



Health Alert Network Message 21-20: Updates Regarding Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

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

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 [Emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls](https://www.emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls)

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

 janssencovid19vaccine.com

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.