

## **Questions & Answers for Willow Brook Employees About the COVID-19 Vaccine (1-21-21 Update)**

### **1. Will I get proof of vaccination after I get my second shot?**

Yes, you'll get a vaccination card after you receive your second vaccine. It will show that you've had two doses of the vaccine, which is the required amount.

### **2. Will I need to wear a mask and do social distancing after I am vaccinated?**

Yes. We need to reach a critical percentage of the population with immunity, which is called "herd immunity," inferring that the population is protected from the spread of COVID-19. Until we reach herd immunity, it's essential that we remain vigilant to prevent the spread of COVID-19 via mask wearing, handwashing and maintaining social distancing.

### **3. Can I get the first shot at the next vaccination clinic on my campus?**

Yes, you can get your first shot at the next vaccine clinic, and your second shot at our third clinic. Please ask your supervisor for the consent form. Prior to signing the form, please read this Pfizer fact sheet: [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers \(fda.gov\)](#).

### **4. Does the vaccine prevent all risk associated with COVID-19?**

No. While the Pfizer vaccine has been shown in clinical trials to be 95% effective in preventing COVID-19, there is still a 5 percent risk that you could contract COVID-19. That's why it's so important to take all safety precautions to stay safe.

### **5. How long will it take for the vaccine to be effective in my body?**

With the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, a study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* found that protection doesn't start until 12 days after the first shot and that it reaches 52% effectiveness a few weeks later. Other studies say that the effectiveness rate hits 95% about two weeks after the second vaccination.

### **6. What if I become sick with the COVID-19 virus and need to be off work?**

You may use your available sick time or vacation time to provide you with compensation during your time off.

## 7. Can I travel once I am vaccinated?

While travel via airplane and to areas where there is a large concentration of COVID-19 cases is still discouraged, the COVID-19 vaccination should provide 95% protection two weeks after the second dose of the vaccine.

As of March 1, 2021, those who've received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccination at least two weeks previously may travel without the need for the 14-day quarantine before returning to work. Those who haven't been vaccinated will need to quarantine for 14 days upon return from traveling before coming back to work. This will help us protect residents and staff.

## 8. When are the next vaccination clinics at Willow Brook?

Here are the dates:

***Willow Brook Christian Home*** – Get your first or second shot on Jan. 26. If you get your first shot on Jan. 26, you can get the second on Feb. 16

***Willow Brook at Delaware Run***- Get your first or second shot on Jan. 28. If you get your first shot on Jan. 28, you can get your second on Feb. 18.

***Willow Brook Christian Village***- Get your first or second shot on Feb. 4. If you get your first shot on Feb. 4, you can get your second shot Feb. 25

## 9. Can I get vaccinated at Willow Brook if I miss the clinics listed above?

No. As of now, we've been told these are our only clinic dates. You'll need to wait with the general public to get the vaccine elsewhere.

## 10. Where can I learn more?

For more information about COVID-19 and the vaccine, check out our Helpful Resources fact sheet: [Vaccine-Resources.pdf \(willow-brook.org\)](#)