

COVID-19 BOOSTER DOSES EXPANDED

District Health Department #10 Promotes New COVID-19 Booster Recommendations

January 6, 2022 - Following the CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is urging anyone aged 12 and up to get the Pfizer booster dose 5 months after they have received their full Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine sequence. The CDC also noted that moderately or severely immunocompromised children aged 5-11 get their Pfizer booster dose 28 days after they complete the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination sequence. According to the CDC, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is the only authorized and recommended vaccine and booster for those aged 5-17.

The CDC also reduced the interval for eligibility between Pfizer's vaccine and booster from 6 months to 5 months. The interval for those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine (2 months) or the Moderna vaccine (6 months) sequence has not changed.

COVID-19 boosters can be given in conjunction with the flu vaccine.

DHD#10's Health Officer, Kevin Hughes, supports this change, stating that, "It is important to follow vaccination and booster intervals to increase the longevity and efficacy of these vaccines and their ability to protect our community."

For those wanting to schedule your COVID-19 vaccine, booster dose and/or flu shot, please visit www.dhd10.org/schedule or call 888-217-3904. If no appointments are available, consider going to a pharmacy or your primary health care provider.

DHD#10 is also hosting COVID-19 and Flu vaccine clinics at various locations throughout our jurisdiction. Find a clinic near you at www.dhd10.org/events or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DHD10/events.

DHD#10 does not supply COVID-19 at-home tests; however, test kits are available at most pharmacies. Be sure to call your pharmacy ahead of time, as demand is high. If you have a positive COVID-19 at-home test kit, please report it here: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6055601/3a61f0729898>

Employers are critical to our understanding of outbreaks. If you are an employer and would like to report a positive test result from your organization, please do so at: covidreporting@dhd10.org.

For more information on COVID-19, visit www.dhd10.org/coronavirus.

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