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A source close to California Gov. Gavin Newsom today told [The Defender](#) the governor experienced an adverse reaction to the Moderna COVID vaccine [he received](#) Oct. 27.

The source, who asked not to be identified, said Newsom's symptoms were similar to those associated with Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), a [known side effect](#) of many vaccines.

GBS is a neurological disorder in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks part of its peripheral nervous system – the network of nerves located outside of the brain and spinal cord – and can range from a very mild case with brief weakness to paralysis to leaving the person unable to

breathe independently.

The governor has not been seen in public since he was photographed Oct. 27 getting his COVID booster.

On Oct. 29, Newsom's office [issued a statement](#) referring to unspecified "family obligations" as the reason the governor canceled his scheduled appearances, including his planned meetings at the global COP 26 climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

A local [ABC News outlet reported](#) that when "the surprising announcement was made," a spokesperson said Newsom planned to participate virtually in the climate conference. However, Newsom's name was removed from the schedule and he did not participate.

[The Defender](#) reached out to Newsom's office today by phone and email, but the office did not respond before publication.

[According to Fox News](#), Newsom's wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, on Sunday tweeted – then quickly deleted – a message urging people to "stop hating" while her husband has been out of the public eye since canceling plans, including his appearances at COP 26.



Jennifer Siebel Newsom 
@JenSiebelNewsom



It's funny how certain folks can't handle truth. When someone cancels something, maybe they're just in the office working; maybe in their free time they're at home with their family, at their kids' sports matches, or dining out with their wife. Please stop hating and get a life.

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Commenting on the situation, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., chairman of [Children's Health Defense](#), today said he “prays for Newsom’s family” and wishes him a quick recovery.

Kennedy added:

“However, if it’s true the governor has suffered debilitating neurological injuries following vaccination, it raises grave ethical questions about his seemingly dishonest efforts to conceal his injuries while implementing aggressive policies to force the children and working people of California to

endure similar risks.”

Newsom has been an outspoken advocate of COVID vaccines and mandates. On Oct. 1, he [announced](#) California’s schoolchildren will be required to get the COVID vaccine once it is fully approved by the FDA. It’s the first such mandate in the country.

In a Nov. 3 [press release](#), the governor’s office said California was launching a “robust” vaccination program for 5- to 11-year-olds. The governor has allocated more than 1.2 million vaccines for the 5-11 age group and is setting up 4,000 vaccine sites throughout the state.

[According to Times of San Diego](#), Newsome got the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID vaccine in April 2021 when his age group became eligible. In July, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration [added a warning](#) to the J&J COVID vaccine noting the vaccine had been linked to GBS.

The latest data from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System show that between Dec. 14, 2020, and Oct. 29, 2021, there were 705 reports of [GBS](#) following COVID vaccines, with 41% of cases [attributed to Pfizer](#), 31% to [Moderna](#) and 28% to [J&J](#).

In April, [The Defender reported](#) on a teen who was diagnosed with GBS after his first dose of a COVID vaccine. And last week, [The Defender reported](#) on a 63-year-old cancer survivor diagnosed with GBS after her second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

GBS is [included as a possible risk](#) for many vaccines including Adacel, Afluria, Engerix-B, Fluarix, Flulaval, FluMist, Fluzone, Gardasil/Gardasil 9, Havrix, Menactra, Menomune, MMR-II, PedvaxHIB, Pneumovax-23, ProQuad, Recombivax, Tenivac, Vaqta and Varivax.

Since 1992, the [National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program](#) has paid approximately \$500 million to 1,450 victims of post-vaccination GBS, [The Defender reported](#).

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