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## **Public Health Alert: Janssen Vaccine Fact Sheet**



**Introduction:** The Tribe has been given the Johnson and Johnson Janssen COVID-19 vaccine to administer.

- We will be getting limited doses.
- Children, pregnant women, and immunocompromised people were not studied. There is no current recommendation for these groups.

**Mechanism of Action:** The vaccine produces a protein that prepares your immune system to fight the virus if you become infected. It is a viral vector vaccine, meaning a harmless adenovirus is used. This adenovirus has been modified to include a gene that tells your cells to make the COVID-19 spike protein. Your immune system then makes antibodies to this protein, which will help your body fight the COVID-19 virus.

**How many Shots:** The vaccine is given as a single shot to the arm muscle.

**Side Effects:** In a small number of cases, people have reported some side effects. Side effects mean that your body is building protection. The side effects feel like the flu and might even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in 1 to 2 days. Pain at the injection site, fatigue, chills, headache, fever, nausea, and muscle pain were the most commonly reported symptoms.

**Effectiveness:** The Janssen vaccine efficacy has been found to be 85% effective in preventing hospitalization and death, and 72% effective against moderate COVID-19 disease.

**Cost:** The vaccine will be given at no cost.

**Janssen and the Pandemic:** Until most people are vaccinated you still need to continue to use a mask, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often.

**Availability:** The CDC recommends the Janssen vaccine be given once to adults 18 years and older.

**Vaccine Administration Location:** The PYT Nursing Dept. will be administering the vaccine. Location will be published on our tribal website and announced through Public Health Alerts.

**For any questions, Dr. Renteria will be available at:** [Adalberto.Renteria@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov](mailto:Adalberto.Renteria@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov)

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