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Iowa County Health Department Pausing Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Administration

Iowa County – This morning, the [CDC and FDA recommended pausing](#) use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, after six reported cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The Iowa County Health Department is following this recommendation until further information is provided.

These adverse events appear to be extremely rare and are currently only documented in six cases out of about 6.8 million vaccines given, but the pause shows how seriously vaccine safety is taken.

We encourage everyone who gets a vaccine to use [V-safe](#), the after vaccination health tracker that tells the CDC about vaccine side-effects.

Out of an abundance of caution, anyone who has received the J&J vaccine should monitor for the following symptoms for 3 weeks after receiving the vaccine: severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain or shortness of breath. If people have symptoms or health problems that are of concern at any time following COVID-19 vaccination, they should contact a healthcare provider.

Again, it's important to point out that these adverse events appear to be extremely rare.

The Iowa County Health Department has reached out to those scheduled for a J&J vaccine at our Thursday clinic to offer the Moderna vaccine (at your same appointment time). If you have questions or have not spoken to an ICHD representative, please call the ICHD at 608.930.9870

Important Sources of Information

- **Wisconsin Department of Health Services** <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>
- **Iowa County website.** <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>
- **Upland Hills Health** <https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19/>
- **CDC** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **211 Wisconsin** Simply call 211 from your phone <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>

Social Media sites:

Iowa County Public Health on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/iowacountyhealthdepartment/>

Upland Hills Health on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/UplandHillsHealthHospital/>

Iowa County Emergency Management on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ICEMWI>

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