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COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE

April 13, 2021 – The CDC and FDA today recommended a pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine out of an abundance of caution. Swinomish Public Health and the Washington State Department of Health have chosen to follow CDC and FDA guidance.

This pause comes after six individuals (all women ages 18-48) developed a rare and severe blood clotting disorder (symptoms occurring 6-13 days after vaccination). More than 6.8 million Johnson & Johnson vaccines have been administered in the United States so far, which means the clotting disorder has occurred in less than 1 in 1 million people. The pause in Johnson & Johnson vaccine use is a sign that safety monitoring systems are working and is part of a normal operating procedure for a drug authorized for emergency use only. Severe side effects resulting from any vaccines are extremely rare.

For individuals who previously received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine:

- People who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine **over three weeks ago** are at **very low risk** for this complication.
- People who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine **within the last three weeks should contact their provider if they develop any of the following symptoms: severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, and/or shortness of breath.**

Take care, stay safe,
Swinomish Public Health Team