## New and updated COVID-19 public health information

Eileen Dunne, PhD

Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Assigned to Idaho Division of Public Health

Indian Country COVID-19 teleECHO

May 3, 2021





cdc.gov/coronavirus

## Biden Administration Invests \$4 Billion in American Rescue Plan Funding to Combat COVID-19 in Indian Country (4/16/21)

- Funding will support Indian Health Service (IHS), tribal health programs, and urban Indian health programs
- \$600 million to increase COVID-19 vaccinations in Indian Country
  - Mobile vaccination efforts, mass vaccination events, community outreach
- \$1 billion to detect, diagnose, trace, monitor, and prevent COVID-19 infections
  - Contact tracing, drive through and pop-up testing sites, purchase of PPE, medical supplies, tests, and therapeutics
- \$2 billion for tribal health systems due to lost reimbursements for care during the pandemic
- \$84 million for urban Indian organizations, \$140 million for health IT and equipment for telehealth services, and \$500 million to support overall health care services

https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/16/fact-sheet-biden-administration-invests-4-billionin-american-rescue-plan-funding-to-combat-covid-19-in-indian-country/

# Updates from CDC

### Update on J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine

- CDC recommends use of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine
- MMWR: Updated recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine
- MMWR: Safety monitoring of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine
- MMWR: Anxiety-related adverse events after J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine

### **Guidance and Resources**

- Updated recommendations for fully vaccinated people
- Updated recommendations for healthcare infection prevention
- COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough case investigations and reporting

### **Other MMWRs**

- Effectiveness of COVID-19 mRNA against COVID-19 hospitalization
- Health care needs after COVID-19 diagnosis

### CDC Recommends Use of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Resume (4/25/21)

- CDC and FDA recommend use of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine after a temporary pause
- Increased risk of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS), a rare adverse event that involves blood clots with low platelets
  - Nearly all reports of TTS in women <50 years old</li>
- Data review found that J&J/Janssen vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks
- Women <50 years old should be aware of the rare but increased risk of TTS and that other COVID-19 vaccine options are available
- CDC and FDA will continue to monitor the safety of all COVID-19 vaccines
- Seek medical care right away if you develop any of the symptoms below in the 3 weeks after receiving the J&J/Janssen Vaccine:
  - Severe or persistent headaches or blurred vision, shortness of breath, chest pain, leg swelling, persistent abdominal pain, easy bruising, or tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the injection site

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/JJUpdate.html

Updated Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Use of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine After Reports of Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Among Vaccine Recipients — United States, April 2021

Early Release / April 27, 2021 / 70

- On April 13, 2021, CDC and FDA recommended pausing use of the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine after reports of TTS
- Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) expert work groups met to review safety data and risk-benefit analysis
  - ~7.98 million J&J/Janssen vaccine doses administered
  - 15 cases of TSS identified by VAERS, all in women
    - 13 in women aged 18–49 years

Updated Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Use of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine After Reports of Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Among Vaccine Recipients — United States, April 2021

Early Release / April 27, 2021 / 70

- On April 23,2021 ACIP concluded that benefits of resuming J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination outweighed risks and reaffirmed interim recommendation for use in persons aged ≥18 years
- New warning for rare clotting events among women aged 18–49 years

Estimated benefits and harms after resuming J&J/Janssen vaccine for 1mo.	No. per million vaccine doses administered					
	Females		Males			
	18–49 y	≥50 y	18–49 y	≥50 y		
Benefits						
Hospitalizations prevented	297	2,454	272	2,821		
ICU admissions prevented	56	661	51	760		
Deaths prevented	6	394	6	471		
Harms						
TTS cases expected	7	1	1	0		

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7017e4.htm

() 💙 🛅 🍯

Safety Monitoring of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, March–April 2021

Early Release / April 30, 2021 / 70

- As of April 21, 2021, 7.98 million doses of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 administered
- 13,725 VAERS reports of adverse events, 97% nonserious and 3% serious
  - 88 deaths reported and reviewed by CDC and FDA: 34 found dead (no details), 23 cardiac arrest or cardiovascular disease, 8 COVID-19, 5 cerebrovascular disease
- V-safe data on 338,765 vaccine recipients
  - 0–7 days after vaccination, 76% reported ≥1 systemic reaction and 61% reported injection site reaction, 1% reported seeking medical care
  - Fatigue (59%), injection site pain (58%), headache (52%), myalgia (52%) most common
  - Symptoms most common one day after vaccination (16% unable to work)
- Ongoing monitoring for adverse events after vaccination is important for evaluating the balance between risks and benefits for each authorized COVID-19 vaccine

### Anxiety-Related Adverse Event Clusters After Janssen COVID-19 Vaccination — Five U.S. Mass Vaccination Sites, April 2021

Early Release / April 30, 2021 / 70

- On April 7, 2021, CDC received reports of clusters of anxiety-related events after administration of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine from five mass vaccination sites
  - 64 anxiety-related events, including 17 syncope (fainting), among 8,624 recipients
  - 61% women, 20% had fear of needles or history of fainting, no serious adverse events
- Using VAERS data, rates of syncope after J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine were 8.2 per 100,000 doses compared with 0.05 per 100,000 doses for influenza vaccines (2019– 20)
- Vaccine providers should be aware of anxiety-related events after vaccination and observe all COVID-19 vaccine recipients for at least 15 minutes after vaccine administration

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7018e3.htm

# Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People (4/27/21)

