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You have likely heard the developing news story that the FDA and CDC has recommended a pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine. In contrast to what you may have heard about this bringing a halt to vaccinations in long-term care, this is not the case. **At Consonus we are fully equipped with the Pfizer product and will continue to work together to vaccinate residents and staff.**

Consonus is fully stocked with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and our vaccine continuity program will continue without interruption. If you are a Consonus customer and were expecting to be receiving the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, it will now be substituted with Pfizer.

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will convene on Wednesday, April 14th to review these cases and make additional recommendations. This is extremely rare, occurring in only 6 cases in over 6.8 million does (.0000857%) in females between 18-48 years old. **There have been no red flags reported with either of the two mRNA vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna and can continue to be used.** We will keep you updated as more information or resources become available.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your pharmacy or nurse consultant. We will send clinical guidance later today.

Sincerely,

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