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To: All Nursing Facility Providers
All Assisted Living Providers
All Residential Care Facility Providers

From: Aging and People with Disabilities
ODHS Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ)

Subject: **COVID-19 booster shot guidance update and assistance**



This alert provides an update on vaccine booster guidance from Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Booster doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are now available to groups who received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine **at least 6 months** previously. Eligible groups for Pfizer or Moderna include those:

- 65 years and older;
- Age 18 and older who live in long-term care settings;
- Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions, increased risk of social inequities, or disabilities, including intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- Age 18 and older who live or work in high-risk settings.

Booster doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are available to everyone 18 years and older who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine **at least 2 months** previously.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. The Center for Disease Control's recommendations allow mix and match dosing for booster shots. More details are on the [Oregon Health Authority web page](#).

Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), along with OHA, are supporting care providers who serve older adults and people with disabilities to ensure they have access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

OHA has an online [technical assistance form](#)

where providers or individuals may request assistance getting access to a COVID-19 vaccine, including initial or booster doses. Specifically, the form should be used by providers that have residents and/or staff in need of vaccine assistance.

All COVID-19 vaccines are free and widely available through pharmacies, doctor's offices, federally qualified health centers, and vaccine clinics.

Additional information about vaccines is available at the below links:

- [Booster doses, third doses for immunocompromised](#)
- [Fast facts: COVID-19 Booster Doses](#)
- [COVID-19 Booster Dose FAQs](#)
- [Booster doses for specific groups recommended by Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup](#)

For information in Spanish:

- [El Grupo de Trabajo de Revisión de Seguridad Científica de los Estados Occidentales aprobó el uso de dosis de refuerzo para grupos específicos recomendados.](#)

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