



April 26, 2021

Following a thorough safety review by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration, the Ohio Department of Health has recommended that the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine can resume after a 10-day pause.

After thorough study, the CDC and FDA determined that the benefits of the vaccine in preventing COVID-19 outweigh the risks of rare blood clotting that has occurred in a very small number of people who have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

With this new information, the Stoner Health & Counseling Center will resume administering the J&J vaccine during three walk-in clinics this week. You do not need an appointment to get your vaccine during these times:

- Tuesday, April 27 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 28 – 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Thursday, April 29 – 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Heidelberg continues to strongly encourage all students to get vaccinated on campus before they leave for the summer. Keep these factors in mind as you consider whether to take the J&J vaccine:

- The Ohio Department of Health has reinforced the CDC and FDA decision that the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine can resume immediately.
- The FDA and CDC have confidence that this vaccine is safe and effective in preventing COVID-19.
- The FDA has determined that the available data show that the vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks in individuals 18 years of age and older.
- At this time, the available data suggest that the chance of the rare blood clotting issue occurring is very low, but the FDA and CDC will continue to investigate this risk.

Here is some [additional information](#) that may ease any concerns about the J&J vaccine. If you have any questions, give the medical team at the health center a call at 419-448-2041.

Sincerely,

Chris Abrams
Dean of Student Affairs

Janelle Baldosser, CNP
Director of Stoner Health & Counseling Center