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Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 Clinics

April 13, 2021- Based on the federal government's recommendation and out of an abundance of caution, the Maryland Department of Health has directed all Maryland COVID-19 vaccine providers to pause the administration of the 1-dose Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccines until further federal guidance is issued.

- **Persons scheduled for an appointment for the April 14th clinic at Kent County Community Center will be contacted to reschedule their appointment for next week, Wednesday, April 21st, with the 2-dose Moderna product.**

- **Additionally, all FEMA clinics scheduled in Warwick this week have been suspended until further notice.**

If you have received the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine, please note that the side effects being investigated are rare; should you have any concerns, please consult with your healthcare provider.

More communications will be provided once available.

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The FDA and CDC statement about the Johnson & Johnson 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. 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. Health care providers are asked to report adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System at https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html.

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