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**State Issues Pause on the COVID J&J Vaccine,  
Butte County to Follow Suite**

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced that California will follow the FDA and CDC recommendations to pause the use of the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine after several cases of blood clotting were reported in the U.S. This pause will remain while the safety of the vaccine is being reviewed by federal authorities. Butte County Public Health will follow this determination made by CDPH. All previously scheduled vaccination clinics in Butte County that were offering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be replaced with Moderna.

Residents who booked a vaccination appointment at the Chico Community Vaccination Clinic for Wednesday, April 15th will be rescheduled for Saturday, April 17th to receive the Moderna vaccine.

Residents who booked a vaccine through a local pharmacy that was offering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine will need to coordinate directly with the pharmacy where the appointment was booked.

As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen ) vaccine have been administered in the U.S. CDC and FDA are reviewing data involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the J&J vaccine. All six cases occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination.

Right now, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare. COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for the federal government and CDPH, and we take all reports of health problems following COVID-19 vaccination very seriously.

Butte County residents who recently received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider.

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