

J&J COVID Vaccine Paused

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Today the CDC and FDA called for an immediate pause on administration of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine. This was done because of rare but severe blood clots identified in six cases out of 6.8 million doses of the vaccine that have been administered.

What Happens Next?

The CDC is convening a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices on Wednesday to review cases and determine the potential significance. It is expected the committee will determine when to resume administration of the vaccine and if any further precautions are necessary.

What About Those Who Recently Received the J&J Vaccine?

It is important to note these reactions are very rare and the exact relationship to the vaccine is not yet determined. If your staff or residents who received the J&J vaccine experience severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain or shortness of breath within three weeks of getting vaccinated, they should seek medical attention.

Can I Still Get Vaccinated?

While the J&J vaccine is paused, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are still available for administration.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Review the CDC and FDA joint statement which can be found here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0413-JJ-vaccine.html>