



# VACCINE UPDATE



## Information about the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine

- As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine have been administered in the U.S. including 898,000 administered in California.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) are reviewing data involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the J&J vaccine.
- All six cases occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. None of the cases occurred in California.
- The County does not anticipate this pause to impact its supply, vaccine distribution efforts, nor the planned June 15 reopening of the state's economy. In California, less than 4% of the vaccine allocation is Johnson & Johnson.
- The CDC is investigating these cases, and the FDA will review that analysis as it also investigates these cases. Until that process is complete, ***the County is directing a pause in the use of this vaccine out of an abundance of caution.***
- This is important, in part, to ensure that the health care provider community is aware of the potential for these adverse events and can plan for the unique treatment required.
- **Points to Remember if you have received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine:**
  - If you got the vaccine more than a month ago, the risk to you is low.
  - If you have received the vaccine and develop a severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath, contact your health care provider and seek medical treatment.
  - It is important to note these symptoms are different from the common mild flu-like symptoms many individuals experience shortly after receiving a vaccination.
  - Importantly, there are three vaccines available. We are not seeing these events with the other two vaccines.
  - People who have vaccine appointments with the other two vaccines should continue with their appointment. The County's partners will work with those scheduled to receive the J&J vaccine in the days ahead to reschedule.
  - These events are extremely rare. They have only been found in women ages 18-48.