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GRHC'S J & J VACCINE INVENTORY NOT IMPACTED BY JOHNSON & JOHNSON QUALITY CONTROL ERROR

(Sacaton, AZ – April 1, 2021) On March 31, 2021, Johnson & Johnson (J & J) reported an isolated vaccine quality control error discovered at their Baltimore facility. The report stated that a batch of 15 million vaccines failed quality standards and was discarded. These vaccines were never released for distribution to the general population.

Gila River Health Care (GRHC) receives its supply of the J & J COVID-19 vaccine through the Phoenix Area Office of Indian Health Services (IHS). IHS has confirmed the isolated incident does not impact GRHC's inventory. GRHC patients do not need to be concerned about any doses administered by GRHC to date, the doses in current inventory, or the future supply of J & J vaccines.

According to statements made by Johnson & Johnson, all the doses in recent and current distribution to the states were produced in the Netherlands, where federal regulators have fully approved operations. Adding, the quality control error in their Baltimore facility does not affect any doses currently being administered or delivered, including the shipments for states scheduled for delivery next week.

For more questions or information on the COVID-19 virus and how you can receive your vaccine, call the Gila River Health Care COVID-19 Hotline at 520-550-6079 or visit GRHC.ORG/HUB.

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