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Everyone age 18+ now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine booster

Eau Claire, WI. November 23, 2021 – All adults aged 18 or over are now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine booster doses. Boosters are **strongly recommended** for everyone 50 and older, as they are at the greatest risk for more serious illness.

People who have already been vaccinated are eligible for a booster dose six months after their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or two months after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Local vaccine appointments can be found at waccines.gov. You can get any of the COVID-19 vaccines for your booster.

People who haven't gotten their first dose of vaccine are encouraged to make an appointment as soon as possible. Unvaccinated individuals are 11 times more likely to be hospitalized and 15 times more likely to die from COVID-19 according to new <u>WI DHS data</u>.

"The initial vaccine dose provides a high level of protection, and booster doses help to maintain that protection," said Lieske Giese, Health Department Director. "With many people planning gatherings during the holiday season, this is a great time to get your initial or booster dose of vaccine."

In addition to local health care providers and pharmacies, booster doses are also now available at Health Department and Jacob's Well clinics this week:

- Tuesday November 23rd from 4:30 7:30 pm: Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.
 Appointments are encouraged and can be made at <u>ecvaccine.as.me</u> or by calling 715-839-4718. Walk-ins accepted.
- Saturday November 27th from 11 am 4 pm: All vaccine types (including 5-11 year old first doses). Appointments are encouraged and can be made at vaccinate.wi.gov or by calling 844-684-1064 (language assistance is available).

All adults can get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose! 🥳





Anyone 18 and older who got their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna (at least six months ago), or who got their initial dose of Johnson & Johnson (at least two months ago) can get a booster vaccine.



Booster doses are strongly recommended for everyone 50 and older, who are at the greatest risk for severe disease.



You can get any of the COVID-19 vaccines for your booster dose.

Get your booster before the holidays! Find a vaccine location near you at vaccines.gov