

# FACT SHEET: Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Benefits and Risks



**Understand the risks and benefits of receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, which may prevent you from getting COVID-19. It is your choice to receive this vaccine. Talk to the vaccination provider if you have questions.**

## About this Vaccine

Like all COVID-19 vaccines, this vaccine has been authorized by the FDA for emergency use given the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic. This vaccine is a single dose injected into the muscle.

## Before Getting the Vaccine

Tell the vaccination provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have any allergies
- have a fever
- have a bleeding disorder or are on a blood thinner
- are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system
- are pregnant, breastfeeding, or plan to become pregnant
- have received another COVID-19 vaccine

## You Should Not Get this Vaccine if:

You had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine: 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.

## Benefits of this Vaccine

In an ongoing clinical trial, this vaccine has been shown to prevent illness, hospitalization or death from COVID-19 following a single dose. The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.

## Risks Associated with this Vaccine

- **General Side Effects:** Side effects reported with this vaccine include injection site reactions and headache, feeling very tired, muscle aches, nausea, and fever.
- **Severe Allergic Reaction:** There is a remote chance the vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction (difficulty breathing, swelling of face and throat, fast heartbeat, bad rash all over your body, dizziness, weakness), which would usually occur a few minutes to one hour after getting the dose.
- **Blood Clots:** Blood clots involving blood vessels in the brain, abdomen, and legs; along with low levels of blood cells that help your body stop bleeding, have occurred rarely in some people who have received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. In people who developed these blood clots, symptoms began approximately 1–2 weeks after vaccination and most were women under 50 years of age. You should seek medical attention right away if you have any of the following symptoms several days after receiving the vaccine: shortness of breath, chest pain, leg swelling, persistent abdominal pain, severe headaches or blurred vision, easy bruising or tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the site of the injection.

## If you Experience Side Effects

If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital. Call the vaccination provider or your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

## Other Options to Prevent COVID-19

It is your choice to receive this vaccine and not getting it will not change your standard medical care. Other vaccines to prevent COVID-19 are available.

## More Information

Visit [www.janssencovid19vaccine.com](http://www.janssencovid19vaccine.com) or [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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