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## Connecticut Department of Public Health

Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

This bulletin is sent to key contacts at provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccine. Please share it with others in your organization who may benefit from the update. Note that all of our communications are archived on our [web site](#).

This bulletin contains a few important reminders and then a deep-dive on the Janssen (J&J) vaccine.

### Important reminders

- All providers are expected to schedule second dose appointments at the time of the first dose appointment. This will be formalized in a policy document that will be issued soon. In addition, all providers should use the CT WiZ Reminder Recall feature or other approach to ensuring individuals complete the course of vaccine on schedule.
- The Federal Government has recently signaled that there may be some J&J vaccine available this week for ordering. Providers who want J&J should include this in their order forms this week.
- As a reminder, orders are due at noon today. Please include mention of outstanding education & childcare clinics in your order form (there is a dedicated field for this)
- The [Phase 1b poster in now available in Spanish](#)—more translations to come.
- Ensure that your clinic is protecting against temperature excursions: Always store Moderna vaccines frozen (in the freezer) until the date of clinic
- Report temperature excursions to the [Helpdesk](#) by submitting a ticket. Staff will be notified in real time of the excursion and will assist you. Please store vaccines in the storage unit in a paper bag marked "do not use" until a determination about the viability of the vaccine has been made, in consultation with the manufacturer and the Immunization Program.
- Please maintain a wait list of eligible individuals in case vaccine becomes available that must be used within a narrow timeframe.
- Please consider posting the CDC one pager, [What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#) at your clinics.

## **Janssen Vaccine**

**Join this Wednesday's Weekly CoVP Update for a special presentation on the JnJ vaccine**

Presenter: Kyana D. Stewart, MS, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP

**Wednesday 03/10/2021 9-10am**

[Click here to join the meeting](#) (click the link to join the live session)

**Or call in (audio only)**

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Phone Conference ID: 728 392 236#

The Janssen vaccine [standing order template](#) is now available, as are the clinical considerations. [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#)

Summary of recent changes (last updated March 3, 2021):

- Clinical considerations added for use of Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine.
- Updated recommendations for fully vaccinated people who subsequently develop COVID-19.
- Updated recommendations related to COVID-19 vaccination timing for immunocompromised people.
- Updated contraindications and precautions to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.
- Updated information on interpretation of SARS-CoV-2 antibody test results after vaccination.

### **Key points**

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has issued interim recommendations for the use of [Pfizer-BioNTech](#), [Moderna](#), and [Janssen \(Johnson & Johnson\)](#) COVID-19 vaccines for the prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the United States. These clinical considerations provide additional information to healthcare providers and public health officials on use of COVID-19 vaccines.

[The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Interim Recommendation for Use of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, February 2021](#)

[Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine \(Johnson & Johnson\) Questions](#) (CDC)

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