## Think About It...

*The decision to get vaccinated protects more than just you. It can also help protect your family, co-workers, patients and communities.* 

## Why Take the Vaccine?

- If you become sick with COVID-19, you can spread it to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Health care providers are trusted sources of medical information. By staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, you set a positive example for patients.
- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective especially against becoming seriously ill, being hospitalized and dying.
- Older adults and people with certain health conditions are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccines can help keep you from getting seriously ill if you do get COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccines protect against many variants.

## The Facts

- If you have had COVID-19, you should still get the vaccine.
- COVID-19 evolves over time and updated vaccines are designed to target the most current strains.
- Stay up to date on the COVID-19 vaccine because protection from prior infections and vaccinations decline over time.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, hundreds of millions of people in the United States received COVID-19 vaccines under the most intense safety monitoring in U.S. history.
- The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks.
- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safer, more reliable way to build protection than getting sick with COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccines can offer added protection to people who had COVID-19, including protection against being hospitalized from a new infection.
- COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to get pregnant, as well as people who might become pregnant in the future.
- You can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines, including a flu vaccine, at the same time.

## Simple Strategies for Encouraging Staff to Receive the COVID-19 Vaccine

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