

COVID-19

JANSSEN VACCINE UPDATE



On February 27, 2021, Johnson and Johnson's "Janssen" vaccine received an emergency use authorization (EUA) from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to make their vaccine available to the public. On the same day, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to recommend the Janssen vaccine for adults, age 18 years and older. An EUA is used to approve a product for use during a public health emergency. It is based on less information than a full FDA approval but with enough data to say the benefits outweigh the risks.

Approval of this vaccine will significantly increase the supply of available COVID-19 vaccines for the American public with about an additional 100 million doses available by the end of June 2021.

While you are waiting for a COVID-19 vaccine, please continue to follow public safety guidelines, including physical distancing, frequent hand washing, limiting group gatherings, restricting nonessential travel, and wearing a face covering.

#CovidVaccineSavesLives
#StayHomeSaveLives

California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.
COVID-19 Resources:
<https://crihb.org/prevention-and-education/public-health/>



The Janssen vaccine is a viral vector type of vaccine. This type of vaccine uses a modified version of a different virus, or vector, to send instructions to our cells, in the form of genetic material, to make a spike protein. This spike protein then triggers the production of antibodies. This vaccine does not use the SARS CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19. Viral vectors cannot cause infection with COVID-19. In addition, they do not integrate into our DNA in any way.

- This vaccine is a **single dose** vaccine. You will need one vaccination in order to be fully protected.
- It has been shown to be about **70 - 80% effective** against mild to severe COVID-19 cases.
- It is recommended for adults, age 18 years and older, regardless of race or ethnicity. For more information, visit: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/janssen-covid-19-vaccine>

The Moderna, Pfizer, and Janssen vaccines have mild and temporary side effects, including pain at the injection site, headache, fever, fatigue, chills, and muscle and joint pain. Individuals with severe allergic reactions to other vaccines should consult their doctor in case they may be allergic to a component of the vaccine. They should be observed for 30 minutes following injection rather than the usual 15 minutes. Individuals who carry an EpiPen for their allergies should bring it to their appointment. CDC notes that women who are pregnant or breastfeeding can be presented the option to vaccinate, but first talk to your health care practitioner if you have any concerns about whether you should receive it.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, go to: <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

A COVID-19 VACCINE IS NEEDED TO CONTROL THE PANDEMIC