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Trinity County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Advisory

TRINITY COUNTY – The state of California is following the guidance of the CDC and FDA and has paused use of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) Janssen vaccine across the state. Out of an abundance of caution, the FDA and CDC recommend a pause in the administration of Janssen (J&J) vaccine because of six (6) reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the vaccine.

Currently, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare, of the 6.8 million doses of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine administered in the U.S., six (6) incidents of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) were identified. In the six (6) cases, a specific type of blood clot (CVST) was seen in combination with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia). All six (6) cases occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. None of the six cases occurred in California. The incident rate for this adverse event is approximately 0.00088%.

Vaccine safety is our top priority. TCPHB takes all reports of health problems following COVID-19 vaccination very seriously. People who have received the J&J vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after



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vaccination should contact their health care provider and the Trinity County Public Health Branch (TCPHB).

It is important to acknowledge that these events were identified because of the robust safety infrastructure and reporting system (VAERS) maintained by the CDC and FDA. Health care providers and other vaccine administrators are asked to report adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.htmlexternalicon>.

Please note that Pfizer vaccine (CVS Pharmacy) and Moderna vaccine (TCPHB and our clinic partners) will continue to be offered countywide. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are MRNA vaccines, whereas the Janssen vaccine is an adenovirus vaccine. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines differ from Janssen vaccine in that Moderna and Pfizer vaccines work through a completely different mechanism and stimulate immunity through a different physiological delivery system.

The U.S. Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will hold a virtual Emergency meeting Wednesday, April 14, 2021 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET. A draft Agenda can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/agenda-archive/agenda-2021-04-14-508.pdf>

Please submit any questions to the Frequently Asked Questions Section at <https://www.trinitycounty.org/COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions>