Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

Administered in a singular dose for individuals 18 years of age and older.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the emergency use of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine on Feb. 26, 2021, but it hasn’t approved or licensed the vaccine.

Vaccine side effects:
- Pain, redness of skin or swelling at injection site.
- Fatigue, headaches, muscle aches, nausea and fever.

100% effective in preventing COVID-19 deaths and hospitalizations.
86% effective against severe-to-critical COVID-19.

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Jacob Clark
graduate student
according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Johnson & Johnson vaccine fact sheet.

SJSU themes trivia games with prizes
Brenda Le, A.S. events officer and business administration junior, said the event exceeded the committee’s expectations.

“The difficulties we anticipated before the event were getting students to come, such as regular students other than the candidates,” Le said in a Zoom call.

There are 22 candidates running for positions on the A.S. board, with six running unopposed and one position with no current candidates. Flor Sario, a business administration senior and A.S. controller, said the candidate turnout is significantly greater compared to last year’s election.

Sario said during the event, “Last year the turnout was lower as many dropped out due to the pandemic.”

Le said the event’s format allowed students to speak up, get to know each other and also provided incentives to encourage more people into attending future events.

The committee offered prizes for trivia activities and attendance including a Best Buy gift card, Nirvana Soul gift card, AirPods and a Nintendo Switch.

Industrial and systems engineering senior Alyssa Carlos said she was pleased the event allowed her to discuss important topics with candidates directly and voice changes she wants to see on campus.

“I thought there would be more candidates introducing themselves and it would be lecture style, but it was really interactive,” Carlos said in a Zoom call. “In a few breakout rooms we had really good conversations about what we wanted.”

Santa Clara County received 7,500 doses of the Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine on March 8 and is scheduled to receive a more on March 23.

The Santa Clara County Public Information Officers (PIO) team said vaccination appointments were stalled during the first two weeks of March because a low number of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines were allocated to the county.

“It is great news to have another highly effective vaccine in our arsenal, “ representatives from the PIO team stated in an email.

Vaccines are delivered to the county weekly. “As of Tuesday, 393,860 county residents have received at least one vaccine and 207,969 residents have completed their vaccination doses, according to the SCC vaccination dashboard.

About 12% of residents ages 16 and older are completely vaccinated, but the county must vaccinate 85% of residents to achieve herd immunity.

The PIO team said the county health department will soon learn more about the upcoming doses it’s expected to receive, but the team is hopeful the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be a great step forward.

“It is an important tool for helping to end the
SAN JOSE STATE STUDENTS MEET WITH ASSOCIATED STUDENTS CANDIDATES AT THE FIRST ELECTION EVENT OF THE SEMESTER THROUGH ZOOM MONDAY.

Gerard Pablo, a public relations junior and Director of Communications candidate, said he prefers connecting in person.

"From the things I have learned from my major, I’m excited to start using those skills and apply them to posts and social media," Pablo said during the event. "I enjoy campaigning in person, but I’m going to use this to my advantage by using multiple platforms."

Carlos said she was surprised and comforted by seeing candidates willing to meet the A.S. account from April 6-9 as the next part of the election process.

Like Sharma, Clark said people have to trust those who spent their lives studying this material.

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Megha Sharma
applied mathematics senior

Similar to Moderna and Pfizer, side effects from the Johnson & Johnson vaccine include pain, redness of skin or swelling at the injection site, fatigue, headaches, muscle aches, nausea and fever, according to the FDA fact sheet. The PIO team said while vaccines arrive weekly and there are no adequate, approved and available alternatives.

"We need everyone to be diligent in wearing masks, maintaining proper social distancing, getting tested regularly and getting vaccinated when your time comes," the team said.

Crime Blotter

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March 6, 12:44 p.m. at Kappa Delta sorority
Adult Cited

Vandalism
March 9, 3:02 a.m. at Central Classroom Building
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March 12, 7:03 a.m. at Spartan Stadium
Information Only

Under Influence of Controlled Substance
March 12, 1:30 p.m. at North Garage
Adult Arrest

Burglary
March 12, 11:09 p.m. at Boccardo Business Complex
Adult Arrest

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SJSU students react to receiving vaccinations

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was proven in an ongoing clinical trial to be 100% effective in preventing COVID-19 deaths and hospitalizations, and 86% effective against severe-to-critical COVID-19 symptoms, resulting in 72% overall efficacy.

The PIO team said the vaccine was tested under different circumstances than the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. This included testing for different circulating variants and a higher probability of transmission occurrence in the county.

According to the FDA fact sheet, 21,895 people 18 years and older have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in the clinical trial and the duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.

The Moderna vaccine is for individuals 18 and older and is 94% effective while the Pfizer vaccine is for people 16 and older and is 95% effective, the PIO team said.

Clark said although Johnson & Johnson's efficacy is lower than the other two vaccines, it’s still decently effective.

"When we consider that [Johnson & Johnson's vaccine] is one shot and you don’t need the same logistical burden as the other two vaccines where it doesn’t meet 24-hour cooling when being stored... it is definitely an improvement [against COVID-19]," Clark said.

The FDA made the Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines available under emergency use and therefore they haven’t undergone the same type of review as a cleared product, according to the FDA fact sheet.

FDA emergency use authorizations are issued when there are no adequate, approved and available alternatives.

Despite a lack of long-term data on the vaccines, applied mathematics senior Megha Sharma said she’ll continue to trust experts.

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Business brings family together

By Madison Fagundes

When Diana Maciel began selling food out of her home in May, she never expected to launch a small business now called Mi Casa. After almost one year making Mexican food from scratch, Maciel and her family are preparing to reopen their business in a new location on Sunday.

Maciel won an event planner and caterer until the coronavirus pandemic started in March 2020. With almost all her business gone, her family suggested she sell her home-cooked food. Her children helped by supporting different parts of the business.

“We definitely didn’t anticipate starting a small business,” said San Jose State alumna Lulu Salas, one of Maciel’s daughters in a Zoom interview. “It was just something that kind of came on the demand of her food.”

Until recently, Salas maintained the business through Instagram where she took orders that were picked up from their home every Sunday.

Maciel said she loves connecting with people by cooking for them. “It just felt very honey and it’s all in the name,” Maciel said in Spanish through a translator. “We’re called Mi Casa and people were coming to our house.”

As the business grew, the food became increasingly popular among San Jose State students especially because of Mi Casa’s vegan-friendly options. Mel Chircop, a photography senior, said their experience with the vegan tacos with consomé were incredible.

“The first bite was full of flavor and I just really enjoyed eating it,” Chircop said.

Despite the family’s reputation for great food, Mi Casa was forced to shut down in November after a neighbor expressed concerns about running a business out of their home during the pandemic. However, the family didn’t let this stop them. While Mi Casa was closed, Salas fundraised money through raffles advertised on Instagram. The family raised enough money for Maciel to secure proper licenses and a venue.

“That was really something to figure out because we were really comfortable with how we were doing things, but we understand that [working from home] wasn’t ideal,” Salas said. “Mi Casa will be reopening with their new address near Downtown San Jose at 949 Ruff Dr.”

The venue is a commissary kitchen, a commercial-grade kitchen where food businesses can work without having to own and maintain the facility themselves.

Maciel hopes to combine Mi Casa with her previous catering and event planning business and expand them together in the future. She said she’s already created partnerships with multiple venues when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

“I’m hoping that now I’ll come back stronger than ever with my businesses because now I have multiple services to offer,” Maciel said. “Maciel, Salas and their family took a situation filled with fear and uncertainty and instead created something positive. Salas said this experience has brought them even closer to each other.

“My favorite part is all of us creating something together,” Salas said. “Everybody brings something to the table.”

Maciel encourages small businesses to be authentic and foster support systems that can make a big difference.

“I’m very fortunate to have my daughters behind me supporting me,” Maciel said. “Ensure that you have people who believe in your vision so that you keep going because whatever you’re going to set out to do is possible.”

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Lulu Salas
Daughter of Mi Casa owner Diana Maciel

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Washington D.C. residents have fought to make our nation’s capital a state for decades. The District of Columbia Admission Act, introduced in Congress on June 29, 2020, has the potential to bring that fight one step closer to victory.

The D.C. delegate to Congress is currently the least powerful delegate in the country. Residents of D.C. are not allowed to vote in any congressional elections, meaning they have no representation in federal matters and only a statistical vote in presidential elections. D.C. is also the most densely populated state, according to a March 4, 2021 CNN article, but it has less than one-tenth the number of electoral votes of the least populous state.

Many people argue that Washington D.C. is too small to be a state, but that isn’t true. Washington D.C. has a population of approximately 734,000, which is higher than the population of Vermont and New Hampshire combined, according to a June 30, 2020 World Population Review. This isn’t unusual for a city of its height in the right to formal government representation.

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There is a glimmer of hope for this issue, as Sen. Tom Carper’s bill, Senate Bill 381, would grant D.C. statehood and residents the right to vote in all federal elections.

It’s time to make Washington D.C. to become a state.

The U.S. seat of government was transferred to the newly created District of Columbia in 1800.

Washington D.C. lacks the representation it deserves. It is introduced in January, but the House hasn’t voted on it yet. The bill garnered more support following the Jan. 6 insurrection where a mob stormed the Capitol building.

Despite the lack of Senate representation, D.C. police rushed to defend the building where poorly prepared federal security failed. Defending the Capitol is a no-jobs, but they showed up anyway. Now, newly heightened security on Capitol Hill has created a brighter divide between D.C. residents and making federal government officials. Many residents feel like they have no say in what’s happening in their own city, according to a June 29, 2020 CNN article, one of the more notorious examples of book burning was done by the New York Public Library, according to a March 4, 2021 CNN article.

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Anti-transgender bill is immoral

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The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2021 (HR 426) is a cruel attack on the transgender community and the legislation shouldn’t even make it to the Senate. On Jan. 21 Florida Republican Rep. Greg Steube introduced this bill which would withhold funding for athletic organizations that allow trans students to participate in sex-segregated programs. According to a March 11 NBC article, similar bills have recently passed in Mississippi and South Dakota. HR 426 specifically targets trans women athletes and states “sex shall be recognized based solely on a person’s reproductive biology and genetics at birth.” This raises many concerns for the trans community. Trans students are already marginalized and passing this bill will only make them more vulnerable to harassment and ostracization.

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Patricio Manuel is the first transgender man to become a professional boxer and disagrees with the idea that trans athletes have an unfair advantage in sports. Patricio, the first trans man to become a professional boxer, said that these assumptions about transgender people are debunking in a Sept. 26, 2019, Reuters article. “A lot of the immediate pushback is usually from people who haven’t done adequate research,” Manuel said. “I don’t feel that trans athletes have any specific advantages or disadvantages.” The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2021 is interesting legislation and passing it will do more harm than good. This bill needs to be thrown out with no reason for it to be passed.

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