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## STATEMENT FROM HEALTH COMMISSIONER DR. DAVE A. CHOKSHI ON THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON (JANSSEN) VACCINE

“Federal partners have recently alerted us about a small number of [serious adverse events involving the Johnson & Johnson](#) (Janssen) vaccine. While these events appear to be extremely rare, **out of an abundance of caution** we have paused the administration of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in New York City, effective Tuesday (4/13). Adverse events are reported nationally and the actions being taken reflect how seriously we take signals from our warning system. As someone who received the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine – and as the city’s doctor – I continue to believe in the urgency of our COVID-19 vaccination efforts for the protection of our city. We will proceed with administering the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to beat back the COVID-19 pandemic.”

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