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Booster Dose for All COVID-19 Vaccines Now Authorized and Recommended

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment announced today (October 22, 2021), the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend a Moderna half dose booster dose for adults 18 and older at least 6 months after the second dose of the primary series. In a second vote, the ACIP voted and passed to recommend the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (J&J) booster dose for all adults 18 and older who received the J&J primary series at least 2 months after the initial dose.

For individuals who received a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18 + who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18 + who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18 + who work or live-in high-risk settings

For all people who received the J&J COVID-vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

As soon as the Cheyenne County Health Department receives the booster dose vaccines, the health department will start calling those patients on the COVID-19 booster dose list to make an appointment for the vaccine. **Please bring your COVID-19 Patient Vaccination Card with you so that the third vaccine can be added to your card.** The health department will **not** issue new cards for the third dose. All immunizations are recorded in the Kansas Immunization computer portal and can be printed out for your records.

If you have not called the health department and want a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, then please call the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381 to be put on the list. Please note: The health department is still taking appointments for the primary COVID-19 vaccine series.