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Dear Campus Community:

This morning, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are recommending a pause in the use of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine “out of an abundance of caution.” The pause is to allow for the investigation and review of “data involving six (6) reported U.S. cases [out of more than 6.8 million doses administered] 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” (see the hyperlink to the article below).

Under the direction of the State of WV, Alderson Broaddus University will also pause the administration of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine until further notice. If you have already received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, please note the following from the FDA and CDC press announcement:

*Right now, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare. COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for the federal government, and we take all reports of health problems following the COVID-19 vaccination very seriously. People who have received the J&J vaccine who develop a severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider.*

The University recommends that you review the full press announcement by the FDA and CDC here: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/joint-cdc-and-fda-statement-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine>.

The Associated Press article can be read [here](#).

Sincerely,



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