



Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson) Questions

About the Vaccine

How do viral vector vaccines work?

Many vaccines use a weakened or inactivated form of the target pathogen to trigger an immune response. Viral vector vaccines use a different virus as a vector instead, which delivers important instructions (in the form of a gene) to our cells. For COVID-19 vaccines, a modified virus delivers a gene that instructs our cells to make a SARS-CoV-2 antigen called the spike protein. This antigen triggers production of antibodies and a resulting immune response. The virus used in a viral vector vaccine poses no threat of causing illness in humans because it has been modified or, in some cases, because the type of virus used as the vector cannot cause disease in humans. Learn more at [Understanding and Explaining Viral Vector COVID-19 Vaccines](#).

Vaccine Supply and Distribution

What is the minimum order size for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine?

The minimum order size and increment for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is 100 doses (2 cartons of 10 multidose vials, 5 doses per vial) per order.

Vaccine Schedule and Use

Who can receive Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine?

Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is authorized and recommended for persons 18 years of age and older.

The recommendation for the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine should be implemented in conjunction with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice's (ACIP) interim [recommendations](#) for allocating initial supply of COVID-19 vaccines.

How many doses of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine do patients need?


All people for whom vaccination is indicated should receive 1 dose.

Vaccine Storage and Handling

How should I store Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine?

Store Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine in the refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to the expiration or beyond use date (BUD).

The expiration date is NOT printed on the vaccine vial or carton. To determine the expiration date:

- Scan the QR code on the outer carton, or
- Call 1-800-565-4008, or
- Visit [vaxcheck.jnj](https://vaxcheck.jnj.com) 

Write the expiration date on the carton.

See Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling Summary for more information.

Does Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine have a beyond use date (BUD)?

After first puncturing the vial, the vial should be held between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 6 hours **OR** at room temperature (up to 25°C [77°F]) for up to 2 hours.

After first puncturing the vial, can the vaccine be held at room temperature for 2 hours, then in the refrigerator for an additional 6 hours, for a total of 8 hours?

No. After the vial is first punctured, the vaccine vial may be held:

- For up to 2 hours at room temperature; discard any vaccine not used within 2 hours
—OR—
- For up to 6 hours refrigerated between 2°C and 8°C; discard any vaccine not used within 6 hours.

You should not add these time limits together (i.e., you may not hold the vaccine at room temperature for 2 hours and **then** hold refrigerated for another 6 hours).

If you **do not reach the 2-hour time limit at room temperature**, you may transfer the punctured vial to a refrigerated storage unit between 2°C and 8°C for the remaining time, up to 6 hours. For example, a vial held at room temperature for 1 hour after first puncture can be stored in the refrigerator (between 2°C and 8°C) for no more than 5 hours before using or discarding. If the 2-hour time limit at room temperature has been met, it must be discarded and cannot be transferred to the refrigerator.

Vaccine Administration

Does Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine require reconstitution? —

No. Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is a multidose vial that does not require reconstitution.

How many doses are in a multidose vial of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine? —

Each multidose vial of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine contains **five** 0.5 mL doses.

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