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This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccine— please read this message in its entirety. Please feel free to share it with others in your organization who may benefit from the update. Note that all of our communications are archived on our [web site](#).

Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

Today, the Food and Drug Administration ([FDA](#)) and **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shortened the interval for Moderna’s booster to 5 months**, bringing consistency in the timing for administration of a booster dose among the available mRNA vaccines; now both Pfizer and Moderna vaccine recipients should be boosted 5 months after the completion of the primary series. The booster interval recommendation for people who received the J&J vaccine (2 months) has not changed. Information has been updated on the CDC website [here](#).

Now **everyone 12 and older should get a booster** if they are eligible for the best possible protection against Omicron. FDA’s [chart](#) can be useful for helping patients understand when and which boosters are eligible.

CDC recommends [Staying Up to Date with vaccines](#) by getting additional doses of vaccine when eligible for optimal protection against COVID-19.

The technical definition of “fully vaccinated” – two doses of an mRNA vaccine or one dose of the J&J vaccine – has not changed. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they have received their primary series.

Today’s change will be reflected on additional CDC webpages and standing orders shortly. We will share more information as it becomes available. Thank you for everything you are doing to keep Connecticut residents safe and healthy!

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