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Sarpy/Cass Health Department to Pause Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

PAPILLION: The Sarpy/Cass Health Department is pausing distribution administration of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, following CDC and FDA recommendations.

On Tuesday, April 13th, CDC and FDA released a joint statement recommending a pause on Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccinations nationwide while more investigation is completed after six recipients in the United States developed a rare disorder involving blood clots within about two weeks of vaccination.

Vaccine safety is closely monitored by healthcare providers and local, state, and federal partners. While only six instances of this severe clotting event have been identified among approximately 6.8 million who have received the J & J/Janssen vaccine across the US, the pause is a transparent and deliberate decision to allow time for a thorough review and investigation.

According to the CDC people who have received the J & J/Janssen vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider. Health care providers are asked to report adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS, <https://vaers.hhs.gov>).

Please note that at this time there are no recommendations to pause the use of the other two vaccines, Pfizer and Moderna. The SCHED will continue to hold Pfizer clinics throughout the jurisdiction.

For more information, see the official FDA-CDC release:
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/joint-cdc-and-fda-statement-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine>

For more information about COVID-19 please visit www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org or <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus> or call 211.

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