Unsure of what to expect when receiving the COVID-19 vaccine? Be prepared – learn the facts!

**TWO DOSES, 3 – 4 WEEKS APART.**
It is necessary to take both doses, as the vaccine will not be effective if you receive only one dose. It is important to get the same type of vaccine as the initial dose.

**SHORT-TERM DISCOMFORT IS POSSIBLE.**
Fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, and pain at the injection site has been reported. These mild side effects are normal, common and expected. Impaired function is highly unlikely. These side effects typically last 24-48 hours and are typically more profound after the second dose. Side effects are a GOOD THING – it means the body is doing its job and creating antibodies.

**PROTECTION OCCURS 1 – 2 WEEKS AFTER THE SECOND DOSE.**
How long the vaccine provides protection will be learned as more time passes and research is conducted.

**MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND TESTING REMAIN NECESSARY.**
Similar to other vaccines, a number of people will need to be vaccinated before transmission drops enough to rollback masks and other restrictions.