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The Centers for Disease Control and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, out of an abundance of caution, is placing a pause on the administration of Johnson and Johnson vaccine to further study the very rare side effect found in 6 individuals. These six individuals had a rare and severe type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis. This condition/reaction is treatable if diagnosed properly. None of the six occurrences happened in Wisconsin. The system put into place to help ensure vaccine safety called VAERS (vaccine adverse events reporting system) is working. Because those receiving vaccine are able to directly report any side effects in VAERS the CDC was able to quickly take action and notify vaccinators of this rare reaction. This safety system ensures that providers have the best information to identify and treat these very rare reactions. To date over 6 million Johnson and Johnson vaccines have been administered in the US and only 6 six of these severe reactions have been identified.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health currently administers only Moderna vaccine but will be receiving Pfizer vaccine this week to prioritize youth ages 16-17 years old. There have been no severe type of blood clot reactions reported for Moderna or for Pfizer vaccine. Both vaccines are very effective at reducing severe infections of COVID-19 that could lead to hospitalizations and deaths. If you have received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine from another vaccine provider please monitor for severe reactions which may include: severe abdominal pain, severe headache, change in vision, shortness of breath, or leg pain. If you experience any of these symptoms up to 13 days after your Johnson and Johnson vaccine please contact your medical provider.

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