

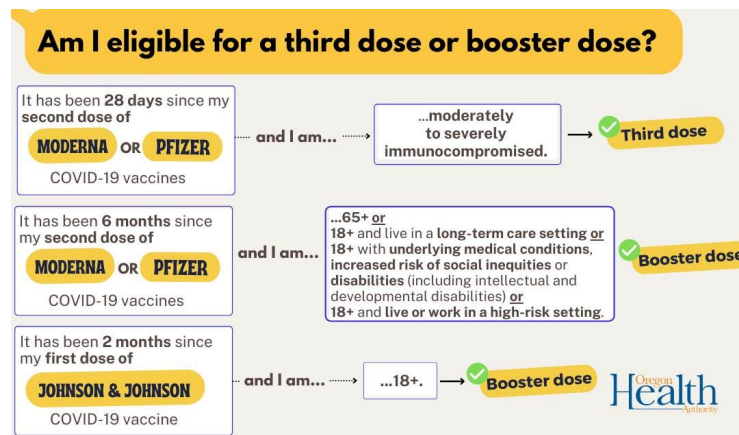
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Oct. 26, 2021

To: ODDS Providers and Partners

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Subject: Booster doses expanded



Booster doses of the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines [are now available.](#)

Booster doses of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are available to certain groups who received two doses of the Pfizer or

Moderna vaccine at **least 6 months** previously.

Eligible groups for Pfizer or Moderna include:

- 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
- 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 CDC's recommendations allow mix and match dosing for booster shots. More details are on the [Oregon Health Authority web page](#).

ODDS, case management entities and providers have supported people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to have access to the COVID-19 vaccine since this effort started. Case management entities and providers should connect with individuals in services who are eligible for a booster dose and make sure they have access and support.

If you already requested support for an individual to receive a booster at their own home due to an inability to access a community event or retail pharmacy, there is no need to resubmit the data. ODDS has shared the information with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) directly.

OHA has an online [technical assistance form](#) where providers, case management entities or individuals can request assistance getting access to a COVID-19 vaccine, including initial or booster doses. Specifically, the form should be used by providers of group homes and I/DD adult foster homes with residents and staff that need vaccine assistance, or people receiving in-home services who, for whatever reason, cannot leave their home for a vaccine. Case management entities are encouraged to fill the form out for people in services who may need vaccine access.

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

### **Infographics:**

- [Booster doses, third doses for immunocompromised](#)
- [Fast facts: COVID-19 Booster Doses](#)
- [COVID-19 Booster Dose FAQs](#)

### **Blog posts:**

- [Booster doses for specific groups recommended by Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup](#)
- [El Grupo de Trabajo de Revisión de Seguridad Científica de los Estados Occidentales aprobó el uso de dosis de refuerzo para grupos específicos recomendados.](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lilia".

Lilia Teninty  
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Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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