



# Media Release

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## **COVID-19 Booster Dose Eligibility Now Expanded to Everyone 12 Years and Older**

**Yakima, WA-** On Wednesday, January 5, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expanded its COVID-19 vaccine booster dose eligibility to include everyone 12 years and older. Previously, only individuals 16 and older were eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine booster dose. Starting today, January 10, 2022, the Yakima Health District mobile vaccine teams will begin administering Pfizer COVID-19 booster doses to everyone 12 years and older.

It is recommended that everyone 12 and older get a booster dose at least:

- Five months after completing the Pfizer primary vaccination series,
- Six months after completing the Moderna primary vaccination series, or
- Two months after receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

However, Pfizer is currently the only COVID-19 vaccine authorized for people ages 17 and younger.

As part of its updated guidance, the CDC recommends that all individuals who received the Pfizer vaccine as their primary series get a booster dose 5 months after completing their vaccination series. Previously, the recommendation was to receive a booster dose 6 months after completing the initial Pfizer primary series. Boosters can be mixed and matched, which means adults can choose which vaccine they would like to receive as a booster dose.

Individuals can find a list of mobile vaccine locations or a list of clinics and pharmacies offering

COVID-19 vaccines at [www.YakimaVaccines.org](http://www.YakimaVaccines.org) or by calling 2-1-1.

**Quote**

“As we continue to see an increase of Omicron cases throughout our state, we urge community members to utilize preventative measures to remain safe. Now that we are able to administer Pfizer booster doses to anyone 12 and older, we encourage parents to get their children their booster dose and adults to get theirs as well. Let’s do what we can to minimize the spread of COVID-19.” -  
Nathan Johnson, Local Emergency Response Coordinator, Yakima Health District

**Additional Information:**

[www.YakimaVaccines.org](http://www.YakimaVaccines.org)

[CDC: COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots](http://CDC: COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots)

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