

## PFIZER AND MODERNA COVID-19 BIVALENT BOOSTER AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN AGES SIX MONTHS TO FIVE YEARS

December 16, 2022 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is announcing that both the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 bivalent boosters are now available for children 6 months and older.

Following the <u>emergency authorization and recommendation</u> of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), DHD#10 is now offering the Pfizer and Moderna bivalent booster doses for everyone 6 months and older. The vaccine schedule may be different based on a child's age and which vaccines they have received. To know when your child is ready for their bivalent booster, please refer to the vaccine schedule listed here:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-immunization-schedule-ages-6months-older.pdf.

"With the authorization of the new COVID-19 bivalent boosters for our younger population, we're hoping we see kids getting scheduled for their boosters before the holiday season," said DHD#10's Health Officer, Kevin Hughes. "Even if they haven't started the series yet, it's never too late to get vaccinated."

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

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. Test kits are also available at most pharmacies. Be sure to call your pharmacy ahead of time, as demand is high. To find a DHD#10 COVID-19 testing clinic near you, please visit https://www.dhd10.org/covid19-testing-clinics/.

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

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