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Updated COVID-19 Boosters now available at all TONHC Clinics

CDC now recommends that all persons ages 12 years and older receive an updated (also called "bivalent") booster to improve protection against serious COVID-19 disease. The updated COVID-19 boosters were formulated to better protect against the COVID-19 Omicron BA.4/BA.5 strains, in addition to the original COVID-19 strain. CDC anticipates that most people will need a once-yearly booster based on changes in COVID-19 strains.

Who should get an updated booster?

 Everyone 12 years and older who has completed the primary COVID-19 vaccine series should get the updated booster. This includes persons who have already received a prior booster.

When should I get an updated booster?

 Persons must complete their primary COVID-19 vaccine series and then wait at least 2 months after their most recent dose of any COVID-19 vaccine before getting an updated booster. You can get your updated booster at the same time as other vaccines, including flu vaccine.

What updated booster products are available?

- The updated Pfizer booster is authorized for children ages 12-17 years and adults ages 18 years and older.
- The updated Moderna booster is authorized for adults ages 18 years and older.

Do young children need COVID-19 vaccine boosters?

- Children ages 6 months-4 years should receive the COVID-19 primary series.
- Children ages 5-11 years continue to be eligible for the original booster.
- CDC will provide information about updated boosters for children in the near future.

Where can I get my updated COVID-19 boosters?

- TONHC now offers the updated booster COVID-19 vaccines at all TONHC health centers and community clinics.
- Be sure to bring your COVID-19 vaccination card(s) with you.
- You can also check <u>www.vaccines.gov</u> for pharmacies and other vaccination sites that offer COVID-19 vaccines.
- Use the CDC's website tool to: "Find Out When to Get a Booster".

Stay up-to-date with your COVID-19 and other vaccinations. Vaccinations help to protect you, your loved ones, and your community.