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## CLEAR CREEK COUNTY'S JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINATION CLINICS TEMPORARILY CANCELLED

Out of an abundance of caution and following the recommendations of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CD) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Clear Creek County Public Health is temporarily cancelling its Johnson and Johnson / Janssen COVID-19 vaccination clinics scheduled for this week on April 13 and 14.

"We are following CDPHE's guidance and putting a mandatory pause on our Johnson and Johnson clinics while additional analyses are conducted on the causes of the adverse reactions," explains Dr. Timothy Ryan, the County's Public Health Director. "The adverse reactions are rare, six individuals among the seven million, and occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48. We need to know more before continuing to administer this vaccine and will wait for additional public health guidance." County Public Health will continue to follow proper storage procedures for its supply of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine and keep the community informed about future vaccine clinics.

According to CDPHE, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will hold an emergency meeting Wednesday, April 14, to further review the cases and assess their potential significance, and the FDA will continue to investigate. The state will share additional information on how this affects Coloradans as soon as it becomes available.

The adverse events appear to be extremely rare. Individuals who received the Johnson & Johnson / Janssen vaccine more than a month ago are at very low risk of serious side effects. Anyone who received the Johnson & Johnson / Janssen vaccine within the last three weeks and who develops severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath should contact their health care provider. These symptoms are different from the flu-like symptoms people may experience after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Reports County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Olivia Watson, "We have contacted those who had scheduled Johnson and Johnson appointments and will re-schedule them as soon as possible. We will conduct our clinic for second-doses of Moderna as scheduled."

For more information on Clear Creek County vaccinations, testing, monthly Virtual Town Halls and other local COVID-19 resources, please visit our website-- [www.clearcreekcounty.us/covid19](http://www.clearcreekcounty.us/covid19)

View the full joint CDC and FDA announcement here: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/joint-cdc-and-fda-statement-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine>



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