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Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Alert

The CDC and FDA today issued an alert about a small number of rare but serious adverse events involving the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine. Approximately, 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been administered nationally, and there were 6 of these adverse events reported -- involving a type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) that was seen in combination with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia).

While these events are extremely rare, out of an abundance of caution, the City of New York is pausing the administration of the J&J vaccine citywide. Fortunately, this development will not affect appointments for COVID-19 vaccine at any NYC Health + Hospitals facility. Our health system has been using the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines exclusively in all our vaccination centers. We have only used the J&J vaccine on a very limited basis for some patients being discharged from the hospital and those in the ambulatory care clinics— and we have now paused that limited operation.

Continuing our COVID-19 vaccination efforts remains an urgent priority for protecting New Yorkers. NYC Health + Hospitals will continue to administer the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to beat back the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Click here to view the CDC Health Alert.](#)

Vaccine Resources

- Live webinar, vaccine update and Q&A: [Watch video here](#)
- Appointment hotline for the public: [877-VAX-4NYC](tel:877-VAX-4NYC)
- To find other vaccination sites in NYC and across NY:
<https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/locations> or
<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>
- City's [Vaccine Finder](#)

