

PFIZER COVID-19 BOOSTER DOSE NOW APPROVED FOR SOME; MODERNA AND J&J NOT CURRENTLY APPROVED

September 27, 2021 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) reports that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted on September 23 to recommend a single Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster dose for certain populations that completed the primary Pfizer BioNTech series.

The updated interim guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a booster at least 6 months after a Pfizer primary series under the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the following populations:

- Individuals aged 65 years and older
- Long-term care facility residents
- Individuals 50-64 years of age with underlying medical conditions
- Individuals aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions based on individual benefits and risks
- Individuals 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting based on individual benefits and risks

The ACIP booster dose recommendation only applies to individuals who received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for their primary series. There is currently no booster recommended for those who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine for their primary series.

Michigan residents will have a variety of options to receive the COVID-19 booster doses, including local public health departments, traditional health care settings, retail pharmacies, and community vaccination clinics.

If you meet the eligibility requirements above, you can schedule your Pfizer booster dose at DHD#10 online at www.dhd10.org/schedule or call 888-217-3904.

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