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To All Enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

All fully vaccinated Ohioans age 18 and older are now eligible to receive a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine of their choice following action by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> has reviewed the authorization from the <u>U.S. Food and Drug Administration</u> on Nov. 19, 2021, and recommended the following:

Pfizer/Comirnaty and Moderna booster dose

People age 18 and older who received the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for their primary vaccine series can receive a booster dose of any of the three approved COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer/Comirnaty, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson) at least six months after their second dose (or third dose if immunocompromised).

Individuals younger than 18 are not eligible for booster doses at this time. The FDA and CDC will continue to evaluate vaccine data to determine if or when that eligibility will be extended to teens or children.

Johnson & Johnson booster dose

Booster doses are authorized for <u>all recipients</u> of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine age 18 or older. These individuals can receive a booster dose of any of the three approved COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson) at least two months following the initial dose.

NEXT STEPS

Ohio COVID-19 vaccine providers can begin offering booster doses to all eligible individuals as soon as practical. Ohioans are encouraged to schedule an appointment online at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov or by phone at 1-833-427-5634.

UPDATED RESOURCES:

- UPDATED: Guidance for Ohio Vaccine Providers for Administering Booster Doses
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers
- Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers

Vaccine providers with questions may call the ODH Provider Call Center at 1-844-90DHVAX (1-844-963-4829) between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays or email COVIDVACCINE@odh.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Ohio COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Relations Team