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Tuolumne County Public Health COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Information

On September 24, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup recommended booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine to specific populations. As of October 22, 2021, and after an extensive review of available data, both groups amended their recommendation to include the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

A booster dose of the COVID-19 Moderna or Pfizer vaccine is recommended if you:

- Received your second vaccine dose at least 6 months ago, and
- Are age 65 or older, or
- Are age 18 or older who live in long-term care settings, or
- Are age 18 or older who have underlying medical conditions, or
- Are age 18 or older who are at increased risk due to social inequity, or
- Are age 18 or older who work or live in high-risk settings

A booster dose of the COVID-19 Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) vaccine is recommended if you:

- Received your first dose of the Janssen vaccine at least 2 months ago, and
- Are age 18 or older

Individuals eligible for a booster may receive either the same or a different COVID-19 vaccine as a booster dose, depending on advice from a health care provider, individual preference, availability, or convenience.

To mitigate the impacts of the continued transmission and cases in our community, Tuolumne County Public Health **recommends** the following actions:

- Wear a face covering for all age-appropriate individuals, regardless of vaccination status, in indoor public settings.
- Testing: those who have close contact with the public are recommended to get tested regularly, about every 14-28 days. Anyone experiencing symptoms should get tested right away.

- Cooperate with the Public Health case investigator, contact tracer, and isolation & quarantine requests as these activities will limit the spread of disease.
- Stay home when sick or having symptoms.
- Vaccination: get vaccinated, finish the vaccination series if not complete, get a booster dose if eligible. For more information, please visit:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Vaccine-Booster-QA.aspx>. Locations and appointment times for vaccinations and boosters can be found at <https://myturn.ca.gov/>.

Public Health would like to thank the public in advance for their cooperation as we all work together to protect ourselves, our families, friends, co-workers, and community.