



Update on the J & J vaccine

Friends and neighbors,
The CT Department of Public Health just published a [press release](#) on the J&J vaccine, directing Connecticut vaccine providers to pause use.

Here's what you need to know right now:

- Early today, the FDA and CDC released a joint statement recommending the pause on administration of the J&J vaccine while they investigate six reported cases of a rare blood-clotting event. The reported cases are all women between the ages of 18-48.
- None of these cases occurred in Connecticut
- DPH has informed providers of this and has recommended any clinics planned, be delayed or use alternate vaccine products if available.
- **If you had an appointment to receive the J&J vaccine, the provider will contact you** to either switch or reschedule to the Pfizer or Moderna product. This will depend on how much vaccine they have on hand.

Please be patient with the providers. They are doing the very best they can to work to minimize any disruption and get everyone rescheduled or switched over.

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