



# Press Release

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## Health Department to Administer 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID Booster

The FDA authorized a second booster dose of either COVID-19 mRNA vaccines (Pfizer or Moderna) for certain individuals, at least four months after the first booster dose. Following the FDA's announcement, CDC updated its recommendations, allowing adults over 50 years of age and certain immunocompromised individuals to receive an additional booster dose. IDPH adopts CDC's recommendations.

- The additional single booster dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine will be available for individuals ages 50 and older, at least four months after the first booster dose.
- An additional booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine will be available for immunocompromised individuals ages 12 and older, at least four months after the first booster dose.
- Adults who received the Johnson & Johnson primary vaccine may receive a second booster dose of an mRNA vaccine at least four months after their first booster dose.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky states, "Boosters are safe, and people over the age of 50 can now get an additional booster 4 months after their prior dose to increase their protection further. This is especially important for those 65 and older and those 50 and older with underlying medical conditions that increase their risk for severe disease from COVID-19 as they are the most likely to benefit from receiving an additional booster dose at this time."

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The brand of vaccine and booster doses offered at Logan County Department of Public Health will be restricted to certain days. The Pfizer vaccine brand will be offered Tuesdays, for ages 5 years and up. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine brand will be provided every Wednesday. The Moderna vaccine brand will be offered on Thursdays. For example, if you want the Moderna vaccine, Thursday is the day to stop by the Health Department as no other COVID-19 vaccine brand will be offered on Thursdays. Vaccines will be offered on a first come, first-serve basis from 7:45 am - 3:45 pm.

For questions, please contact LCDPH Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 4:30pm at 217-735-2317. LCDPH is located at 109 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lincoln, IL. For information regarding LCDPH services, you can also call or log onto their website at [WWW.LCDPH.ORG](http://WWW.LCDPH.ORG).

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