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Dear COVID vaccine providers:

On August 31, 2022, the FDA authorized both Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent boosters. These “updated” COVID-19 boosters will be ready to administer if the ACIP votes to recommend them (the ACIP meeting is [scheduled for September 1 and, if needed, September 2, 2022](#)), and after CDC endorses an ACIP recommendation. Administration of the bivalent COVID-19 boosters can begin only after CDC’s official recommendation.

Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent, if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent, **if it has been at least two months** since they completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE: Monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are NO LONGER authorized for use as boosters in people ages 12 years and older. From the FDA press release:

- With today’s authorization, the monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are not authorized as booster doses for individuals 12 years of age and older.

Appointments for monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna boosters in people 12 years of age and older must be rescheduled for when locations have the bivalent COVID-19 vaccines available.

Please update your vaccine appointment information for VaxFinder as soon as possible via [this survey](#).

For further details:

[August 31 DPH Provider Bulletin](#)

[FDA press release](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our vaccination program.

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