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**STATEMENT REGARDING  
Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine**

Broomfield, CO (April 13, 2021) – Federal health officials today announced they are recommending a pause in the use of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine because of blood clots "out of an abundance of caution."

SCL Health has not administered the J&J vaccine at any time at any of its vaccination clinics in Colorado or Montana. Although SCL Health has not administered the J&J vaccine, it will support patients if they have received it elsewhere and have any concerns or symptoms needing evaluation or treatment.

The Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines continue to be administered at SCL Health vaccination clinics in the communities it serves. Over 100 million Americans have been vaccinated with Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. These two vaccines use a different technology called mRNA, which is different than the J&J vaccine technology, and have demonstrated a very strong safety record across hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

The safety and well-being of patients is SCL Health's number one priority and it closely follows the guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the health departments in the states it serves. Our physicians and pharmacists strongly believe that vaccination is one of the most successful public health interventions and they remind everyone that taking steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is good for those they love, for the economy, and for a faster return to a more normal life.

**About SCL Health**

*SCL Health is a faith-based, nonprofit healthcare organization dedicated to improving the health of the people and communities we serve. Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth in 1864, our health network provides comprehensive, coordinated care through eight hospitals, more than 150 physician clinics, and home health, hospice, mental health and safety-net services primarily in Colorado and Montana.*

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