



News Bulletin

April 28, 2021

REGISTER FOR May 6 @ 11:00 AM ONLINE MEETING

5.6 @ 11:00 am Member & Family Online Meeting

You are invited to attend the online meeting for members and families **Thursday, 5.6.21 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**. Agenda items will include:

- Jim Moran, Care Design NY CEO.
- Important updates on the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Family satisfaction survey results.
- Q & A and discussion forum providing you an opportunity to ask Care Design NY leadership your most pressing questions!

[Click here](#) to register. If there's a topic you would like for us to address, please add it to the meeting registration form. We hope to see you there!

If you can't attend, we will post the recorded meeting to our website. [Click here](#) for the recorded meetings.

COVID-19 Vaccination Information & FAQs

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Resumed

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) lifted their pause on the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen (J&J/Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine in the United States among individuals 18 years and older.

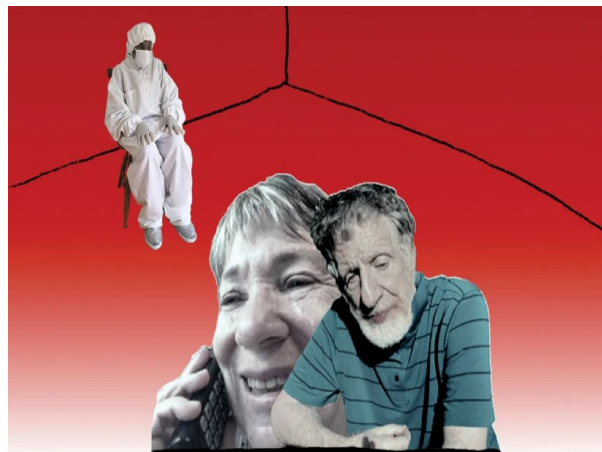
The agencies had paused the J&J/Janssen vaccine on 4.13.21 following six reported cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot (out of the 6.8 million doses administered). A review of available data showed that the rare clotting events occurred in about 1.9 cases per million people vaccinated. The clotting affected adult women younger than 50 years old and nearly all involved blood clots with low platelets.

Acting FDA Commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock stated, "We have concluded that the known and potential benefits of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine outweigh its known and potential risks in individuals 18 years of age and older."

The CDC recommends that women younger than 50 years old should be aware of the rare but increased risk of the possible serious condition known as thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) that involves blood clots with low platelets. This warning will allow women to make an informed vaccine choice as there are other COVID-19 vaccine options available for which the risk of TTS has not been observed.

[Click here](#) for the most current updates and FAQs on the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. Contact your Care Design NY Care Manager with questions about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Upcoming Virtual events



Short Film: 3 Conversations in April

Register now for tomorrow's virtual sneak peek of a newly released film that was made by one of Care Design NY's family members. The 12-minute film is about a sibling relationship in the time of COVID-19. The screening will be followed by a live discussion with the filmmaker, Susan Hamovitch.

Thursday, April 29 @ noon: [Click here](#) to register.

Note: a Zoom link to join the event will be emailed to you the day of the event.

The film is on the film festival circuit and was a semi-finalist for the Indie Shorts Film Festival! [Click here](#) to learn more about the film.

Prospective Members: Eligibility & Enrollment Event



Get Your Questions Answered:

How to Request I/DD Supports & Services

We will be hosting an online eligibility and enrollment information session designed to provide prospective members and families with the OPWDD eligibility and enrollment process for a Care Coordination Organization/Health Home in New York State.

Presenters will include the Care Design NY Enrollment and Care Management team. A discussion with a Q&A session will help you to get your questions answered.

Register for one of the following sessions:

Tuesday, May 4 @ 5:30 pm: [Click here](#) to register.

OR

Thursday, May 13 @ 11:00 am: [Click here](#) to register.

[Click here](#) for the hand-out on the event for your reference or to send to friends.

Questions? [Click here](#) to contact us.

Care Manager Role in Preventative Healthcare

Care Management and Preventative Care



Good preventative healthcare is a critical component to staying well. For many of us, those regular appointments and screenings were put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you are aware, Care Managers have played an active role during the pandemic - with a focus on ensuring people were safe, had the supports and supplies they needed, and have been able to get access to vaccination opportunities. This work continues, but as things have stabilized, we want to be sure we are not overlooking "the basics". These include annual physicals, annual dental exams, and age and gender specific recommended screenings.

As the Care Manager's role encompasses whole person integrated supports, Care Managers are responsible to look not only at the OPWDD and Waiver supports, but also those areas that support a person's overall wellness. The intent is not to be intrusive, but rather supportive, and to remove any barriers to a person receiving the care they need to stay healthy and well.

[Click here](#) for the member and family guide outlining the role of the Care Manger related to healthcare.