

# VAXX MATTERS



## WHY VACCINATE?

Ileana - "The vaccination is very important to eradicate this disease. One example is smallpox (known as viruela in Spanish) after successful vaccination campaigns throughout the 19th and 20th centuries was eliminated completely in the world. However, I was scared to get the vaccine, but my parents (85 and 80) and mainly my nephew Josue encouraged me."



Congratulations Ileana and Josue on getting vaccinated

Approximately 264 staff and 143 people supported at CFS have been vaccinated so far and we continue to make appointments.

If you want to share your vaxxies or if you have questions that we might be able to answer for VaxMatters please send to [jcropper2@cfsny.org](mailto:jcropper2@cfsny.org)

We are developing relationships with various vaccination sites throughout NY and NJ. If you are interested in receiving the vaccine contact your direct supervisor and/or the following depending on state or program so that we can reach out to you.

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NY Community & SDS - Linda Schellenberg  
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Pressing Pause on J&J, What you need to know.

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/joint-cdc-and-fda-statement-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine>

As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine have been administered in the U.S. CDC and FDA are reviewing data involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the J&J vaccine.

CDC will convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on Wednesday to further review these cases and assess their potential significance. FDA will review that analysis as it also investigates these cases. Right now, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare. COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for the federal government, and we take all reports of health problems following COVID-19 vaccination very seriously. People who have received the J&J vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider.

### MAKES SENSE. SO, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A CDC advisory committee will review cases, and FDA will review the analysis. This could lead to updated vaccination policies, or better guidance for clinicians on treating patient symptoms.



### #VACCINESWORK TO SAVE LIVES

An estimated 2-3 million deaths are prevented every year.

Vaccines protect against 26 diseases.

And help limit the spread of antibiotic resistance by preventing diseases in the first place.

Increasing immunization globally could save an additional 1.5 million people every year.

World Health Organization



Raffle winner  
**Dora Nowik - SDS**



Don't forget to send in your vaccination card when you get vaccinated to [HRVacstats@cfsny.org](mailto:HRVacstats@cfsny.org) You can be entered into a raffle drawing and win \$100 gift.

### WHY DID THEY RECOMMEND A PAUSE?

U.S. health authorities recommended pausing use of the J&J vaccine when six women under 50 developed rare blood clots after receiving the shot. For context, almost 7 million doses have been administered in the U.S. to date.



### DOES THAT MEAN THE VACCINE IS UNSAFE?

No. On balance, the vaccine is safe for most people and will not cause any severe adverse events. But a pause and data review will give us accurate information on any possible side effects—even very rare ones.



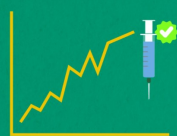
### GOOD NEWS: THE SYSTEM IS WORKING

It's important to be responsive to any safety concern. The FDA and CDC have many systems in place to find, report, and investigate any adverse events—even those that could turn out to be unrelated to the vaccines.



### WILL THIS AFFECT VACCINE CONFIDENCE?

Short term, maybe. But this is about long term confidence in the system. We want a system that looks carefully at unusual events; caution and transparency can increase confidence.



### I GOT THE J&J VACCINE. SHOULD I WORRY?

Not unless you experience side effects like severe headaches, abdominal pain, difficulty breathing or swollen legs 1-3 weeks after being vaccinated. If this occurs, contact a medical provider.



### WHAT SHOULD WE DO IN THE MEANTIME?

Fortunately, multiple vaccines are authorized for use in the U.S., and all of them are highly efficacious. The system is working; get vaccinated when you can.

