

# Needle Safety Alert

## Haiou Retractable Needle/Syringe

Due to a national needle and syringe shortage, there are different types of safety needles/syringes in use at COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Each has a different process for shielding the needle. Please review each shift prior to use.

### STEP 1

Give injection according to Institution Policy. After injection, fully depress the plunger to lock the needle.

**Do not** recap the needle after giving the injection.

### STEP 2

Pull back on the plunger until the needle is retracted into the barrel of the syringe.

### STEP 3

Snap off the plunger. The needle will remain inside the barrel of the syringe.

### STEP 4

Dispose immediately into a sharps disposal container. **Keep a sharps disposal container nearby at all times.** Change out the sharps disposal container when it is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full to prevent injury from sharps in the disposal container.

