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Booster doses now available for all three COVID-19 vaccines

In addition to the Pfizer vaccine, the Food and Drug Administration has authorized, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommends, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 booster shots to further protect again COVID-19 infections.

The Moderna COVID-19 booster shot is recommended for individuals who received their second dose at least six months ago and who are at high risk for severe illness or exposure based on their age, profession, living setting or health conditions. This includes people:

- 65 years or older, and
- 18 years or older who:
 - live or work in a nursing home or long-term care facility;
 - have underlying medical conditions;
 - work in high-risk settings like healthcare workers, teachers and childcare providers or food workers; or,
 - live or work in a <u>place where many people live together</u> (for example, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, migrant farm housing, dormitories or other group living settings in colleges or universities).

The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 booster shot is recommended for individuals ages 18 and older who were vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago.

There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others, may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

Booster shots are available anywhere COVID-19 vaccines are available. People do not need a doctor's note to get a booster shot and may self-attest to eligibility.

The Jackson County Department of Public Health will now offer COVID-19 vaccinations on Tuesday mornings, in addition to Thursdays and Fridays. To schedule an appointment please visit vaccines.gov and search for 28779. For more information, call 828-586-8994.