



NEW, UPDATED COVID-19 VACCINES ARE HERE...GET YOURS TODAY!

Updated COVID-19 vaccines were designed specifically to target the omicron subvariants. This is a big deal, and very different from the boosters previously offered. CDPH recommends that you get an updated vaccine *as soon as possible*.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The updated vaccines are safe. They have met FDA and CDC's rigorous safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality standards.
- They're being called "bivalent boosters" because they're a mix of two versions of the vaccine — both boosting protection against original coronavirus strain as well as (newly) protecting against the BA.4 and BA.5 omicron subvariants.
- These updated vaccines will replace current booster doses (monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) for individuals 12 years of age and older.
- These new vaccines are approved for those who have completed their primary series — two doses of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) or one dose of Johnson & Johnson (J&J).
- The Pfizer vaccine is available for those age 12 and up, Moderna age 18 and up.
- The updated vaccines are recommended at least two months following completion of the primary series or booster vaccination.
- Patients can mix-and-match mRNA brands for their primary series, previous booster dose(s), and bivalent booster dose — you can also pair the updated vaccine with your annual flu shot and some other vaccines.

This new vaccine gives us a chance to try and get ahead of COVID-19 as we head into the fall and winter months by protecting individuals from the dominant variant currently circulating in the U.S

Learn more and find your vaccine at
chicago.gov/COVIDvax or by calling **312-746-4835**.