What to Expect at Your Appointment to Get Vaccinated for COVID-19

- This is a **two-part** vaccine series provided by the Cincinnati Health Department. You will receive the first and second part of the vaccine series approximately 21(+/- 4) days apart if you receive Pfizer, and 28 (+/- 4) days apart if you receive Moderna.

Before Vaccination

- When you go to your appointment, remember to cover your mouth and nose with a mask when you are around others and stay at least 6 feet away from others. **Masks are required**.

When You Get Vaccinated

- Please arrive **ON TIME** (**NOT EARLY**) to your vaccination appointment **wearing a mask**.
- You should receive a vaccination card or printout that tells you what COVID-19 vaccine you received, the date you received it, and where you received it.
- You should receive a paper or electronic version of a fact sheet that tells you more about the specific COVID-19 vaccine you are being offered. Each authorized COVID-19 vaccine has its own fact sheet that contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of receiving that specific vaccine.
- All people who get a COVID-19 vaccine will be monitored on-site for **15 minutes** after vaccine administration. If you have a history of an immediate allergic reaction of any severity to a vaccine or injectable therapy, a history of anaphylaxis due to any cause, or if you are pregnant, immunocompromised, or are taking any medication that affects the immune system, you may be required to be monitored for **30 minutes** after vaccine administration.

After Vaccination

- You should receive an email that tells you what COVID-19 vaccine you received, the date you received it, and where you received it, including information about where to report any adverse reactions that you may experience.
- With most COVID-19 vaccines, you will need **two shots** in order for them to work. Get the second shot even if you have side effects after the first one, unless a vaccination provider or your doctor tells you not to get a second shot.
- Ask your healthcare provider about getting started with **v-safe**, a free, smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe also reminds you to get your second dose if you need one. Learn more at www.cdc.gov/vsafe.
- It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines that require 2 shots may not protect you until a week or two after your second shot. For

this reason, it is **very important** that you continue to follow all public health guidance: social distance by staying 6 feet away from others, wear a mask over your nose and mouth, and wash your hands often.

- **If you have concerns or need advice about side effects or believe you are having an adverse reaction, please call the Vaccine Safety Hotline at 1-877-603-0170. It is available 24/7 to answer your questions and provide advice.**