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LTC Update:

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses – UPDATE**

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On Aug. 31, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [approved](#) emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine bivalent formulations. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has also [recommended](#) the bivalent vaccine. IDOH supports this recommendation.

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 authorization, the FDA has also revised the EUA of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to remove the use of the monovalent Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for booster administration for individuals 18 years of age and older and 12 years of age and older. **Please immediately discontinue the administration of these booster doses.**

At this time, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine remains authorized for administration of a single booster dose for individuals 5 through 11 years of age at least five months after completing a primary series of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. These monovalent vaccines also

continue to be authorized for use for administration of a primary series for individuals 6 months of age and older as described in the letters of authorization.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its guidance for COVID-19 vaccination.

- People ages 12 years and older should receive 1 bivalent mRNA booster after completion of a monovalent primary series; it replaces all prior booster recommendations for this age group. The bivalent booster can be administered at least two months after the last COVID vaccine.
- Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech booster dose is authorized for ages 12 and older at least two months after receiving the second primary dose, regardless of any previous monovalent booster doses given
- Bivalent Moderna booster dose is authorized for ages 18 and older, two months after receiving the second primary dose, regardless of any previous monovalent booster doses given