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From: KDHE Immunization Program

To: Vaccine Providers

RE: Older Adults Now Able to Receive Additional Dose of Updated COVID-19 Vaccine

Yesterday, CDC Director Mandy Cohen endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation for adults ages 65 years and older to receive an additional updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine dose. The recommendation acknowledges the increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19 in older adults, along with the currently available data on vaccine effectiveness.

Previous [CDC recommendations](#) ensured that people who are immunocompromised are already eligible for additional doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Data continues to show the importance of vaccination to protect those most at risk for severe outcomes of COVID-19. An additional dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine may restore protection that has waned since a fall vaccine dose, providing increased protection to adults ages 65 years and older.

Adults 65 years and older are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, with more than half of COVID-19 hospitalizations during October 2023 to December 2023 occurring in this age group.

CDC and ACIP will continue to monitor COVID-19 vaccine safety and effectiveness. CDC continues to recommend that everyone [stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines](#), especially [people with weakened immune systems](#).

Resources:

[Older Adults Now Able to Receive Additional Dose of Updated COVID-19 Vaccine | CDC Online Newsroom](#) | [CDC Older Adults Now Able to Receive Additional Dose of Updated COVID-19 Vaccine](#) | [CDC Online Newsroom](#) | [CDC](#)

[CDC Interim Clinical Considerations](#)