**Staff Safety Briefing**

**For Vaccination Session & Clinics**

**In the event of an Anaphylaxis Emergency dial 999**

**All Clinics must have available:**

* A Protocol for the management of anaphylaxis and an anaphylaxis pack including adrenaline whenever the Pfizer BioNtech vaccine is given.

**Each safe briefing must:**

* Identify the location of emergency equipment including the anaphylaxis kit
* Ensure all staff are aware of the location of facilities including emergency exits & evacuation procedures
* Ensure all health professionals overseeing the immunisation service are trained and competent to recognise an anaphylactic reaction and be familiar with techniques for resuscitation of a patient with anaphylaxis. Immediate treatment should include early treatment with 0.5mg intramuscular adrenaline (0.5ml of 1:1000 or 1mg/ml adrenaline), with an early 999 call for help and further IM adrenaline every 5 minutes
* Ensure all health professionals at the COVID Vaccination clinic trained and competent in Basic Life Support?

**All staff should be informed that**

1. Any person with a history of immediate-onset anaphylaxis to a vaccine, medicine or food should not receive the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine. A second dose of the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine should not be given to those who have experienced anaphylaxis to the first dose of Pfizer BioNTech vaccination.
2. In the event that support from the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service is required please ensure that NIAS is contacted via **999** and not on any other call/contact number. The person making the **999** call must provide clear unambiguous information about the incident and that it follows vaccination with COVID-19 vaccine.