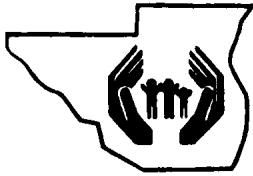


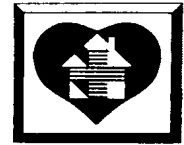
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CDC and FDA Pause Use of Johnson & Johnson Vaccine

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Pittsfield, IL – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have paused the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine until further notice. Pike County residents that were scheduled for vaccination on Friday, April 16, 2021 will be contacted and asked if they would like the Moderna vaccine instead.

Per the federal health authorities, people who have received the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider. Patients with other clinical questions should contact their health care provider. Although recorded reactions were rare, the CDC & FDA issued this pause out of an abundance of caution.

Individuals who wish to become vaccinated with the Moderna vaccine may call PCHD at 217-285-4407 and use option 8. Callers will need to leave their name, date of birth, and phone number. Those leaving messages will be called to set up an appointment when vaccine becomes available, usually within the week. An appointment will also be set for the 2nd vaccination 4 weeks later.

PCHD is also utilizing an online option for registration. To register online for an upcoming clinic, please go to www.pikecountyil.org and click on the red banner at the top of the page.

Another option for vaccination is to contact the Adams County Health Department. Individuals who would like to be vaccinated can call the vaccination registration line at 217-600-4VAX or go to www.adamscountytogether.com/vaccinate to schedule your vaccination. Individuals registering are asked to bring proof of identity as well as the ticket they receive through the email upon registering online or the ticket number they receive by registering through the vaccination registration line with them to their vaccine appointment.

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