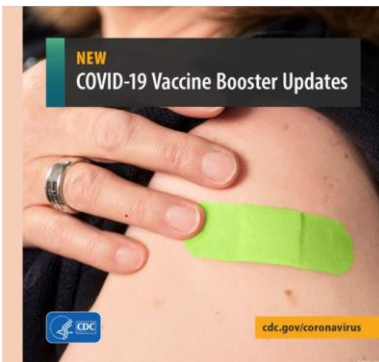| FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 3/31/2022 | FOR INFORMATION CONTACT |
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# Second COVID-19 Booster Dose Approved for Persons 50+



GRANT COUNTY—People 50 years and older and certain immunocompromised individuals are now eligible to receive a 2nd booster dose of an mRNA (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine at least four months after receiving their initial booster dose. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) updated its booster dose recommendation in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Center for Disease and Control and Prevention, and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup.

**DOH's updated booster dose recommendations are as follows:**

- Everyone 12 and older should receive a booster dose five months after completing their two-dose vaccine series of Pfizer or Moderna, or two months after receiving the single-shot Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine.

- Everyone 50 and older can receive a second booster dose four months after receiving their first booster dose.

- Individuals 12 and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised can receive a second booster dose four months after receiving their first booster dose.

- Those 18 and older who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of the J&J vaccine four months ago can receive a second booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

As of March 28th, in Grant County 64.1% of the eligible population (ages 5+) have initiated COVID-19 vaccination, and 43.2% of those eligible (ages 12+) have received their initial booster dose. This second booster dose is a great option for people 50 and older as well as for those who are immunocompromised protect themselves. COVID-19 vaccinations are safe and effective at preventing severe illness and death and our best defense against the virus that causes COVID-19. **If you are eligible and have not yet received your initial booster dose, get boosted as soon as possible.**

To find a location to receive a COVID-19 vaccine visit granthealth.org/covid-19-vaccinations/, Vaccine Locator, or call the COVID-19 Information Hotline at 833-VAX-HELP. For more information, please call GCHD at 509-766-7960 or by email at info@granthealth.org. If you have additional questions, please contact GCHD Vaccine Coordinator Alice McMartin at amcmartin@granthealth.org.

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