

Pfizer confirms fake COVID vaccines found in Mexico, Poland black markets

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Bogus [COVID-19 vaccines](#) – some selling for \$1,000 a shot and some using

an anti-wrinkle substance as an ingredient – were found in black markets around the world, [Pfizer](#) confirmed to [The Wall Street Journal](#).

"Pfizer has identified counterfeit versions of its COVID-19 vaccine in [Mexico](#) and Poland," the company [said](#) in a statement. "We are cognizant that in this type of environment – fueled by the ease and convenience of e-commerce and anonymity afforded by the internet – there will be an increase in the prevalence of fraud, counterfeit and other illicit activity as it relates to vaccines and treatments for COVID-19."

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Six people were [detained](#) in [Mexico](#) during a February police raid at a clinic after about 80 people paid \$1,000 for a fake Pfizer dose from vials with fraudulent labels kept in beer coolers.

The New York-based pharmaceutical giant ascertained the vaccine's fraudulence with microscopic tools and special light.

There were no reports of physical harm from the people who were administered shots.

"People were injected with distilled water," a health secretary told the newspaper.



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A suspect in Poland was charged with [fraud](#) after an unspecified amount of Pfizer vials was discovered in his apartment.

The fake vaccine, which reportedly wasn't dispensed to any people, contained hyaluronic acid, a skin-care material used to fight aging.

The Pfizer statement added that "no legitimate vaccine is sold online."

Pfizer said it's working with "governments, law enforcement, health care providers and others to combat this illegal trade."

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The Pfizer vaccine, which has 95% efficacy in an ongoing phase 3 trial, is used in 88 countries worldwide. As of [Tuesday](#), 111.59 million [Pfizer](#) doses

have been administered globally.

In the [United States](#), Pfizer has delivered 142,177,425 doses for use; 113,104,771 Pfizer doses have been administered; 43,276,992 have been fully vaccinated in the U.S. with the Pfizer vaccine.