FDA presented to the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) detailed three occasions when vaccine recipients **experienced swelling as a side effect**. According to the report, two people had facial swelling. One participant had dermal fillers injected into their cheeks two weeks before getting the vaccine, and the other received the fillers six months before vaccination. The third person, who had received dermal filler injections in the lips, experienced lip angioedema (swelling) about two days after receiving the vaccine.

STAT live-blogged the FDA's meeting with the VRBPAC, during which FDA medical officer **Rachel Zhang**, MD, said all three of the cases were localized and the **swelling was easily resolved** after treatment with antihistamines or steroids. And for more up-to-date information, **sign up for our daily newsletter.**

Swelling in people with cosmetic fillers could occur with many vaccines.

Experts say these rare side effects shouldn't stop you from getting the vaccine.



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Plastic surgeon **Amir Karam**, MD, told NBC San Diego this potential side effect shouldn't stand in the way of people getting the vaccine. He pointed out that the dermal filler-related **reactions were easily remedied** with medical attention and resolved quickly.

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