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TO: Illinois COVID-19 Vaccine Providers

FROM: IDPH Immunization Section

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SUBJECT: Additional mRNA booster doses

The FDA [authorized a second booster dose](#) of either COVID-19 mRNA vaccines for certain individuals at least four months after the first booster dose. Following the FDA's announcement, CDC has updated its recommendations, allowing adults over 50 years of age and certain immunocompromised individuals to receive an additional booster dose. IDPH adopts CDC's recommendations.

- The additional single booster dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine will be available for individuals ages 50 and older at least four months after the first booster dose.
- An additional booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine will be available for immunocompromised individuals ages 12 and older at least four months after the first booster dose.
- Adults who received the Johnson & Johnson primary vaccine may receive a second booster dose of an mRNA vaccine at least four months after their first booster dose.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky states, "Boosters are safe, and people over the age of 50 can now get an additional booster 4 months after their prior dose to increase their protection further. This is especially important for those 65 and older and those 50 and older with [underlying medical conditions](#) that increase their risk for severe disease from COVID-19 as they are the most likely to benefit from receiving an additional booster dose at this time."

IDPH encourages all providers to regularly review the CDC's Interim Clinical Considerations, which should be the basis for decision making regarding COVID-19 vaccination.

The update to the Interim Clinical Considerations can be found [here](#).

See CDC's full media statement [here](#).

See the EUA for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine [here](#).

See the EUA for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine [here](#).

See the EUA for the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine [here](#).