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 dose or 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 omicron subvariants.
- These updated bivalent vaccines replace old monovalent mRNA COVID-19 booster vaccines.
- In individuals ages 5 years and up, these new vaccines are approved for those who have completed their primary series – two doses of Pfizer, Moderna, or Novavax or one dose of Johnson & Johnson (J&J).
- Updated bivalent vaccines are approved for those ages 6 months and up.
- The updated bivalent vaccine is recommended at least two months following:
  - Partial completion of the first 2 doses of Pfizer primary series in children 6 months through 4 years.
  - Completion of a Moderna primary series in children 6 months through 5 years.
  - Completion of an approved primary series or booster in children 5 years and up.
- Individuals age 5 and up 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.**

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