

## DHD#10 NOW AUTHORIZED TO GIVE MODERNA AND JOHNSON & JOHNSON BOOSTER DOSES

October 25, 2021 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) has received authorization to begin giving booster doses of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines. Eligible individuals should plan to get booster doses six months after primary mRNA series or two months after single dose of Johnson & Johnson.

“We anticipated that this decision would be made and are prepared to provide booster doses to all eligible individuals,” stated Kevin Hughes, Health Officer for DHD#10.

“Individuals can also receive COVID-19 vaccines and booster doses from their healthcare providers and local pharmacies as well.”

Following FDA approval, recommendations from the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the [endorsement of the CDC director](#), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging certain Michiganders to get a booster vaccine if they received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson (J&J) primary COVID-19 vaccines. This includes people ages 65 and older; individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19 due to underlying health conditions; and those at high risk of COVID-19 due to occupational or institutional exposure.

There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC’s recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

For individuals who received an mRNA (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) COVID-19 primary vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at six months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older.
- Age 18+ who live in [long-term care settings](#).
- Age 18+ who have [underlying medical conditions](#).
- Age 18+ who work or live in [high-risk settings](#).

People over age 18 who received a single dose of the J&J (Janssen) vaccine should receive a single J&J COVID-19 booster dose at least two months after completing their primary series.

- The use of a single booster dose of the J&J COVID-19 vaccine may be administered at least two months after completion of the single-dose primary regimen to individuals 18 years of age and older.

[Per CDC, occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure](#) and transmission include frontline essential workers and health care workers including:



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- First responders (EMS, health care workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff).
- Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers).
- Food and agriculture workers.
- Manufacturing workers.
- Corrections workers.
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Public transit workers.
- Grocery store workers.

This list could be updated in the future.

To schedule your COVID-19 vaccine or booster dose, go to [www.dhd10.org/schedule](http://www.dhd10.org/schedule) or call 888-217-3904 for assistance.

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