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One Dose Johnson and Johnson Added to Vaccine Clinic Schedule

With continued increase to the state's vaccine allotment, Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH) is adding the one dose Johnson and Johnson's Jansen Vaccine to its community clinics. "We want to encourage more people to get vaccinated, and the one dose vaccine can be a more convenient option for some," said Maggie Mann SIPH District Director.

Appointments have been opened for this week and next week at SIPH's Pocatello Clinic at 560 Memorial Drive. People can book online at www.siphidaho.org/coronavirus.php or call the SIPH hotline at 208.234.5875 to schedule an appointment.

J&J vaccine has been proven to provide complete protection against COVID-related hospitalization and death, and that it is 85 percent effective at preventing severe disease. With the vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer demonstrating 94 to 95 percent overall efficacy in clinical trials, results from the Johnson & Johnson studies may appear less impressive. "At first glance, the efficacy may not seem as good as 94 to 95 percent," said Mann. "But the important part is that for advanced, severe disease, it is quite effective. There were no hospitalizations or deaths in the individuals who were vaccinated during clinical trials."

The J & J/Jansen vaccine is recommended for 18 years and up and has two great advantages over the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines: It's a single-dose inoculation, and it requires only basic refrigeration. Pfizer and Moderna immunizations require two shots, and both need to be stored in a freezer. These two factors make the J&J shot more convenient for people while making distribution easier.

"I strongly encourage people to get whichever vaccine they can," said Mann. "Each person vaccinated helps the whole population be more protected. To get anywhere near to normal, more people need to be vaccinated."

For more information on the COVID vaccine, how to schedule an appointment, what to expect at your appointment, and vaccine safety and efficacy information, please go to our website at www.siphidaho.org/coronavirus.php.

SIPH has a call center to field questions from the community and is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can reach the hotline at (208) 234-5875.

For southeast Idaho specific information about the novel coronavirus, please visit <https://siphidaho.org/coronavirus.php>. For Idaho-specific information about the novel coronavirus, please visit <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>.

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