

SECOND COVID-19 BOOSTER DOSE GETS AUTHORIZATION

Second Booster Available for People Aged 50+ and Some Immunocompromised

March 30, 2022 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) announces that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have authorized a second COVID-19 mRNA booster for those over the age of 50 and certain immunocompromised individuals.

The expanded eligibility for a second mRNA booster dose was authorized specifically for those at an increased risk for severe disease. Guidelines are as follows:

- A second booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to individuals 50 years of age and older at least 4 months after receiving their first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- A second booster dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to individuals 12 years of age and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised* at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- A second booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine may be administered at least 4 months after the first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 18 years of age and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised*.
- Adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

*For a list of moderate and severe immunocompromising conditions/treatments, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#immunocompromised>

“Now that we are able to administer an additional dose of the COVID-19 booster, we expect to see even greater virus protection and resilience in our district,” said DHD#10 Health Officer Kevin Hughes. “Regardless of which stage of the vaccination process you might be in, we have plenty of vaccine to go around. It is never too late to get your first dose.”

For those wanting to schedule their COVID-19 vaccine, booster dose and/or flu shot, please visit www.dhd10.org/schedule or call 888-217-3904.

For those interested in hosting a COVID-19 vaccine or testing clinic at their location, please complete this registration form: <https://bit.ly/3j52rSj>.

The CDC now provides a way for communities and individuals to decide what COVID-19 prevention steps to take based on the latest data through their [COVID-19 County Check](#) tool. MDHHS also maintains a [data dashboard](#) of state and county-level data on COVID-19 cases, trends, demographics, and testing, as well as [vaccine data](#) and other relevant information by topic.



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KN95 masks are currently available in all 10 DHD#10 offices. Masks are given out 3 per person on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. To find your nearest DHD#10 office, visit www.dhd10.org/clinic-locations/.

For those needing a COVID-19 test, DHD#10 is hosting testing clinics at various locations throughout their jurisdiction. Find a testing site near you at www.dhd10.org/covid19-testing-clinics. You do not need to be a resident to get tested at any of these clinics. COVID-19 testing also takes place at most pharmacies, urgent cares, and your primary health care provider's office. You can also find testing in neighboring counties on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) site: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_104699_104714-554722-,00.html.

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. You can also get at-home tests through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the United States Postal Service (USPS) here: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>.

If you have a positive COVID-19 at-home test kit, please report it here: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6715540/Home-Test-Report>.

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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