

**We want you to get vaccinated because you matter to us and play an important role in keeping your community healthy**

### **Why Take the Vaccine?**

- You are at high risk for infection and serious illness from COVID-19
- By getting vaccinated, you can feel more safe seeing loved ones, going to group activities and socializing outside your room
- By getting vaccinated, you are protecting yourself, the people you live with, your family members and the people who care for you

### **The Facts**

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe
- COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19
- COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 tests used to see if you have a current infection
- If you have gotten sick with COVID-19, you should still get the vaccine
- After receiving the vaccine, you still need to:
  - Keep washing your hands
  - Wear a mask if you are ill or around sick people

### **What to Expect Before, During and After You Receive the COVID-19 Vaccination**

#### **BEFORE**

- Learn about COVID-19 vaccines and do not be afraid to ask questions
- Complete the consent form to receive your vaccination

#### **DURING**

- Read the fact sheet that tells you about the specific COVID-19 vaccine you receive
- Your facility will enter your vaccination into the medical record

#### **AFTER**

- Expect some side effects
- Your nurses will monitor you for side effects over the next several days
- If you have a smart phone, enroll in V-safe
- Continue using all the measures to protect yourself and others

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