

# Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

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## General Information

**Manufacturer:** Janssen Pharmaceuticals Companies of Johnson & Johnson

**Number of Shots:** 1 shot    **How Given:** Shot in the muscle of the upper arm

**Does NOT Contain:** Eggs, preservatives, latex

## WHO SHOULD GET THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

The FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine in individuals 18 years of age and older.

## WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

You should not get the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine if you had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine listed here: recombinant, replication-incompetent adenovirus type 26 expressing the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, citric acid monohydrate, trisodium citrate dihydrate, ethanol, 2-hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (HBCD), polysorbate-80, sodium chloride.

## WILL THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19?

No. The Janssen COVID-19 vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19.

## POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

*These side effects usually start within a day or two of getting the vaccine and might affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days.*

In the arm where you got the shot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pain</li><li>• Redness</li><li>• Swelling</li></ul>	You may feel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tired</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Muscle pain</li><li>• Chills</li><li>• Fever</li><li>• Nausea</li></ul>
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## HOW WELL THE VACCINE WORKS

- The J&J/Janssen vaccine was 66.3% effective in clinical trials at preventing COVID-19 in people who have not had it before. People had the most protection 2 weeks after getting vaccinated.
- The vaccine is effective at preventing hospitalization and death in people who did get sick. No one who got COVID-19 at least 4 weeks after receiving the J&J/Janssen vaccine had to be hospitalized.
- Early evidence suggests that the J&J/Janssen vaccine might provide protection against asymptomatic infection, which is when a person is infected by the virus that causes COVID-19 but does not get sick.
- The CDC will continue to provide updates as we learn more about how well the J&J/Janssen vaccine works in real-world conditions.

## POTENTIAL ADVERSE REACTIONS

Reports of adverse events following the use of Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine suggest an increased risk of a rare adverse event called thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS). Nearly all reports of this serious condition, which involves blood clots with low platelets, have been in adult women younger than 50 years old. This warning is critical to ensure that women aged <50 years are aware of the increased risk for thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) and that other COVID-19 vaccines are available (i.e., mRNA vaccines).

## WHAT IF I DECIDE NOT TO GET THE JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE?

It is your choice to receive or not receive the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. Should you decide not to receive it, it will not change your standard medical care.

Adapted from CDC.gov: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/janssen.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/janssen.html)