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Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.

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Public Health Advisory

Marin County Public Health:

- Recommends that all eligible persons get vaccinated for COVID-19.
- Urges older residents to obtain COVID-19 booster vaccinations.
- Recommends residents consider COVID-19 booster vaccinations based on their risk for adverse outcomes (e.g., hospitalizations, outbreaks in congregate settings).
- Strongly recommends co-administration of seasonal flu and other catch-up vaccines at the time of COVID-19 vaccination when possible.

Background

Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Booster Doses

The CDC and the Western States Scientific and Safety Review Workgroup (WSSSRW) now recommend Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 booster doses with the following guidelines:

The Workgroup recommended that all individuals 18 years of age and older who received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine should receive a booster dose two months after their first shot.

Mirroring the existing criteria for Pfizer booster eligibility, the following groups who received the Moderna vaccine *should* receive a booster dose (half dose) after at least six months:

- Individuals aged 65 years and older
- Individuals aged 18 years and older who reside in long-term care settings
- Individuals aged 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions or at an increased risk of social inequities

The following groups who received the Moderna vaccine *may* receive a booster dose after at least six months:

- Individuals aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions or at an increased risk of social inequities
- Individuals aged 18-64 years at increased risk for SARS-CoV-2 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting

Actions Requested of Providers

1. Learn more about updated booster recommendations: What Clinicians Need to Know about the Recent Updates to CDC's Recommendations for COVID-19 Boosters - [Tuesday, October 26 at 11AM - 12PM PST](#)
2. Review booster and third dose indications with eligible patients
 - a. Patients who originally received Johnson & Johnson may receive a Pfizer, Moderna (half dose), or Johnson & Johnson booster vaccine two months after original dose.
 - b. Patients who originally received Moderna or Pfizer and meet eligibility criteria may receive a Pfizer, Moderna (half dose) or Johnson & Johnson booster vaccine six months after completing the original vaccine series.
3. Refer all eligible patients for COVID-19 vaccination. Appointments available at [GetVaccinatedMarin.org](#).
4. [Prepare](#) your practice to provide COVID-19 vaccination for children and adolescents.
5. Address individual concerns and [promote](#) vaccine confidence.
6. Review COVID-19 Vaccine Patient Education [resources](#). More information available at [Marin County Coronavirus Information | COVID-19 Vaccine](#).
7. Review patients' immunization records and provide indicated vaccinations. If multiple vaccines are administered in a single visit, administer each in a different injection site. For adolescents, the deltoid muscle can be used for more than one intramuscular injection.
8. Monitor upcoming meetings:
 - a. FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) Meeting: [October 26, 5:30AM - 2PM PT](#)
 - b. CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP): [November 2-3, 7AM - 2PM PT](#)
 - c. Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup: Date TBD. Further information [here](#).

References

[Statement on Moderna and Johnson & Johnson Booster \(ca.gov\)](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Questions & Answers \(ca.gov\)](#)