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Re: **Update on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine**
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News Release: Update on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

On April 13, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended a pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine out of an abundance of caution, which New York State followed.

On April 23, following a thorough safety review, the CDC and FDA lifted the recommended pause on the J&J vaccine and said that the United States can resume use of the vaccine for adults. New York State's independent Clinical Advisory Task Force additionally reviewed the data and also recommended that the use of the J&J vaccine can resume. Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker issued a statement saying, "The data has shown the vaccine's known benefits far outweigh the potential and extremely rare risks." We will continue to communicate regular updates, and we urge anyone with questions about the COVID-19 vaccines to speak with their healthcare provider.

The Allegany County Department of Health will continue to provide updates as they are made available from New York State, the CDC, or the FDA.

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