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Glenn County COVID-19 Update

California will be following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommendation to pause the use of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine out of an abundance of caution after six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the Janssen vaccine; and in order to prepare the health care system to recognize and treat patients appropriately, to report severe events they may be seeing in people who have received the Janssen vaccine.

Right now, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare. People who got the vaccine more than a month ago, the risk to them is very low at this time. People who recently got the vaccine (within the last few weeks), should contact their healthcare provider and seek medical treatment if they develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath.

What we know:

As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine have been administered in the U.S. The CDC and FDA are reviewing data involving the six reported U.S. cases. In these cases, a type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) was seen in combination with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia). All six cases occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. No cases have been reported in California.

Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics should continue:

These events are not being seen with the other two vaccines available, Moderna and Pfizer. People who have vaccine appointments with these two vaccines should continue with their appointment.

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What's next:

The CDC has released a health alert, <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/pdf/CDC-HAN-00442.pdf>. Additional information and recommendations from the CDC and FDA will follow. In addition, the California Department of Public Health will also urgently convene its Western States Scientific Advisory Committee to discuss the matter.

For more information, Glenn County Public Health Department can be contacted Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 530-934-6588 or COVID@countyofglenn.net or visit www.countyofglenn.net/COVID19

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