CDC COCA Call: What Clinicians Need to Know About Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

Tuesday, March 2, 2021: 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET

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This COCA Call will give clinicians an overview of the J&J Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. Clinicians will learn about vaccine characteristics and administration, vaccinating special populations, and contraindications. They will also get answers to a number of clinical questions CDC has received about this new vaccine.

If you are unable to attend the live COCA Call, the recording will be available for viewing on the COCA Call webpage a few hours after the live event ends. The slide set will be available on the day of the call under "Call Materials" on the COCA Call webpage.

Advanced registration is not required.

Louisiana Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine on Saturday, February 27, 2021.

- FDA Emergency Use Authorization Letter
- EUA Fact Sheet and Full EUA Prescribing Information for Vaccination Providers
- EUA Fact Sheet for Vaccine Recipients & Caregivers

Call Details

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With the Office of Public Health (OPH) leadership’s approval, the Immunization (IZ) Program ordered the state’s full allocation of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) Covid-19 Vaccine on Sunday, February 28, 2021.

During the initial distribution, Johnson & Johnson will ship a limited weekly supply for the next few weeks until the manufacturing cycle steadies. Louisiana State allocations for the Janssen vaccine is **37,900 doses per week**.

Vaccine allocation will follow the planning amounts given last week. **Vaccines have been ordered for direct shipment to each regional office** for OPH staff to manage inventory, storage, and handling. Ancillary supply kits may arrive on pallets and may require sorting.

**Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Overview**

**Age Indication:** 18 year or older  
**Route:** Intramuscular

**Dose:** 0.5 mL  
**Dose preparation:** Single dose; 5 doses per vial

**Storing Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine**

**Refrigerator**

- 2°C to 8°C | 36°F to 46°F
  - Unopened vial: Up to 3 months in the refrigerator at this temperature – Louisiana guidelines state the goal should be to administer any allocated vaccine within 14 days.
  - Punctured vial: Up to 6 hours
  - **Do not store frozen.**

**Room Temperature**

- 9° to 25°C | 47° to 77°F
  - Unopened vial: Up to 12 hours
  - Punctured vial: Up to 2 hours | Maximum 25°C/77°F

**Thawing Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Vials**

**Refrigerator**

- 2°C to 8°C | 36°F to 46°F
  - Keep in refrigerator until thawed (slower process).

**Room Temperature**

- 9° to 25°C | 47° to 77°F
  - For immediate use,
    - A carton of 10 vials will take approximately 2 hours to thaw.
    - An individual vial will take approximately 1 hour to thaw.

**Side Effects for the Janssen Vaccine**

Side effects that have been reported with the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- Injection site reactions: pain, redness of the skin, and swelling
- General side effects: headache, feeling very tired, muscle aches, nausea, and fever
There is a remote chance that the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of your face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

These may not be all the possible side effects of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. Serious and unexpected effects may occur. The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is still being studied in clinical trials.