

Update on Availability of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine

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What happened?

As of April 24, the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine is available for use again.

On April 23, an advisory group for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), called the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), reviewed data on reports of a very rare condition happening after vaccination. They voted to continue their recommendation of the J&J vaccine for people 18 years and older.

The ACIP and Washington state had paused the use of the J&J vaccine from April 13 to April 23 while the federal government investigated this extremely rare type of blood clot, [CVST](#).

This event shows how well our vaccine safety monitoring works.

This reaction is very rare.

About 90,000 doses of J&J vaccine were given in Washington in the two weeks before the pause. None of the six reported cases occurred in Washington residents.

- Less than 2 in 1 million people have had this experience after receiving the vaccine.
- The protective benefits of COVID-19 vaccines far outweigh any potential risks against the dangers of COVID-19 illness.

Can I get the J&J vaccine?

Yes, as of April 24, 2021, you can get the J&J vaccine if you are age 18 or older.

What should I know about getting the J&J vaccine?

About one to two weeks after vaccination, you should monitor yourself for:

- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Leg swelling
- Persistent abdominal pain
- Severe or persistent headaches or blurred vision
- Easy bruising or tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the site of the injection

The chance of having these occur is remote. However, seek medical attention right away if you experience any of these symptoms.

Remember, it is normal to have mild to moderate symptoms, including fever, headache, fatigue, and joint/muscle pain, during the first week after receiving any COVID-19 vaccine. These side effects usually start within three days of getting a vaccine and should only last a few days.

Where can I learn more and get updates on this situation?

Please visit www.doh.wa.gov/jjupdate for more information from the Washington State Department of Health.

To locate or schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine, you can use the Vaccinate WA: COVID-19 Vaccine Locator online scheduling tool at vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov.



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