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### Trinity County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Advisory

TRINITY COUNTY – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has released the following Pfizer COVID-19 Booster information:

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster vaccine is recommended six months or later following the primary vaccination series for certain individuals, outlined below.

#### WHO

People previously vaccinated with Pfizer BioNTech who **SHOULD** receive a booster include:

- Age 65 years and older;
- Long term care residents; and
- Age 50 through 64 years with underlying medical conditions or at increased risk of social inequities (including communities of color and others at risk of inequities).

People who **MAY CONSIDER** receiving a booster based on their individual benefits and risks include:

- Age 18 through 49 years with underlying medical conditions; and
- Age 18 through 64 who are at increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 due to their occupation or institutional setting.

CDC Guidance, Persons with Medical Conditions and Health Equity Considerations:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/health-equity/race-ethnicity.html>



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## WHAT

COVID-19 Booster doses are meant to boost immunity that may have waned overtime and are the same dose of vaccine that were given as part of the primary series, in this case Pfizer only.

## WHY

All COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide significant protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death. However, certain populations are seeing a slight decrease in vaccine effectiveness against infection. Booster doses of vaccines are very common. They are part of most childhood and adult vaccine series to ensure a person maintains optimal immunity against infection from a disease.

## WHEN

Booster doses can be received at least six months after completion of the initial vaccine series. California is ready to administer boosters to those that are recommended for boosters immediately.

## WHERE

Boosters are available through the following channels in Trinity County:

- CVS Pharmacy
- SNAPNurse and Trinity County Public Health Branch mobile vaccination sites
- Health Care Providers (contact your HCP to ensure they have Pfizer on hand)

Please bring your immunization card with you, persons who received Janssen or Moderna are not eligible for the Pfizer vaccine booster.

For questions regarding Pfizer booster doses contact your health care provider or TCPHB at (530) 623- 8235.

For COVID-19 information, including testing and vaccination sites please go to <https://www.trinitycounty.org/>