



GET THE FACTS! JOHNSON & JOHNSON COVID-19 VACCINE

HAS THE VACCINE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine for use under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) on February 27, 2021, which may help prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older. The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine, like other vaccines, has met the FDA's rigorous and science-based standards for quality, safety and effectiveness.

HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE VACCINE?

In clinical trials, the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine was 85% effective at preventing severe COVID-19 and 100% effective at preventing death.

IS THE VACCINE SAFE?

None of the factors that contributed to the accelerated development of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine, imply that safety, scientific or ethical integrity were compromised or that short-cuts have been made.

HOW DOES THE VACCINE WORK?

The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine is manufactured using a specific kind of virus called adenovirus type 26 (Ad26). The vaccine uses Ad26 to deliver a piece of the DNA, or genetic material that is used to make the distinctive "spike" protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. While adenoviruses are a group of viruses that are relatively common, Ad26 has been modified so that it cannot replicate in the human body to cause illness. After a person receives this vaccine, the body can temporarily make the spike protein, which does not cause disease, but triggers the immune system to learn to react defensively, producing an immune response.

The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine is administered in 1-dose directly into the muscle for optimum protection; it can take up 1 to 2 weeks to be considered fully vaccinated.

WHAT SIDE EFFECTS SHOULD I EXPECT AFTER GETTING THE VACCINE?

Individuals who receive the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine may experience fever, muscle aches and pain for 1-2 days following the inoculation; the most common side effects reported included pain and swelling around the injection site, fatigue, headache and fever. [In rare instances, blood clots and low levels of platelets have occurred in some people who have received this vaccine.](#)

WHAT IF I HAVE AN ALLERGIC REACTION?

The vaccine should NOT be administered to individuals with a known history of severe allergic reactions to this vaccines or any of its ingredients. If a severe reaction occurs, it will usually happen within a few minutes to one hour after

getting a dose of the vaccine. Reactions include difficulty breathing, swelling of the face and throat, fast heartbeat, body rash, dizziness and weakness. If you experience any signs of a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1 (or if off post, call 1-1-9) and go to the nearest emergency room or hospital. For other symptoms that may concern you or if you have any questions, please contact your healthcare provider.

WHEN CAN I GET THE VACCINE?

If you are suffering from an acute illness, you should defer taking any vaccinations until you recover. The COVID-19 vaccine should be administered alone and with a minimum interval of 14 days before or after receiving any other vaccine. In regards to distribution, USFK is following DoD guidance; please refer to the USFK COVID page for more information as it becomes available.

IS ONE COVID-19 VACCINE BETTER THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS?

No. Vaccine recipients are reminded that the only way to accurately compare the effectiveness of vaccines is by direct comparison in head-to-head clinical trials, which did not occur for the three FDA-authorized vaccines. All of the COVID-19 vaccines that the FDA has authorized for emergency use are at least 50% more effective than a placebo in preventing COVID-19, consistent with FDA recommendations on efficacy found to have a significant impact on disease.

BY GETTING THE VACCINE, DO I STILL HAVE TO FOLLOW HPCON MEASURES?

Although the vaccine may prevent you from getting COVID-19, you must still adhere to USFK core tenets and HPCON measures, as well as ROK government and local directives.

I HAVE A CONCERN NOT LISTED HERE. WHO CAN I CONTACT?

Discuss your concerns with your primary healthcare provider or see <https://go.usa.gov/xsUQV> for additional information to make an informed and educated decision.

WHILE VOLUNTARY AND ULTIMATELY YOUR CHOICE TO RECEIVE IT, USFK WANTS YOU TO MAKE AN INFORMED AND EDUCATED DECISION ABOUT THE JANSSEN VACCINE, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS JOHNSON & JOHNSON OR J&J VACCINE. GETTING A COVID-19 VACCINE WILL HELP PROTECT THE FORCE AND COMMUNITY TO STRENGTHEN OUR "FIGHT TONIGHT" READINESS POSTURE.