#### **FACT SHEET FOR RECIPIENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

# EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is authorized for use in individuals 18 years of age and older for whom other FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines are not accessible or clinically appropriate, and for individuals 18 years of age and older who elect to receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine because they would otherwise not receive a COVID-19 vaccine. The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine can cause blood clots with low levels of platelets (blood cells that help your body stop bleeding), which may be fatal.

You are being offered the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2 because there is currently a pandemic of COVID-19.

This Fact Sheet contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of receiving the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine.

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine may prevent you from getting COVID-19.

Read this Fact Sheet for information about the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. Talk to the vaccination provider if you have questions.

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine has received EUA from FDA to provide the following doses in individuals 18 years of age and older for whom other FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines are not accessible or clinically appropriate, and in individuals 18 years of age and older who elect to receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine because they would otherwise not receive a COVID-19 vaccine:

- A single dose primary vaccination.
- A first booster dose after completing primary vaccination with an authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect everyone.

This Fact Sheet may have been updated. For the most recent Fact Sheet, please visit www.janssencovid19vaccine.com.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GET THIS VACCINE

#### WHAT IS COVID-19?

COVID-19 is caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. This type of coronavirus has not been seen before. You can get COVID-19 through contact with another person who has the virus. It is predominantly a respiratory illness that can affect other organs. People with COVID-19 have had

a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Common symptoms may include: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

#### WHAT IS THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine that may prevent COVID-19.

Under an EUA, the FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older for whom other FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines are not accessible or clinically appropriate, and in individuals 18 years of age and older who elect to receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine because they would otherwise not receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information on EUA, see the "What is an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)?" section at the end of this Fact Sheet.

# WHAT SHOULD YOU MENTION TO YOUR VACCINATION PROVIDER BEFORE YOU GET THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

Tell the vaccination provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have any allergies,
- have a fever,
- have a bleeding disorder or are on a blood thinner,
- have ever had a low level of platelets (blood cells that help your body stop bleeding),
- have had myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) or pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart)
- are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system,
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant,
- are breastfeeding,
- have received another COVID-19 vaccine,
- have ever fainted in association with an injection.

#### WHO SHOULD GET THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 18 years of age and older for whom other FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines are not accessible or clinically appropriate, and in individuals 18 years of age and older who elect to

receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine because they would otherwise not receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

#### WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

You should not get the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine if you:

- had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine.
- had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine.
- had a blood clot along with a low level of platelets (blood cells that help your body stop bleeding) following Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine or following AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine (not authorized or approved in the United States).

#### WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine includes the following ingredients: recombinant, replication-incompetent adenovirus type 26 expressing the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, citric acid monohydrate, trisodium citrate dihydrate, ethanol, 2-hydroxypropyl-β-cyclodextrin (HBCD), polysorbate-80, sodium chloride.

#### **HOW IS THE JANSSEN COVID -19 VACCINE GIVEN?**

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine will be given to you as an injection into the muscle.

#### **Primary Vaccination**

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a single dose.

#### **Booster Dose**

A first booster dose of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered at least 2 months after completion of primary vaccination with an authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.

#### HAS THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE BEEN USED BEFORE?

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine. In clinical trials, more than 61,000 individuals 18 years of age and older have received the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. Millions of individuals have received the vaccine under EUA since February 27, 2021.

#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine has been shown to prevent COVID-19. The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

#### Severe Allergic Reactions

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. For this reason, your vaccination provider may ask you to stay at the place where you received your vaccine for monitoring after vaccination. 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.

#### Blood Clots with Low Levels of Platelets

Blood clots involving blood vessels in the brain, lungs, abdomen, and legs along with low levels of platelets (blood cells that help your body stop bleeding), have occurred in some people who have received the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. In people who developed these blood clots and low levels of platelets, symptoms began approximately one to two weeks after vaccination. Blood clots with low levels of platelets following the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine have been reported in males and females, across a wide age range of individuals 18 years and older; reporting has been highest in females ages 30 through 49 years (about 8 cases for every 1,000,000 vaccine doses administered), and about 1 out of every 7 cases has been fatal. You should seek medical attention right away if you have any of the following symptoms after receiving the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Shortness of breath,
- Chest pain,
- Leg swelling,
- Persistent abdominal pain,
- Severe or persistent headaches or blurred vision,
- Easy bruising or tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the site of the injection.

#### Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP)

Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP) is a disorder that can cause easy or excessive bruising and bleeding due to very low levels of platelets. ITP has occurred in some people who have received the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. In most of these people, symptoms began within 42 days following receipt of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. The chance of having this occur is very low. If you have ever had a diagnosis of ITP, talk to your vaccination provider before you get the Janssen COVID-19

Vaccine. You should seek medical attention right away if you develop any of the following symptoms after receiving the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Easy or excessive bruising or tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the site of the injection,
- Unusual or excessive bleeding.

#### Guillain Barré Syndrome

Guillain Barré syndrome (a neurological disorder in which the body's immune system damages nerve cells, causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis) has occurred in some people who have received the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. In most of these people, symptoms began within 42 days following receipt of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. The chance of having this occur is very low. You should seek medical attention right away if you develop any of the following symptoms after receiving the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Weakness or tingling sensations, especially in the legs or arms, that's worsening and spreading to other parts of the body.
- Difficulty walking.
- Difficulty with facial movements, including speaking, chewing, or swallowing.
- Double vision or inability to move eyes.
- Difficulty with bladder control or bowel function.

#### Myocarditis and Pericarditis

Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) and pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart) have occurred in some people who have received the vaccine. In most of these people, symptoms began within 8 days following vaccination. The chance of having this occur is very low. You should seek medical attention right away if you have any of the following symptoms after receiving the vaccine:

- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Feelings of having a fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart

#### Other Side Effects

Other 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.

- Swollen lymph nodes.
- Blood clots.
- Unusual feeling in the skin (such as tingling or a crawling feeling) (paresthesia), decreased feeling or sensitivity, especially in the skin (hypoesthesia).
- Persistent ringing in the ears (tinnitus).
- Diarrhea, vomiting.
- Weakness or paralysis of the muscles of the face, usually on one side (facial palsy or Bell's Palsy).

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.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?

If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital.

Call the vaccination provider or your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

Report vaccine side effects to **FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)**. The VAERS toll-free number is 1-800-822-7967 or report online to https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html. Please include "Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine EUA" in the first line of box #18 of the report form.

In addition, you can report side effects to Janssen Biotech, Inc. at the contact information provided below.

| e-mail                   | Fax number   | Telephone numbers            |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| JNJvaccineAE@its.jnj.com | 215-293-9955 | US Toll Free: 1-800-565-4008 |
|                          |              | US Toll: (908) 455-9922      |

You may also be given an option to enroll in **v-safe**. **V-safe** is a voluntary smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with people who have been vaccinated to identify potential side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. **V-safe** asks questions that help CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. **V-safe** also provides live telephone follow-up by CDC if participants report a significant health impact following COVID-19 vaccination. For more information on how to sign up, visit: www.cdc.gov/vsafe.

#### WHAT IF I DECIDE NOT TO GET THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

Under the EUA, there is an option to accept or refuse receiving the vaccine. Should you decide not to receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, it will not change your standard medical care.

# ARE OTHER VACCINES AVAILABLE FOR PREVENTING COVID-19 BESIDES JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

For primary vaccination, other choices for preventing COVID-19 include the FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines COMIRNATY (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) and SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA). Other vaccines to prevent COVID-19 may be available under EUA, including bivalent vaccines that contain an Omicron component of SARS-CoV-2.

# CAN I RECEIVE THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER VACCINES?

Data have not yet been submitted to FDA on administration of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine at the same time as other vaccines. If you are considering receiving the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine with other vaccines, discuss your options with your healthcare provider.

#### WHAT IF I AM PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING?

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, discuss your options with your healthcare provider.

#### WILL THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19?

No. The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19.

#### KEEP YOUR VACCINATION CARD

When you receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, you will get a vaccination card to document the name of the vaccine and date of when you received the vaccine.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions or to access the most recent Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheets, scan the QR code using your device, visit the website or call the telephone numbers provided below.

| QR Code                                       | Fact Sheets Website            | Telephone numbers                                       |
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#### **HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?**

- Ask the vaccination provider.
- Visit CDC at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

• Visit FDA at https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization.

