

Slovenia halts AstraZeneca jab as precaution

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Slovenia's government said on Monday it was joining other European nations in suspending use of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 jab as a precaution over blood clot fears.

Germany, France, Italy and Spain have all previously announced similar decisions, following several Nordic countries, the Netherlands, Ireland and Bulgaria.

Health Minister Janez Poklukar said the government had taken the decision in order to "ensure the highest possible level" of safety.

"There is no [medical expertise](#) justifying this halt" but it is a [preventive measure](#) pending an opinion from the European Medicines Agency (EMA), he said.

The European Medicines Agency says it is examining the vaccine and has set an emergency meeting for Thursday.

The World Health Organization, whose experts will meet on Tuesday, said people should keep on taking the jab "for the time being".

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