

Suffolk County Community College

College Brief

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TO: The College Community

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SUBJECT: Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Pause

Today we learned that the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control have called for an immediate pause in the use of Johnson and Johnson's single-dose coronavirus vaccine. Suffolk County Community College is coordinating with SUNY and the NYS Department of Health on this matter. We have consistently pledged our priority is the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. To that end, until we receive further input from the FDA, CDC and DOH, the College will pause its use of the Johnson & Johnson single dose coronavirus vaccine.

For today, all students who were registered to receive Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccinations, will be informed that they can shift to the Pfizer vaccine when they arrive at the distribution center. If the students agree and request to be vaccinated with Pfizer, then they will be registered and the Pfizer vaccine will be administered at that time.

As more information is learned, it will be shared.