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## PRESS RELEASE

### State Issues Pause for Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) Vaccine

On April 13, 2021, the CDC and the FDA jointly announced that, out of an abundance of caution, the two agencies recommend pausing administration of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID19 vaccine. This recommendation is made while the CDC and FDA investigate 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, symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination, and one death has been reported. To date, 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine have been administered in the US.

Sierra County has not administered the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine. In consideration of the recent state and federal recommendations, Sierra County will not begin to administer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine until state and federal authorities determine it is safe to do so.

While adverse effects from the J & J vaccine appear to be extremely rare, people who have received the J&J vaccine should monitor themselves for severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination. If you experience any of these symptoms, please contact your health care provider immediately. Vaccine recipients can verify the brand of vaccine they received by referencing their white vaccination card they received at the time they were vaccinated.

To date, COVID-19 has directly resulted in the deaths of 559,172 people in the United States and almost 3 million people worldwide. Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be a critical part of the effort to end the pandemic.

All Californian's can register to receive updates about new vaccine appointments and locations available in their area by visiting [My Turn – California COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling & Notifications](#)

For more information, please go to: <http://sierracounty.ca.gov/COVID-19>  
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