



# PROJECT HUG

## **Project HUG: IMPORTANT COVID-19 Update: January 12, 2021**

Good Morning and Happy Tuesday!

I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe. We are preparing for our 2nd Project Hug COVID19 Vaccination Clinics and want to provide you with an updated Checklist, a Clinic Best Practice Handout, and some Guidance on some FAQs.

We look forward to our 2nd round of clinics, providing the 2nd and final dose to many in LTC, and administering the 1st dose to many others. Please continue to promote the importance of COVID19 vaccinating to your staff and residents. We have seen tremendous vaccination uptake with residents and have seen some equally impressive uptake with staff as well. As it stands today, the 2nd clinic will be the last opportunity for your staff and residents to receive a 1st dose to be able to finish their 2 dose vaccination series at the 3rd clinic.

Just a quick FYI as people are curious of any additional side effects with the 2nd dose. Six of us at Community Pharmacy received our 2nd dose of COVID19 vaccine yesterday. I am happy to report we all feel good today with no side effects, except for a couple minor sore arms, no different than the first dose of vaccine.

Take care and be safe! We look forward to working together to CRUSH COVID and protect lives.

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Greetings! We are excited to report as of 1/8/21, we have conducted 140+ clinics and have administered almost 15,000 vaccinations to both staff and residents in Nebraska and Iowa. It's been such an amazing experience and we have been so grateful to be a part of what we feel is just "the right thing to do"!

We have had facility partners reach out to us regarding feedback on what they can do to help decrease the lift on the pharmacy, which we are so grateful for such amazing partners to even be thinking this way! As we gear up for our second and third clinics, we wanted to share what we feel are "Clinic Best Practices" that we have found based on our experiences.

## Community Pharmacy COVID Vaccine Clinic Best Practices

- **Giving pharmacy 20-30 minutes to unload and get items set up**
- **Identifying facility staff who is willing to help at the beginning of the clinic:** We want to get to know everyone and make sure everyone is comfortable with their roles.
- **Having facility staff willing to vaccinate staff, residents, or both:** This has been a huge key to success as both sets of individuals are familiar with your staff and causes less resident distress.
- **Facility non-vaccinating staff willing to help:** Ideally, at least 1 facility staff member per Community Pharmacy volunteer is a great help!
- **Facility staff enthusiasm:** This is a big deal and we should be celebrating this!
- **Having staff insurance copies available**
- **Having resident prescreening forms done prior to clinic start**
- **Having residents ready to be vaccinated:** Having residents up, in their doorways or rooms, and ready for their shots and making sure residents are appropriately dressed definitely helps – no extra sweaters/blouses/long sleeves/etc.
- **Scheduling staff for their clinics and staggering these times during the set vaccine clinic time:** This helps avoid bottlenecks and staff frustration for potential delays. We recommend scheduling staff up to 30 min before the end of your clinic.
- **Ample space:** this includes an area for setup and staff clinic
- **QR Code:** We utilize QR codes for staff registration and Android phones can have issues. If you have an iPad or phone the facility utilizes, this can definitely help!

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## Community Pharmacy COVID Vaccine Guidance Document 1.11.21

- **Adverse Event Recommendations:** Only individuals who had a severe immediate allergic reaction should not receive their second dose of the vaccine. For more information, please refer to the following: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your primary care provider.
- **Additional Vaccines (shingles, pneumonia, flu, etc.):** The recommendation is to wait 14 days between administration of the COVID-19 vaccine and any other vaccine.
- **Passive Antibody Therapy:** It is recommended to wait 90 days after passive antibody therapy (monoclonal antibodies, convalescent plasma) to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Discharged Residents Guidance:** Please coordinate to have discharged/discharging residents return to your facility for their second vaccine.
- **New Admissions Guidance:** If a resident moves in prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> clinic, they can get their vaccines at the facility's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> clinics. If they move in after the 2<sup>nd</sup> clinic, we are awaiting guidance from the CDC on how to proceed.
- **Staff Clinic Scheduling:** From our 1<sup>st</sup> clinic experience, we recommend staggering your staff's arrival/vaccination time starting at the beginning of clinic through 30 min before your clinic is supposed to end. This will alleviate bottlenecks as well as staff trickling in at the last minute.
- **Guidance After Second Round of Vaccine:** CMS and DHHS have not shared any information as far as reopening facility guidelines yet. Please remember that even after vaccination, it is important to wear a mask, socially distance, and wash your hands!
- **Vaccine Cards:** Vaccine cards will be sent to the facility for both staff and residents after your vaccine clinic. We will distribute directly to the facility after all have been entered for CDC and DHHS reporting.

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## Project Hug Facility Check List 1.11.21

- Sign and Return **PHARMACY COVID-19 ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT (Only needed prior to Clinic 1)**
- For any staff or resident who will be receiving their first dose on your next scheduled clinic Consent Forms need to be completed and returned to Community Pharmacy 5 Days Prior to next scheduled Clinic**
  - Residents organized by room number
  - Staff organized alphabetically by last name
  - Send back declination responses IF you have them, for residents and staff
  - **If receiving your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine, a new Consent Form IS NOT required.**
- Staff Vaccination Site/Project Hug Clinic Prep area (Project Hug Home Base) identified and reserved for an hour before and the duration of Clinic.
- Notify facility staff who volunteered to help at Project Hug Vaccination Clinic of the clinic dates and times.
  - Have facility volunteer staff arrive 1 hour prior to clinic and meet at Facility Project Hug Home Base
- Notify staff who will be receiving vaccine of clinic dates and times
- Stagger the planned arrival of staff who are being vaccinated throughout vaccination clinic times
- Pre-COVID19 Vaccination Screening Form Completed Prior to **each Clinic for anyone receiving vaccine (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> dose) at the scheduled clinic.**
  - Residents organized by room number
  - CP Project Hug Vaccination Team will receive these from facility point person upon clinic arrival
- Residents must be COVID-19 symptom screened prior to vaccinating. (Temperature and symptoms)
- Wheeled carts placed in Project Hug Home Base prior to clinic