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Public Health Brief - COVID-19 Booster Dose

CDC recommends that people in the following groups should receive a booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 Vaccine at least 6 months after completion of their 2-dose *Pfizer* series:

- People ages 65 years and older
- Adults 18+ living in long-term care settings
- People ages 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions

People who may receive a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine booster include:

- Previously received two doses of Pfizer vaccine (not Moderna or Johnson & Johnson) .
- People ages 18–49 with an underlying medical condition
- People ages 18–64 who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission due to working or residing in certain settings, including healthcare workers and those in education.

Sierra County residents have received mostly the Moderna vaccine. Approval for boosters following 2 doses of the Moderna vaccine **has not occurred yet** but is expected in the weeks to come. Exactly who will be eligible has not yet been determined.

Still to be determined for the Moderna vaccine:

1. What age and risk groups will be eligible?
2. What will be the interval recommended between the 2nd and booster doses?
3. What will be the dose – same as first and second doses, or something less?

Sierra County Public Health has given a small number of additional doses of Moderna to persons we believe to be at high risk of serious complications and outcomes from COVID-19 infection. Evidence shows no risk, and potential benefit for those at highest risk to give the additional dose sooner rather than later. [Read more from the Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) on who is eligible for an additional dose or booster dose.

It is not currently recommended to mix vaccine types. *In other words, if you have had 2 doses of the Moderna vaccine, it is recommended that you stick with Moderna for your booster dose when you become eligible.*

Who is currently eligible to receive which vaccine:

- ✓ Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine has been fully approved for all 18 years of age and authorized under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for those 12-17 years of age.
- ✓ Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine has an EUA for all 18 years of age or older.
- ✓ Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine has an EUA for all 18 years of age and older.

All three vaccines are available at the Sierra County Health Department as well as many other locations such as pharmacies and health care providers. To make an appointment for your COVID-19 or Flu Vaccine go to California's on-line appointment system [My Turn](#).