

Information for Patients

Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

The FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). The FDA issues an EUA when there are no other adequate or approved alternatives available to combat an illness, and when the benefits of the product outweigh risks.

You may also hear this referred to as the J&J vaccine.

Who is eligible to receive the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine?

Individuals ages 18 and up may receive this vaccine.

You should not get the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine if you had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine: recombinant, replication-incompetent adenovirus type 26 expressing the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, citric acid monohydrate, trisodium citrate dihydrate, ethanol, 2-hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin (HBCD), polysorbate-80, sodium chloride.

How many doses does the Janssen vaccine require?

This is a single dose vaccine, meaning you will not need a second shot.

What are possible side effects?

The most common side effects reported are pain or redness in the arm, and general side effects such as headache, tiredness, muscle aches, nausea or fever.

There is a small chance that the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction, usually within a few minutes to an hour after your shot. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of your face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital.

I have heard this vaccine can cause blood clots. Am I at risk?

Blood clots involving blood vessels in the brain, abdomen, and legs along with low levels of platelets (blood cells that help your body stop bleeding), have occurred in some people who have received the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. These symptoms began approximately one to two weeks following vaccination. Most people who developed these blood clots and low levels of platelets were females ages 18 to 49. **The chance of having this occur is very small.** You should seek medical attention right away if you have any of the following symptoms after receiving Janssen COVID-19 vaccine:

- 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



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Where can I learn more?

- Ask the vaccination provider.
- Visit the Janssen site: www.janssencovid19vaccine.com.
- Call 800-565-4008.
- Visit CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.
- Visit FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>.
- Contact your local or state public health department.



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