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COVID-19 VACCINES

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There are several vaccines that have been given WHO EUL (Emergency Use Listing) to be utilized by countries to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), AstraZeneca, Covishield, and most recently, Sinopharm have received this status. The vaccine research and data have been reviewed by top medical professionals and are considered safe and effective at preventing severe COVID-19 infection. Sinovac and Sputnik vaccines from China and Russia, respectively, are in the process of being reviewed in the upcoming days. For more information on these vaccines and other information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019.

In your host country, you are advised to check with your local health authority on where and when you can be vaccinated. Your host country's ministry of health, local hospitals, surgery clinics, and pharmacies may also have information for you.

In the US, there are three vaccines that have been given FDA EUA (Emergency Use Authorization). They are the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccines. These vaccines have become widely available. Most health departments have vaccination sites. Pharmacy locations can be found at www.vaccines.gov. Some private physicians now have a supply available for their patients, check with your primary care office to schedule an appointment. You will find more COVID-19 information at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov.

For questions or concerns regarding the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine specifically, there is a great amount of information at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/JJUpdate.html.

If you are considering getting the COVID-19 vaccine and are unclear where the Adventist Church stands on vaccines, the Church's statement on immunization is available at www.adventist.org/guidelines/immunization. The GC Health Ministries website also offers information on the virus and vaccines. Visit www.healthministries.com/coronavirus and www.healthministries.com/covid-19-vaccines-addressing-concerns-offering-counsel to read more about this unique disease.