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New Bi-valent COVID-19 Booster Vaccine

The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a new COVID-19 booster (bi-valent) that targets both the Delta and Omicron strains. This new vaccine replaces all prior booster recommendations for anyone ages 12+. **If you have an upcoming appointment for a booster, make sure the newest version will be delivered or schedule a new appointment.**

The new booster dose is administered at least 2 months after you have completed the primary series of COVID vaccines. For people who previously received a monovalent booster dose(s), the bivalent booster dose is administered at least 2 months after the last monovalent booster dose. The vaccination schedule for specific ages is:

- **Ages 12+** - Bivalent Pfizer booster delivered at least 2 months after completion of primary series.
- **Ages 18+** -Bivalent Moderna or Pfizer booster dose delivered at least 2 months after completion of primary series.
- **Children ages 5-11** who received a Pfizer vaccine in their primary series are **ONLY** eligible for a monovalent (original) Pfizer booster dose 5 months after their second vaccine. Currently children in this age group who received a Moderna vaccine in their primary series are not eligible for a booster of any kind.

[At-a-glance COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule including New Booster Information](#)

Anyone 6 months of age and older is eligible for a vaccine. Health officials continue to remind everyone that staying up to date on all vaccines, including boosters, is the most effective way to prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19. Boosters are an important defense even if you've already had COVID.

Vaccines, including the new booster, are available from local pharmacies and health care providers. You can also find updated vaccine appointments in Massachusetts at VaxFinder.mass.gov Remember, you can get your flu vaccine and a COVID booster at the same time!

Health Department Information and Webpages

New updates to Health Department webpages make it easy to find COVID-19 information in one place. Public health data and information from the COVID-19 Information Hub dashboard is now located on the [Coronavirus homepage](#). Click the red bar on the Town of Wellesley website to go directly to all Health Department COVID information.

And **follow us on Twitter!** The Health Department's new feed [@WellesleyHealth](#) is a great resource for residents with public health information and community events like flu clinics, wellness workshops, and more posted regularly.

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