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### **FDA Authorizes Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccines for Use as a Booster Dose**

On August 31, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to **authorize bivalent formulations of the vaccines for use as a single booster dose at least two months following a primary or booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.** The bivalent vaccines, which we will also refer to as “updated boosters,” contain two messenger RNA (mRNA) components of SARS-CoV-2 virus, one of the original strain of SARS-CoV-2 and the other one in common between the BA.4 and BA.5 lineages of the omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent, is authorized for use as a single booster dose in individuals 18 years of age and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent, is authorized for use as a single booster dose in individuals 12 years of age and older. **With this most recent authorization, the original monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are no longer authorized as booster doses for individuals 12 years of age and older.** The FDA will work quickly to evaluate future data and submissions to support authorization of bivalent COVID-19 boosters for additional age groups

PCPHA offers Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Novavax vaccines and boosters on alternating Thursdays: 9/8/22 and 9/22/22 are Moderna clinics whereas 9/15/22 and 9/29/22 are Pfizer-BioNTech clinics and Novavax. The same pattern continues into October. Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines are no longer available at PCPHA.

COVID-19 vaccines are also available at the below locations for children (5 years and up) and adults. Vaccines for children 6 months old up to 5 years old are only available at PCPHA or from your child’s primary care provider at this time in Plumas County.

**Plumas County Public Health Clinic**

Thursdays

[Myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or call 530-283-6330

**RiteAid Pharmacy:** 530-283-1809

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

**Quincy Pharmacy:** 530-283-4545

<https://quincypharmacy.com/>

**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:** 530-832-6600

**Plumas District Hospital:** 530-283-5640

**Seneca Healthcare District:** 530-258-2151, ext. 1047

\*Note: People between the ages of 12 and 39 may consider waiting 8 weeks between the first and second dose of the mRNA vaccine series