

DHD#10 ANNOUNCES PFIZER AND MODERNA COVID-19 BIVALENT BOOSTER AVAILABILITY

September 8, 2022 – Based on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) recommendation, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is now offering the Pfizer bivalent booster vaccine for those 12 and older, and the Moderna bivalent vaccine for those 18 and older.

“Having both bivalent boosters available as we head into fall and winter is very important as cases are expected to rise,” said DHD#10 Medical Director Dr. Jennifer Morse. “These bivalent boosters will help protect against Omicron subvariants, including BA.4 and BA.5. Getting vaccinated and boosted is the best defense against the spread of COVID-19.”

Both the Pfizer and Moderna bivalent boosters can be given to those who have completed any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent primary series (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, and Novavax). They can also be given to those that previously received monovalent booster doses.

Eligibility for the single bivalent booster dose is as follows:

- Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the bivalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccine if it has been at least two months since they completed primary vaccination or received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine
- Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine if it has been at least two months since they completed primary vaccination or received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine

To schedule to receive the Pfizer or Moderna bivalent booster, or any COVID-19 vaccine, please visit <https://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. Additional vaccination sites can be found at <https://www.vaccines.gov/search>.

DHD#10 now supplies COVID-19 at-home tests; however, supplies are limited. COVID-19 test kits are limited at each DHD#10 office and are available on a first come, first served basis. Individuals are asked to take one kit per person, and up to four kits per household. Each kit has two tests inside and expire March 2023. Test kits are also available at most pharmacies. Be sure to call your pharmacy ahead of time, as demand remains high.

For more information on COVID-19, visit <https://www.dhd10.org/coronavirus>.

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