



November 19, 2021

Dear S.C. COVID-19 Vaccine Provider:

Effective Nov. 19, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA) for the **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine** and **Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine** to allow for administration of booster doses for **anyone 18 years of age or older**. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted today to recommend booster doses under the criteria below, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director has officially adopted these recommendations. In addition, individuals eligible for a booster dose are now allowed to “mix and match” booster shots as noted below.

#### **Pfizer-BioNTech**

The use of a single booster dose of the **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine** may be administered at least **6 months** after completion of the primary series to individuals:

#### **Booster Dosage:**

The booster dose is the same dosage as the initial **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine** series

#### **Moderna Booster Guidance**

The use of a single booster dose of the **Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine** may be administered at least **6 months** after completion of the primary series to individuals:

#### **Booster Dosage: *\*Dosage has changed from primary series***

The booster dose of **Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine** is one-half of the primary series dose.

#### **Janssen Booster Guidance**

The use of a single booster dose of the **Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine** may be administered at least **2 months** after completion of the single-dose primary vaccine to individuals **18 years of age and older**.

#### **Booster Dosage:**

The booster dose is the same dosage as the initial **Janssen COVID-19 vaccine**.

#### **Heterologous (“Mix and Match”) Booster Guidance**

Individuals who are eligible for a booster dose may select which vaccine they receive. The eligible populations and dosing intervals for the heterologous (“mix and match”) booster dose are as noted above. A different vaccine should not be used as part of the primary series unless extraordinary circumstances prevent a recipient from receiving two doses of the same vaccine.

## **Additional Notes**

### **Implementation Considerations:**

Eligibility should be based on self-attestation.

### **Storage and Handling:**

Please continue to follow all current guidelines for the storage and administration of these vaccines.

### **Scheduling System Readiness:**

Please ensure your scheduling system is compatible with and able to record third COVID-19 doses for immunocompromised individuals, as well as booster doses.

### **Immunization Registry:**

Booster doses must be recorded in the SC immunization registry, SIMON, just as all doses must.

### **Questions:**

Please send any questions to [COVIDVaccines@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:COVIDVaccines@dhec.sc.gov).