- Fully vaccinated people do not need to wear a mask outdoors, except in crowded venues
- Fully vaccinated people should still wear a well-fitted mask in indoor public settings

Unvaccinated People	Your Activity Outdoor	Fully Vaccinated People
<u> </u>	Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	<u> </u>
Ð	Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	<u> </u>
Ð	Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	<u> </u>
Ð	Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	Ð

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html

## Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination (4/27/21)

- Updated COVID-19 testing recommendations
  - Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should receive a viral test regardless of vaccination status
  - Fully vaccinated, asymptomatic healthcare personnel (HCP) exposed to COVID-19 can work but should be tested immediately and 5–7 days after exposure
  - Fully vaccinated, asymptomatic HCP may be exempt from screening testing, except if the facility is experiencing an outbreak
- Updated guidance for visitation in acute care facilities
  - Visitation should be prioritized for visitors important for patient well-being and care
  - Indoor visitation should be limited to compassionate care situations for patients with COVID-19 or in quarantine
- Updated guidance for visitation in residential care facilities and more information available at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html</a>



### **COVID-19 Breakthrough Case Investigations and Reporting**

- A small percentage of people fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will develop COVID-19 illness
- Vaccine breakthrough = SARS-CoV-2 detected in a respiratory specimen collected ≥14 days after completing the primary series of an authorized COVID-19 vaccine
- CDC is coordinating with state health departments to investigate and monitor vaccine breakthrough cases
- Healthcare providers that identify a vaccine breakthrough case should
  - Report the case to the state health department
  - Request that specimen be held for further testing
  - Report vaccine breakthrough cases that result in hospitalization or death to VAERS

### CDC data as of 4/20/21

Number of fully vaccinated people	>87 million	
Number of vaccine breakthrough infections reported to CDC	7,157	
Females	4,580 (64%)	
People aged ≥60 years	3,265 (46%)	
Asymptomatic infections	2,078 (31%)	
Hospitalizations	498 (7%)	
Deaths	88 (1%)	

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/health-departments/breakthrough-cases.html

### Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines Against COVID-19 Among Hospitalized Adults Aged ≥65 Years — United States, January– March 2021

Early Release / April 28, 2021 / 70

- Study conducted at 24 hospitals in 14 states
- Participants were adults aged ≥65 with COVID-19-like illness admitted during Jan 1– Mar 26, 2021
  - Case-patients = tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 (n = 187)
  - Controls = tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 (n = 230)
  - Vaccine effectiveness (VE) calculated by comparing odds of SARS-CoV-2 vaccination in case-patients and controls using the equation VE = 100% × (1 odds ratio) using logistic regression (adjusted for U.S. Census region, month, age, sex, race and ethnicity, and previous hospitalizations in the past year)
- Adjusted VE was 94% (95% CI 49%–99%) for full vaccination and 64% (95% CI 28%–82%) for partial vaccination
- Real-world data show that COVID-19 vaccines significantly reduce the risk for COVID-19—associated hospitalization in older adults

Health Care Utilization and Clinical Characteristics of Nonhospitalized Adults in an Integrated Health Care System 28–180 Days After COVID-19 Diagnosis — Georgia, May 2020–March 2021

Early Release / April 23, 2021 / 70

- Study used electronic health record data to examine longer-term health care needs after mild or moderate COVID-19 disease
  - Included 3,171 patients aged ≥18 years who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 during Apr 4–Sep 17 and were
    not hospitalized and not pregnant
- 2,177 (69%) patients had ≥1 outpatient visits 28–180 days after COVID-19 diagnosis
  - Outpatient visits more common among adults aged ≥65 years, women, Black adults, and those with ≥3
    underlying health conditions
  - 32 (1.5%) hospitalized, 1,617 (68%) had a new primary diagnosis, and 823 (38%) visited a new specialist
  - New specialty visits potentially related to COVID-19 included dermatology (16%), behavioral/mental health (11%), gastroenterology (11%), and cardiology (10%)
- Some nonhospitalized adults might have continued health care needs months after COVID-19 diagnosis. Clinicians and health care systems should be aware of potential post-COVID conditions.

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7017e3.htm

## References

### **Updates (additional references)**

- <u>https://www.fda.gov/media/146304/download</u> (revised Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine)
- <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/effectiveness/why-measure-effectiveness/breakthrough-cases.html</u> (CDC's What You Should Know About the Possibility of COVID-19 Illness After Vaccination)

### MMWRs

- MacNeil JR, et al. Updated Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Use of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine After Reports of Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Among Vaccine Recipients — United States, April 2021. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. ePub: 27 April 2021. DOI: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7017e4">http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7017e4</a>
- Shay et al. Safety Monitoring of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine United States, March–April 2021.
   MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. ePub: 30 April 2021. DOI: <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7018e2</u>
- Hause AM et al. Anxiety-Related Adverse Event Clusters After Janssen COVID-19 Vaccination Five U.S. Mass Vaccination Sites, April 2021. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. ePub: 30 April 2021. DOI: <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7018e3</u>
- Tenforde MW, et al. Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines Against COVID-19 Among Hospitalized Adults Aged ≥65 Years — United States, January–March 2021. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. ePub: 28 April 2021. DOI: <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7018e1</u>
- Hernandez-Romieu AC, et al. Health Care Utilization and Clinical Characteristics of Nonhospitalized Adults in an Integrated Health Care System 28–180 Days After COVID-19 Diagnosis — Georgia, May 2020–March 2021. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. ePub: 23 April 2021. DOI: <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7017e3</u>



For more information, contact CDC 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636) TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov

The findings and conclusions in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official position of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

