

## COVID Vaccine Dialogue Activity

**Tutoring Strategy:** Below is a model conversation between a healthcare professional and someone coming in to a clinic to receive their COVID-19 Vaccine. The tutor and learner can take on the roles and practice what this situation may look like in real life, hopefully relieving some of the stress surrounding the vaccination process. In addition to providing information regarding COVID, this exercise can be used as exposure to grammatical structures, punctuation, and vocabulary in daily life.

Level: Intermediate

*People are waiting in line to get their COVID vaccine. They are standing 6 feet apart with masks on, filling out questions about whether or not they have felt any COVID symptoms. A nurse in scrubs and a mask calls the next person over.*



Nurse: "I can help the next person."

*Patient walks over to the nurse with the questions they filled out and a **form of identification**.*





Patient: "Hello, I have an appointment to get my vaccine today at 2:00 PM."



Nurse: "Great! What is your full name? Can I have a form of identification?"



Patient: "Yep, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and here is my driver's license."

*The nurse checks that the patient's name is on the schedule*



Nurse: "Thank you so much, \_\_\_\_\_. I see you've finished the questionnaire, I can take that from you."

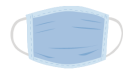
*Patient hands over finished questionnaire*





Nurse: "Have you felt any COVID-related symptoms in the past two weeks? Have you spent time with anyone who has COVID?"

*Patient answers these questions. If the answer is no, they will be able to get their vaccine. They will go to a different room, sit down at a table to wait for a nurse, and keep their mask on the entire time.*



Nurse: "Hello! I will give you your vaccine. Which arm? It will probably feel pretty sore for a few days."



Patient: "Could you use my left arm please?"



Nurse: "Of course. First I will clean and sanitize your arm. Then I will give you the shot. Could you lift up your sleeve for me?"

*Nurse uses a **sanitizing** towel to clean the patient's arm.*



Nurse: “Ok, I will give you the shot now. You will feel a sharp **pinch**. Try to keep your arm **relaxed**.”

*Vaccine is administered and covered with a bandaid.*



Nurse: “Great! We are done. This vaccine has two doses. You will have to come back in around a month. Do you have any more questions?”



Patient: “Thank you! I do have a question. A friend of mine got her vaccine a few weeks ago. She said she felt sick the next day. Does that mean she got infected?”



Nurse: “Your friend probably had some **negative side effects**, which is common. Just because you feel bad after getting the vaccine does *not* mean you are sick. It means your body’s **immune system** is protecting you. You might feel tired and feverish. But you shouldn’t worry. If you start feeling really bad, call your doctor or an **urgent care site**. Any other questions?”



Patient: “No, not right now.”



Nurse: “Alright. Please wait here for 15 minutes before you leave. We want to make sure you don’t have an **allergic reaction** to the vaccine, and then you are free to go.”



Patient: “Ok sounds good. Thank you!”



Nurse: “Of course, have a nice rest of your day.”

## Glossary

### **Administered (verb)**

To apply or do something. In this case the verb takes on a medical sense where a healthcare worker is giving someone a shot.

### **Questionnaire (noun)**

A set of questions to fill out. In medical cases, this usually includes information about your background, medical history, or symptoms you are feeling.

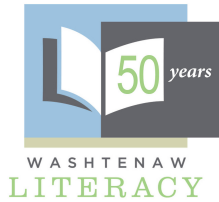
### **Form of Identification (noun)**

An official piece of paper or card that confirms your identity. In the United States, this is usually a driver’s license.

### **Alarmed (adjective)**

To feel very worried or afraid

### **Allergic reaction (noun)**



A biological response to something that the body is sensitive to. This could be a food, animal, medicine, or something in nature like pollen

**Dose (noun)**

The amount of a drug or medicine you should take at a given time

**Urgent care (noun)**

A place that provides medical care for issues that need to be taken care of quickly, but are not serious enough to go to the emergency room

**Immune system (noun)**

Your body's defense against bacteria and other pathogens. It is made up of many different types of cells which try to prevent you from getting sick

**Protection (noun)**

A person or thing that keeps something else safe from harm

**Pinch (noun)**

A slightly painful sensation, the feeling is similar to if you get stung by a bee

**Relaxed (adjective)**

Free of tension or stress

**Side effect (noun)**

An undesired or unwanted result caused by taking a medication