

USE OF JOHNSON AND JOHNSON VACCINE PAUSED AT DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10

All current appointments scheduled are Pfizer and Moderna only

April 13, 2021 – Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have issued a joint recommendation to pause administration of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen (J&J) vaccine. Per these recommendations, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) will not be providing the J&J vaccine until further notice.

More than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been administered in the U.S. to date. CDC and FDA are reviewing data involving six reported U.S. cases of an extremely rare type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the J&J vaccine. The CDC will convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on Wednesday, April 14th to further review these cases and assess their potential significance. The FDA will review that analysis as it also investigates these cases. Until that process is complete, DHD#10 will pause in the use of this vaccine out of an abundance of caution and will release more information about future J&J clinics as it becomes available.

“Right now, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare, and there have not been any reported adverse events reported in the DHD#10 jurisdiction after the administration of the J&J vaccine,” said Kevin Hughes, Health Officer at DHD#10. “COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for all vaccine providers, and we are assured that the data is being reviewed swiftly by the experts.”

DHD#10 will continue to provide the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination products at clinics as previously scheduled. To schedule your vaccine appointment, go to www.dhd.org/schedule; residents who need assistance scheduling an appointment can call 888-217-3904.

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