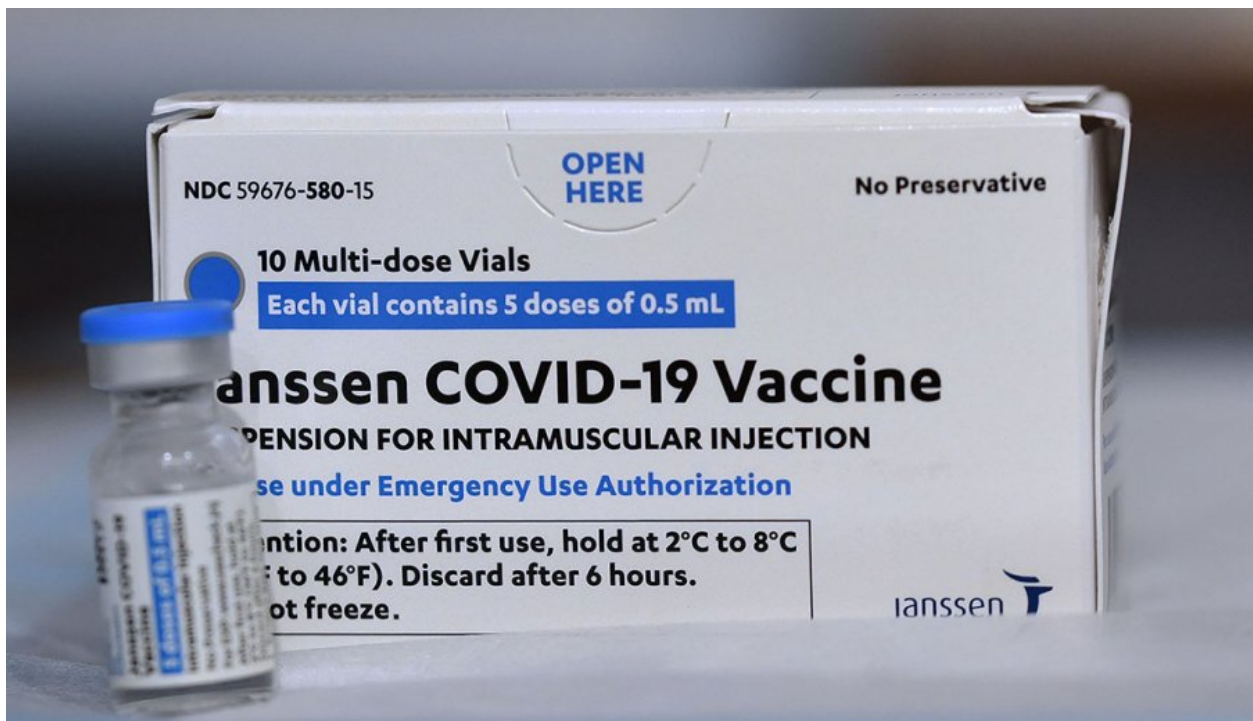


J&J Vaccine Remains to be Effective

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. underestimate /ˌʌndərˈestəˌmāt/ estimate (something) to be smaller or less important than it actually is.
Example: The government has grossly underestimated the extent of the problem.
2. emerge /əˈmɜːj/ move out of or away from something and come into view.
Example: A flock of swallows emerged from nowhere.
3. surge /sɜːj/ a sudden and great increase
Example: An unexpected surge in electrical power caused the town's power outage.
4. breakthrough /ˈbrʌkˌTHrō/ a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development.
Example: The scientist awarded for her experiment on a major breakthrough in DNA research.
5. muted /ˈmyʊdəd/ not expressed strongly or openly.
Example: The house seemed muted, hushed as if it had been deserted.



The US public and even some health experts may have **underestimated** the Covid-19 vaccine made by Janssen, a division of Johnson & Johnson, new data shows. And there's **emerging** evidence that it could still play an important role ahead.

A study published Thursday in the medical journal JAMA Network Open found that the J&J vaccine remains durable and effective, even through the **surge** of cases caused by the Delta variant. It was 76% effective overall in preventing Covid-19 infections and 81% effective in

preventing Covid-related hospitalizations. The study also showed that it provided lasting immunity at least six months after the shots.

And a CNN analysis of information collected by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed the J&J vaccine had the lowest **breakthrough** infection rate of all the vaccines since the week ending December 25, the latest five weeks of available data.

In March 2021, the J&J vaccine was the third to be authorized by the US Food and Drug Administration, and the initial response was more **muted** than the milestone authorizations of the mRNA vaccines from Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna. (CNN)

DISCUSSION

1. Have you heard of the J&J vaccine?
2. Why do you think the J&J vaccine is not as popular as the other vaccines?
3. What do you think of the mRNA vaccines?
4. What other vaccines do people receive in your country?
5. Is prevention better than cure? Why?