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Expanded Eligibility of Second Booster Doses for COVID-19

Following FDA's regulatory action on March 29, 2022, CDC is updating its recommendations to allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least 4 months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. Separately and in addition, based on newly published data, adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

These updated recommendations acknowledge the increased risk of severe disease in certain populations including those who are elderly or over the age of 50 with multiple underlying conditions, along with the currently available data on vaccine and booster effectiveness.

On March 30, 2022, California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly, and Director of the California Department of Public Health and State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, issued a joint statement on the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup's support for expanded eligibility of second booster doses of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccines for individuals 50 years of age and older, as well as booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 12 years of age and older or the Moderna vaccine for individuals 18 years and older with moderate and severe immunosuppression.

Many conditions and treatments can cause a person to be immunocompromised (having a weakened immune system). See [CDC's website](#) for more information on boosters and the immunocompromised.

If you are interested in receiving a vaccine or booster, they are available at locations specified below. Kindly note that Plumas County Public Health (PCPHA) Clinic does not offer the booster to individuals that qualify solely due to their immunocompromised health condition. PCPHA Clinic recommends individuals that are both immunocompromised *and* under the age of 50 years old to discuss boosters with their health care provider.

Plumas County Public Health Clinic

Thursdays 9-11 am

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<https://www.riteaid.com/>

Quincy Pharmacy: 530-283-4545

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Portola Village Pharmacy: 530-832-4218

<https://www.portolavillagepharmacy.com/>

Lassen Drug: 530-258-2261

<http://www.lassendrug.com/home.html>

Eastern Plumas Health Care: 530-832-6561

Plumas District Hospital: 530-283-5640

Seneca Healthcare District: 530-253-2151, ext 1047