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Janssen (J&J) vaccination clinics on pause!

Per recommendation of the FDA, CDC, and Iowa Department of Public Health, ALL Janssen (J&J) Covid-19 vaccinations scheduled in Winneshiek County have been paused at this time.

- This pause is appropriate and proof the national monitoring of COVID-19 vaccine is working well.
- Instances of blood clots are rare, but serious situation and considered low risk.
- Additional study will provide answers and guidance.
- The adverse situations involved 6 females ages 18-48; the sign/symptoms most commonly appear within the first three weeks.
- After one month the chance of having a reaction is extremely low.
- No severe reactions have been reported among those who have received Johnson & Johnson vaccine from Winneshiek County Public Health.
- We will store doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine still on hand at our locations and wait for guidance from the CDC and FDA.
- If you have received the J&J COVID-19 vaccine and develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination, contact your healthcare provider, or seek medical care.
- Report adverse events following receipt of any COVID-19 vaccine to VAERS (vaccine adverse event reporting system) at 1-800-822-7967, or your health care provider or Public Health.
- There has not been any notification from the CDC of preventative or prophylactic actions to be taken by those who have previously received the vaccine at this time.

The medical community has been alerted to be aware of potential issues and treatment. If problems do arise, contact your medical provider and be sure to share information regarding your vaccination status.

Just a reminder that the adverse reactions associated with vaccinations is extremely low risk and the CDC and IDPH as well as local health providers are still strongly recommending that persons receive a vaccination.

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