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Possible risks of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine

On April 23, 2021, the U.S. FDA and CDC resumed the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 one-dose shot. This is also known as the J&J or Janssen shot. Here is information about the possible risk of a blood clot. You may decide to get the Johnson & Johnson shot or a different COVID-19 shot.

Some people who got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 shot formed serious blood clots about 1-2 weeks after they got the shot. The blood clot was in the brain, belly, or legs. The people with blood clots also had low levels of platelets (a type of blood cell that helps to stop bleeding). Most of these people were women between 18-49 years old. About 2 people out of every million who got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 shot formed a blood clot.

You can find the full Fact Sheet for the Johnson & Johnson shot at

<https://www.fda.gov/media/146305/download>

Signs that you should get medical help or call 9-1-1 right away:

- Hard to breathe
- Chest pain or pressure
- Leg swelling
- Belly pain
- Very bad or long-lasting headache or trouble seeing
- Easy bruising
- Tiny blood spots under the skin away from where you got the shot

Other serious unexpected side effects can occur. The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 shot is still being studied in clinical trials.