HOW DO I SAFELY USE A MULTI-DOSE VACCINE VIAL?

You vaccinate patients to protect them. Correctly using multi-dose vials keeps your patients safe from germs that can spread from contaminated vials, needles, and syringes.

CHECK THAT YOU ARE USING MULTI-DOSE VACCINE VIALS SAFELY EVERY TIME.

- Always prepare multi-dose vial injections away from patient care spaces in a clean designated area
- Clean your hands before touching the vial
- Check the label to make sure it is a multi-dose vaccine vial
- Check to make sure the vaccine is not expired or “beyond use”
- Look and see if the vaccine appears the way the vaccine maker tells you it should
- Use brand-new, sterile needles and syringes for every vaccine dose
- Disinfect the top part of the vial (the vial stopper) with an alcohol prep pad—every time
- Make sure the top is dry before sticking the needle in it
- When you first put a needle in, write the date and time on the label
- Follow the vaccine maker’s instructions for storage
- Never “pool” doses (combine partial doses from multiple vials to make one dose for a patient)