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COVID-19 Booster Doses

On September 23rd, the CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices determined that certain populations would benefit from a booster dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The CDC has provided the following guidance:

- People over 65 and older and those who reside in a long-term-care setting should receive a booster dose of Pfizer at least 6 months after their completed Pfizer series
- People aged 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster dose of Pfizer at least 6 months after their completed Pfizer series
- People aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster dose of Pfizer at least 6 months after their completed Pfizer series
- People aged 18-64 who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a booster dose of Pfizer at least 6 months after their completed Pfizer series

Populations who have received either the Moderna or Janssen COVID-19 vaccines are not eligible for a booster dose at this time.

Brown County Public Health will host vaccine dose clinics for those eligible to receive a booster dose of the Pfizer Vaccine. Appointments will be required for all booster doses. Clinic dates and times can be found at www.co.brown.mn.us/covidvaccine or by calling 507-233-6820.

The public health department continues to encourage anyone who has yet to receive their 1st or 2nd doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to get vaccinated. If there are concerns about COVID 19 vaccination we encourage individuals to talk with their provider, pharmacist, or public health department about those concerns. The vaccines are safe and effective at reducing illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. Appointments and walk-ins are available each Thursday at the Brown County Public Health office from 1:30-6pm for 1st or 2nd doses.