

Media Release

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Allen County Public Health Announces Changes to This Week's Vaccination Clinics

Allen County Public Health is cancelling the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccination appointments scheduled for Friday and Saturday at their Mass Clinics held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Earlier today, a joint statement from the Centers for Disease Control and the Food & Drug Administration recommended a pause in use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, citing 6 reported cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot (cerebral venous sinus thrombosis – CVST) in women between the ages of 18 and 48. The symptoms of CVST occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health are also recommending this pause.

ACPH does not have an allotment of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine available this week as a replacement for scheduled first-dose appointments. Individuals affected by this cancellation can make appointments with other providers in our area offering the other available vaccines. A list of all vaccine providers can be found at allencountypublichealth.org.

While these adverse reactions appear to be extremely rare, safety is a top priority and the pause will allow for further study. 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 for guidance.

Individuals that are scheduled to receive a 2nd dose of the Moderna vaccine at ACPH's clinics this week may have their appointment time rescheduled. The medical concern that may be associated with J & J vaccine does not affect the administration of the Moderna vaccine. ACPH is rescheduling those appointments this week to consolidate resources, rather than spread them out over the previously scheduled two days of clinics.

Individuals that have scheduled an appointment for either single-dose Johnson & Johnson or a second dose of Moderna with Allen County Public Health for Friday, April 16th and Saturday, April 17th will be contacted by ACPH staff members regarding their appointment. ACPH does not yet know the affect this pause will have on clinics in future weeks, but we are monitoring the situation closely and will schedule appointments accordingly based on vaccine availability and federal and state guidance. Individuals can contact the ACPH Vaccine scheduling and information line at 419-228-4636 for more information.

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