



Yakima Health District

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COVID-19 Booster Doses Available for Everyone 16 Years and Older

Yakima, WA- On December 9, 2021, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expanded its COVID-19 vaccine booster dose eligibility to include everyone 16 years and older. At this time, only the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 16 and 17. Previously, only adults 18 years and older were eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine booster dose. Starting today, December 15, the Yakima Health District mobile vaccine teams will begin administering Pfizer COVID-19 booster doses to everyone 16 years and older.

Individuals who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine can receive a booster dose after six months have passed since completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series. For those that received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, they can receive a booster dose after two months have passed since completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series.

According to the CDC, mixing and matching boosters is safe and effective. Individuals 18 years and older can choose which COVID-19 vaccine they receive for their booster dose. The COVID-19 vaccines continue to be highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Initial data suggests that COVID-19 boosters help broaden and strengthen the protection against omicron and other variants, according to the CDC.

Individuals can find a list of mobile vaccine locations or a list of clinics and pharmacies offering COVID-19 vaccines at [YakimaVaccines.org](https://www.YakimaVaccines.org).

Quote

“It is encouraging that more individuals in our county are eligible to receive a COVID-19 booster dose. As we learn more about the Omicron variant, we want to stay healthy and out of the hospital by getting vaccinated and following public health recommendations. We encourage parents to get their children vaccinated and adults to get vaccinated as well.” -Dr. Neil Barg, Health Officer, Yakima Health District

Additional Information

www.YakimaVaccines.org

www.YakimaTesting.org

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