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SCPH to Resume Johnson & Johnson Vaccine at Saturday May 1st Clinic

[Akron, OH] –Summit County Public Health announced it will resume use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine this Saturday May 1, 2021 at the Summit County Fairgrounds. The decision was made following the [announcement](#) late Friday by the FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that it has studied and confirmed the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine is recommended for people 18 years of age and older, and that the pause on its use since April 13 can be lifted.

Summit County residents age 18 and older can sign up starting Tuesday April 27th for the Saturday clinic that will offer the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Appointments are available through gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov

Health Commissioner Donna Skoda said that while the disruption was unfortunate, from a public health perspective the actions taken to pause and study were completely appropriate. “This is public health at work. We have a responsibility to make sure the science is sound, so that people have confidence in the J & J, and all vaccines,” said Skoda.

The CDC announced the pause after reports of a small number of people experiencing adverse reactions involving a rare and severe type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST). This type of blood clot is found in the blood vessels that drain blood from the brain and is combined with low platelets. Platelets help blood clot and stop bleeding. The problems were found up to 2 weeks after vaccination.

Ohio joined most other states in pausing use of the vaccine on the recommendation of the CDC. Federal health officials announced the temporary halt to allow the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices time to review [additional data](#) about reported side effects. Nearly 8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine have been administered in the U.S.

Skoda said that health care providers have been given information and guidance about the potential blood clotting symptoms and appropriate medical treatment. Updated clinician guidance will continue to be provided.





Although the [side effects](#) of concern are extremely rare, the FDA and CDC recommend that people who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain or shortness of breath within three weeks of receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should immediately contact their health care provider.

Read the CDC News Release: [FDA and CDC Lift Recommended Pause on Johnson & Johnson \(Janssen\) COVID-19 Vaccine Use Following Thorough Safety Review](#)

Even after vaccination we ask that you continue to engage in safe and effective behaviors to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home if you're sick, even with mild symptoms
- Be mindful in your interactions with others. Limit your chances of exposure by maintaining social distancing of at least six feet from non-household members
- Wear a mask in public
- Consider necessary travel only
- Follow good hygiene standards:
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer frequently
- Avoid touching your face
- Cover coughs and sneezes

If you have questions, call the COVID-19 Call Line (330) 926-5795. The call line is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M-F.

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