Janssen
COVID-19 Vaccine
Fact Sheet

The Janssen COVID-19 vaccine prevents severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. On February 27, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Janssen vaccine. The emergency use authorization allows the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine to be distributed in the U.S. for the use in individuals 18 years of age and older.

**Janssen Vaccine and How it Works:**
- In clinical trials in the United States, the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine demonstrated 85% efficacy in preventing severe COVID-19 disease and 93% efficacy in preventing COVID-19 associated hospitalizations 14 days or more after vaccination.
- Clinical trials showed no difference in efficacy based on race or ethnicity.
- One shot is administered.
- At this time, there is not enough data for scientists to determine if the Janssen vaccine can prevent the transmission of COVID-19 between people, only that it prevents you from getting sick.
- Janssen is a viral vector vaccine, which uses a harmless version of a different virus, called a “vector,” to deliver information to the body that helps it protect you. It does so by stimulating an immune response.
- The vaccine does not contain the virus that causes COVID-19 and cannot give you COVID-19.

**Janssen Vaccine Possible Side Effects:**
- Most common side effects include, injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, and fever.
- In clinical trials, side effects were common within 7 days of getting vaccinated but most were mild and resolved within a few days.
- Side effects are a sign the immune system is kicking into gear. They do not signal the vaccine is unsafe. To date there are no serious or long-term side effects associated with receipt of the Janssen vaccine. VA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are closely monitoring side effects as more people use the Janssen vaccine.
- VA is taking precautions to ensure those with a history of a severe allergic reaction to the ingredients in the Janssen vaccine do not receive the vaccine. VA is also ensuring that VA clinicians are fully prepared to respond to a severe allergic reaction post vaccination.

**Keep Our Communities Safe:**
Continue to take action by practicing the 3 W's: Wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

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