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PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTERS APPROVED FOR 5-11 AGE GROUP

*Non-Immunocompromised Children Encouraged
to Receive a First Booster at Least Five Months After Second Dose*

June 2, 2022 – On May 24, 2022, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced aligning with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in recommending Pfizer COVID-19 (Coronavirus) booster doses for children aged 5-11. Non-immunocompromised children are encouraged to receive their booster at least five months after receiving their second dose of Pfizer.

Who Is Eligible for Booster Vaccinations?

Aged 5-11:

- Not Immunocompromised People in This Age Group:
 - Should receive a first booster dose of Pfizer at least five months after receiving their second dose of Pfizer.
 - No recommendation for a second booster at this time.
- Immunocompromised People in This Age Group:
 - Should receive an additional dose of Pfizer if at least four weeks after receiving their second dose of Pfizer.
 - Should receive a first booster dose of Pfizer if at least three months after receiving their additional (third) dose of Pfizer.
 - No recommendation for a second booster at this time.

Aged 12-17:

- Not Immunocompromised People in This Age Group:
 - Should receive a first booster dose of Pfizer at least five months after receiving their second dose of Pfizer.
 - No recommendation for a second booster at this time.
- Immunocompromised People in This Age Group:
 - Should receive an additional dose of Pfizer if at least four weeks after receiving their second dose of Pfizer.
 - Should receive a first booster dose of Pfizer if at least three months after receiving their additional (third) dose of Pfizer.

- Should receive a second booster dose of Pfizer if at least four months after receiving their first booster dose.

Aged 18-49

- Not Immunocompromised People in This Age Group:
 - Should receive a first booster dose of their choice if the minimum time has passed since completing their primary vaccine series:
 - Pfizer or Moderna - Received second dose at least five months ago.
 - Johnson & Johnson - Received single dose at least two months ago.
 - No recommendation for a second booster at this time if mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) was taken as the primary series.
 - May receive a second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna if a person received two doses of Johnson & Johnson and at least four months has passed since the second dose.
- Immunocompromised People in This Age Group:
 - Should receive an additional dose of Pfizer or Moderna if at least four weeks after receiving their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna.
 - Should receive an additional dose of Pfizer or Moderna if at least four weeks after receiving their dose of Johnson & Johnson.
 - Should receive a first booster dose of their choice if the minimum time has passed since completing their primary vaccine series:
 - Pfizer or Moderna - Received additional (third) dose at least three months ago.
 - Johnson & Johnson - Received additional (second) dose at least two months ago.
 - Should receive a second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna four months after completing their first booster dose.

Aged 50+

- Not Immunocompromised People in This Age Group:
 - Should receive a first booster dose of their choice if at least two months after receiving their Johnson & Johnson dose or if at least five months after receiving their Pfizer or Moderna primary series.
 - Should receive a second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna if at least four months after receiving their first booster dose.
- Immunocompromised People in This Age Group:
 - Should receive an additional dose of Pfizer or Moderna if at least four weeks after receiving their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna.
 - Should receive an additional dose of Pfizer or Moderna if at least four weeks after receiving their dose of Johnson & Johnson.

- Should receive a first booster dose of their choice if the minimum time has passed since completing their primary vaccine series:
 - Pfizer or Moderna - Received additional (third) dose at least three months ago.
 - Johnson & Johnson - Received additional (second) dose at least two months ago
- Should receive a second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna four months after receiving their first booster dose.

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

Visit myturn.ca.gov to schedule COVID-19 vaccination appointments, or stop by a Mono County Public Health COVID-19 testing clinic to receive your shot.

COVID-19 TESTING

Both OptumServe and Mono County Public Health provide free COVID-19 testing clinics in Mono County (pending weather-related issues). In addition, every home in the U.S. is eligible to order three (3) sets of at-home COVID-19 tests from the federal government at no charge. The tests are completely free, and orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. The tests can be accessed here: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.

About the tests:

- The at-home tests are rapid antigen tests, not PCR
- Can be taken anywhere
- Results in 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required)
- The tests will work whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms
- The tests will work whether or not you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines

When to test:

- If you begin having COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, sore throat, runny nose, or loss of taste or smell, or
- At least 5 days after you come into close contact with someone with COVID-19, or
- When you're going to gather with a group of people, especially those who are at risk of severe disease or may not be up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines

Mono County Public Health offers testing in other locations throughout the county at various times throughout the week. While both OptumServe and Mono County Public Health accept walk-ins at their COVID-19 testing clinics, pre-registration is strongly encouraged as walk-ins will only be accommodated pending resource availability.

The COVID-19 testing schedule can be accessed here:
<https://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/health>.

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