Contact your local or state public health department.

#### WHERE WILL MY VACCINATION INFORMATION BE RECORDED?

The vaccination provider may include your vaccination information in your state/local jurisdiction's Immunization Information System (IIS) or other designated system. For more information about IISs visit: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/about.html.

# CAN I BE CHARGED AN ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR RECEIPT OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

No. At this time, the provider cannot charge you for a vaccine dose and you cannot be charged an out-of-pocket vaccine administration fee or any other fee if only receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. However, vaccination providers may seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or plan that covers COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for the vaccine recipient (private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program for non-insured recipients).

#### WHERE CAN I REPORT CASES OF SUSPECTED FRAUD?

Individuals becoming aware of any potential violations of the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program requirements are encouraged to report them to the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at 1-800-HHS-TIPS or TIPS.HHS.GOV.

#### WHAT IS THE COUNTERMEASURE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM?

The Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) is a federal program that may help pay for costs of medical care and other specific expenses for certain people who have been seriously injured by certain medicines or vaccines, including this vaccine. Generally, a claim must be submitted to the CICP within one (1) year from the date of receiving the vaccine. To learn more about this program, visit www.hrsa.gov/cicp or call 1-855-266-2427.

#### WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA)?

An EUA is a mechanism to facilitate the availability and use of medical products, including vaccines, during public health emergencies, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. An EUA is supported by a Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declaration that circumstances exist to justify the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic. A product authorized for emergency use has not undergone the same type of review by FDA as an FDA-approved product.

FDA may issue an EUA when certain criteria are met, which includes that there are no adequate, approved, and available alternatives. In addition, the FDA decision is based on the totality of the scientific evidence available showing that the product may be effective to prevent COVID-19

during the COVID-19 pandemic and that the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product. All of these criteria must be met to allow for the product to be used during the COVID-19 pandemic.

An EUA is in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 EUA declaration justifying emergency use of this product, unless terminated or revoked (after which the product may no longer be used).

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### What is v-safe?

**V-safe** is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Through **v-safe**, you can quickly tell CDC if you have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on your answers, someone from CDC may call to check on you. And **v-safe** will remind you to get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you need one.

Your participation in CDC's *v-safe* makes a difference—it helps keep COVID-19 vaccines safe.

### How can I participate?

Once you get a COVID-19 vaccine, you can enroll in *v-safe* using your smartphone. Participation is voluntary and you can opt out at any time. You will receive text messages from *v-safe* around 2pm local time. To opt out, simply text "STOP" when *v-safe* sends you a text message. You can also start *v-safe* again by texting "START."

### How long do v-safe check-ins last?

During the first week after you get your vaccine, **v-safe** will send you a text message each day to ask how you are doing. Then you will get check-in messages once a week for up to 5 weeks. The questions **v-safe** asks should take less than 5 minutes to answer. If you need a second dose of vaccine, **v-safe** will provide a new 6-week check-in process so you can share your second-dose vaccine experience as well. You'll also receive check-ins 3, 6, and 12 months after your final dose of vaccine.

### Is my health information safe?

Yes. Your personal information in *v-safe* is protected so that it stays confidential and private.\*

\*To the extent **v-safe** uses existing information systems managed by CDC, FDA, and other federal agencies, the systems employ strict security measures appropriate for the data's level of sensitivity. These measures comply, where applicable, with the following federal laws, including the Privacy Act of 1974; standards enacted that are consistent with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA); the Federal Information Security Management Act, and the Freedom of Information Act.



Use your smartphone to tell CDC about any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You'll also get reminders if you need a second vaccine dose.



Sign up with your smartphone's browser at

vsafe.cdc.gov

**OR** 

Aim your smartphone's camera at this code

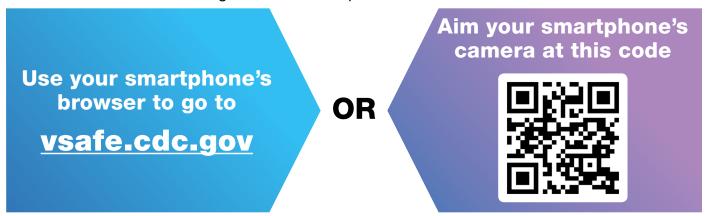


## How to register and use v-safe

You will need your smartphone and information about the COVID-19 vaccine you received. This information can be found on your vaccination record card; if you cannot find your card, please contact your healthcare provider.

