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PFIZER BOOSTER DOSES NOW AVAILABLE

Following approval by FDA and CDC, Jackson County Health Department is pleased to now offer booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine to those who previously received their second dose of Pfizer at least six months ago. In making the announcement, CDC recommends the following groups **SHOULD** receive a booster shot of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine:

- People age 65 and older;
- Residents in long-term care settings age 18 and older;
- People age 50-64 with [underlying medical conditions](#).

CDC also recommends the following groups **MAY** receive a booster shot of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine:

- People age 18-49 with [underlying medical conditions](#);
- People age 18-64 that face increased risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting (such as healthcare workers, first responders, congregate care staff, educational staff, food and agriculture workers, manufacturing workers, corrections workers, US postal workers, public transit workers, grocery store workers).

Persons seeking a Pfizer booster should not come in until they are eligible, meaning no sooner than the six-month anniversary of the second dose. Individuals seeking a booster dose too early will be turned away. Do not seek vaccination if you are currently ill.

All vaccinations at JCHD now require an appointment. Visit www.jchdonline.org and click on the box near the top of the page. Clients can securely provide the minimal information requested and select a vaccination appointment date and time. Persons who are unable to make an appointment online may call the Health Department at 618/684-3143 to make an appointment over the phone.

Individuals should bring in their vaccination card and it will be updated with the booster dose. No fees are collected and no insurance information is needed for COVID-19 vaccines.

Those who previously received Moderna or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccinations are **NOT** currently eligible for a booster dose, nor are those under age 18 who previously received Pfizer. It is anticipated that boosters for those vaccines may be made available by Federal authorities in the coming weeks to months.

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