

## Job Aid: Post-Vaccination Observer

1. Upon arrival check-in with Site Coordinator. Put on identification. Review job aid.
2. Set up monitor area. Work table and chair, timers, gloves, wipes, hand sanitizers, pen, paper, chairs for vaccine clients and signage. – “15 minute observation area”

### Monitoring of Vaccine Recipients Post-vaccination

3. Monitoring of vaccine recipients is REQUIRED per CDC guidelines.
  - 15 minutes for patients WITHOUT history of serious allergic reaction to food, insect bites, medications, or any allergen (swelling, shortness of breath, wheezing, etc.)
  - 30 minutes for patients WITH history of serious allergic reaction to any allergen. This is determined and communicated by clinical staff to vaccine client.
    - i. Severe/Serious allergic reaction after COVID vaccination is extremely rare. Current statistics place the risk about 1 in 100,000 doses.
4. Post-vaccination observer should ensure that vaccine recipients maintain 6 feet separation, wear masks that cover mouth and nose, and remain in the monitoring area for 15 to 30 minutes.
5. Post-Vaccination Observer should provide a digital timer set for 15 minutes to each vaccine recipient upon their entry to the observation area. If a 30 minute observation period is required, adjust the timer to 30 minutes. The observer should monitor the area so that compliance with waiting time expectations is ensured
  - If a recipient refuses to adhere to the monitoring requirements, notify vaccine clinic staff immediately. Assure the client is informed of the risks of leaving before the monitoring period has ended. Document the incident.
6. Once a client has completed the observation period, retrieve and clean the timer with a wipe, sanitize the chair.
7. Frequently sanitize high touch surfaces.
8. Discourage people from loitering or congregating in observation area.
9. In the event of an adverse reaction, ask for help from other team members and the Clinical Coordinator. Loudly say: “I need help over here right now!”
  - a. Fainting episode – some individuals have history of fainting with immunization/needles/pain. If this occurs, gently help recipient to floor and call for help from others.
  - b. If a patient reports signs or symptoms of severe allergic reaction (shortness of breath, swelling of lips, tongue, raspy voice, generalized hives, vomiting, nausea, etc.), call for help immediately.
    - Each vaccination location has epinephrine kit available for anaphylactic reactions. The dose given is 0.3 mg (0.3mL) of 1:1000 concentration administered in the muscle of the mid-outer thigh of either leg.
    - 911 should be called and the patient should be taken to Emergency Department for observation.