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CDC Booster Dose Recommendations

COVID-19 Vaccine Providers in Connecticut may begin administration of **Pfizer booster doses** in line with the FDA emergency use authorization and CDC recommendations. Westbrook residents are advised to consult with their healthcare provider on receiving their booster dose based on the below CDC recommendations.

CDC recommends:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- People aged 50–64 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- People aged 18–49 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) **may*** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting **may*** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- **Note that persons who received Moderna or J&J vaccines for their primary doses are not included in the CDC recommendation currently. We expect to receive several continued updates to booster dose guidelines over the next weeks. These will include further clarification of today's recommendations; and likely include recommendations related to the Moderna and the J&J vaccines as well as potential expansion of the recommended population groups.**

For more information:

- *ACIP Shared Clinical Decision-Making Recommendations: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/acip-scdm-faqs.html>
- CDC website on *People with Underlying Medical Conditions*: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>
- CDC website on the Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html#considerations-additional-dose>
- Vaccination clinics and Testing sites: <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>