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St. Joseph County Department of Health

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Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Now Available

The updated bivalent COVID-19 booster is now available at the St. Joseph County Department of Health. The COVID-19 vaccine clinic, located on the 9th floor of the County City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN, 46601 is open on *Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.* and *Saturdays, 8:30-11:00 a.m.*

Individuals, ages 12 and older, who have completed the primary series of the COVID-19 vaccine (either Pfizer or Moderna) and are at least 2 months post-vaccine (including any COVID-19 booster) are eligible for the updated booster. If you have NOT completed your primary COVID-19 vaccine series, you must complete the primary series prior to receiving the bivalent booster. The St. Joseph County Department of Health will no longer offer the monovalent vaccine as a booster dose but will have it available for those who are not yet vaccinated with the primary series.

The updated bivalent vaccine provides protection against the original strain of SARS-CoV-2, as well as the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, which are responsible for over 90% of current COVID-19 infections. The updated booster helps restore waning immunity since previous vaccination and provides broader protection against newer variants.

For more information on the updated booster and its recommendations, please visit the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention at www.cdc.gov.

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