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### Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Statement from OHI

Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI), a federally qualified health center with 7 locations throughout Monmouth and Ocean Counties, under the guidance of CDC and FDA direction, have halted the administration of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines as of today, April 13, 2021 while the CDC, FDA and Department of Health review the data involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the J&J vaccine.

In a statement from both the CDC and FDA; "these adverse events appear to be extremely rare. COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for the federal government, and we take all reports of health problems following COVID-19 vaccination very seriously. People who have received the J&J vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider. "

Ocean Health Initiatives will be continuing to follow all guidelines set by the CDC, FDA and Department of Health. OHI vaccination events as of this time will only offer the two dose Moderna vaccine for eligible individuals in the community.

To preregister for the vaccine, visit our website at [www.ohinj.org](http://www.ohinj.org) for more information. Please check back periodically as the need is still great and the demand for vaccines is very high.

OHI services residents in Monmouth and Ocean County regardless of income to provide basic and preventive care for all individuals and families in our area.

COVID-19 testing is available at all OHI locations. OHI offers both in person and telehealth appointments.

Please call (732) 363-6655 or visit [www.ohinj.org](http://www.ohinj.org) for scheduling.

**About Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI):** Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) federally qualified health center (FQHC) with seven health centers, a Mobile Medical Unit and two school-based wellness programs in Ocean and Monmouth County. OHI health centers are at 101 Second Street, Lakewood; 10 Stockton Dr, Toms River; 333 Haywood Road, Manahawkin; Manchester, 686 Route 70, Lakehurst; 798 Route 539, Building 3, Little Egg Harbor; 1610 Route 88, Suite 204, Brick; and 20 Jackson Street, Freehold. The school-based wellness programs in Lakewood are in the Clifton Avenue Elementary School, 625 Clifton Avenue; and Lakewood High School, 855 Somerset Avenue, Suite A. The Freehold, Lakewood, Little Egg Harbor and Manchester health centers have pharmacies.

OHI provides comprehensive primary and preventative health and dental care to Ocean and Monmouth County's uninsured, underinsured and insured populations. A sliding-fee scale is available, based on an individual's or family's ability to pay. Services include family and internal medicine, dental, pediatrics, women's health, behavioral health and social services, podiatry and pharmacy services. OHI has a bilingual staff available to assist patients and callers. To become a patient of OHI, call 732-363-6655. Visit [www.ohinj.org](http://www.ohinj.org) for further information.