

## INDIVIDUALS 18+ AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE PFIZER, MODERNA, OR JOHNSON & JOHNSON BOOSTER DOSES

November 22, 2021 – The CDC, MDHHS, and DHD#10 urge all eligible Michiganders to get a booster dose now that the FDA has approved Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson boosters for anyone 18 and up that already received their primary COVID-19 vaccines. Eligible individuals should get booster doses six months after their primary mRNA series or two months after a single dose of Johnson & Johnson.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may prefer the vaccine type they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different type of booster vaccine. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots. Consult your healthcare provider if there is a question which vaccine is appropriate for you.

Michiganders should bring their COVID-19 vaccine card or immunization record with them when getting their booster dose, which are available at any vaccine provider. Downloadable immunization records are accessible free at the Michigan Immunization Portal. To obtain their record, Michiganders must create a MILogin account at Michigan.gov/Milmmsportal and upload a valid government issued photo ID such as a driver's license, state ID or passport. If you do not have records in the portal contact your healthcare provider or local health department.

As previously recommended, Michiganders with moderately to severely compromised immune systems should receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after a second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. This additional dose is intended to improve the response of people who are immunocompromised to their initial vaccine series.

To date more than 5.6 million Michiganders aged 5 and up have gotten at least their first dose of one of the three safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines. Michigan is making good progress on boosters and third doses, with over 1.1 million administered to date, making the state 7th nationwide in booster doses.

From January to November 5, unvaccinated Michiganders accounted for 88% of COVID cases, 88.2% of hospitalizations and 87.7% of deaths. Many Michiganders are still in need of the extra protection provided by booster doses, including residents of long-term care facilities where outbreaks can spread quickly, and extra protection is strongly recommended.

To schedule your COVID-19 vaccine, go to <a href="www.dhd10.org/schedule">www.dhd10.org/schedule</a> or call 888-217-3904. To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit <a href="Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine">Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine</a>.



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