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Pfizer Booster Now Recommended for Certain Individuals

Grant County, WA – The FDA, CDC and Western States Workgroup recommend a booster dose of Pfizer vaccine for people who have completed two doses of Pfizer at least six months ago and are:

- 65 years or older
- Residents in long-term care facilities
- 50-64 years who are at high-risk because of underlying medical conditions

The following people may also receive a booster shot of Pfizer vaccine at least six months after receiving two doses of Pfizer vaccine based on their individual benefits and risks:

- 18-49 years who are at high-risk because of underlying medical conditions.
- 18-64 years in occupational or institutional settings that put them at high risk for COVID-19 (healthcare, schools, childcare, homeless shelter, and correctional facility).

"COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in reducing the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death, even against new variants," said Theresa Adkinson, Grant County Health District Administrator.

Only booster doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine have been authorized by the FDA at this time. Booster doses of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have not yet been authorized. NOTE: Third doses of Moderna have been authorized only for people who have significantly compromised immune systems, such as those receiving cancer treatments or organ transplants.

"Booster doses will be available at any of our health district sponsored vaccination clinics, as well as primary doses. Currently, there is plenty of vaccine available across Grant County for everyone who needs a dose," added Alice McMartin, Grant County Health District Vaccine Coordinator.

To find a vaccine location near you, visit <u>Vaccine Locator</u> or call the COVID-19 Information Hotline at 1-800-525-0127, then press #. Language assistance is available.

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