## Register

**1.** Go to the *v***-safe** website using one of the two options below:



- 2. Read the instructions. Click **Get Started**.
- Enter your name, mobile number, and other requested information. Click Register.
- 4. You will receive a text message with a verification code on your smartphone. Enter the code in **v-safe** and click **Verify**.
- 5. At the top of the screen, click Enter your COVID-19 vaccine information.
- 6. Select which COVID-19 vaccine you received (found on your vaccination record card; if you cannot find your card, please contact your healthcare provider). Then enter the date you were vaccinated. Click Next.
- 7. Review your vaccine information. If correct, click **Submit**. If not, click **Go Back**.
- 8. Congrats! You're all set! If you complete your registration before 2pm local time, *v-safe* will start your initial health check-in around 2pm that day. If you register after 2pm, *v-safe* will start your initial health check-in immediately after you register—just follow the instructions.

You will receive a reminder text message from *v***-safe** when it's time for the next check-in—around 2pm local time. Just click the link in the text message to start the check-in.

# Complete a v-safe health check-in

- 1. When you receive a *v-safe* check-in text message on your smartphone, click the link when ready.
- 2. Follow the instructions to complete the check-in.

### **Troubleshooting**

# How can I come back and finish a check-in later if I'm interrupted?

 Click the link in the text message reminder to restart and complete your check-in.

# How do I update my vaccine information after my second COVID-19 vaccine dose?

 V-safe will automatically ask you to update your second dose information. Just follow the instructions.

#### Need help with v-safe?

Call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY 888-232-6348 Open 24 hours, 7 days a week Visit www.cdc.gov/vsafe





#### Immunization Registry Notice to Patients and Parents

Immunizations or 'shots' prevent serious diseases. Tuberculosis (TB) screening tests help to determine if you may have TB infection and can be required for school or work. Keeping track of shots/TB tests you have received can be hard. It's especially hard if more than one doctor gave them. Today, doctors use a secure computer system called an *immunization registry* to keep track of shots and TB tests. If you change doctors, your new doctor can use the registry to see the shot/TB test record. It's your right to choose if you want shot/TB test records shared in the *California Immunization Registry*.

#### How Does a Registry Help You?

- Keeps track of all shots and TB tests (skin tests/chest x-rays), so you don't miss any or get too many
- Sends reminders when you or your child need shots
- Gives you a copy of the shot/TB record from the doctor
- Can show proof about shots/TB tests needed to start child care, school, or a new job

#### How Does a Registry Help Your Health Care Team?

Doctors, nurses, health plans, and public health agencies use the registry to:

- See which shots/TB tests are needed
- Prevent disease in your community

Remind you about shots needed

Help with record-keeping

#### Can Schools or Other Programs See the Registry?

Yes, but this is limited. Schools, child care, and other agencies allowed under California law may:

- See which shots/TB tests children in their programs need
- Make sure children have all shots/TB tests needed to start child care or school

#### What Information Can Be Shared in a Registry?

- patient's name, sex, and birth date
- parents' or guardians' names

- limited information to identify patients
- details about a patient's shots/TB tests

What's entered in the registry is treated like other private medical information. Misuse of the registry can be punished by law. Under California law, only your doctor's office, health plan, or public health department may see your address and phone number.

#### Patient and Parent Rights

It's your legal right to ask:

- not to share your (or your child's) registry shot/TB test records with others besides your doctor\*
- not to get shot appointment reminders from your doctor's office
- to look at a copy of your or your child's shot/TB test records
- who has seen the records or to have the doctor change any mistakes

If you DO want your or your child's records in the registry, do nothing. You're all done.

If you DO NOT want your doctor's office to share your immunization/TB test information with other registry users, tell your doctor or download a "*Decline or Start Sharing/Information Request Form*" from the CAIR website (http://cairweb.org/cair-forms/) and FAX or email it to the CAIR Help Desk at 1-888-436-8320 or CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov.

For more information, contact the CAIR Help Desk at 800-578-7889 or CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov

<sup>\*</sup> By law, public health officials can also look at the registry in the case of a public health emergency.