

Fact Sheet | Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Pause

- Out of nearly 7 million doses administered across the country so far, there have been six identified cases of a rare blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST).
- All confirmed cases have been found in women between the ages of 18 and 48, with the clots occurring about 1 to 3 weeks after receipt of the vaccine.
- In all confirmed cases, the clots were seen in combination with low levels of blood platelets, a condition known as thrombocytopenia.
- The pause in administering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine gives the CDC and FDA the opportunity to investigate these rare events and determine next steps in continued vaccine administration.
- Symptoms of CVST include the following:
 - Severe and persistent headache
 - Blurred vision
 - Fainting or loss of consciousness
 - Loss of control over movement in part of the body
 - Seizures
 - Coma
- If you or a loved one experience unusually persistent or severe headache, blurry vision, fainting, losing control of a part of your body, leg pain, and seizures, especially if they occur in combination with thrombocytopenia and/or immediate medical distress, please dial 911 or arrange transportation to an Urgent Care or Emergency Department.
- Please note that according to current data there is an extremely low likelihood of developing a blood clot due to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, especially in comparison to other risk factors like smoking, some forms of birth control, and contracting COVID-19 itself.
- At this time, Southcoast has suspended all Johnson & Johnson clinics until further notice as recommended by the CDC and FDA. We will be reaching out to those patients scheduled to receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine as necessary to cancel and set up new appointments with a different vaccine.
- Administration of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will continue as allocated supply is available.