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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Eligibility and Availability**

**Topeka, Kan.** – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) today has adopted the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) [expanded vaccine booster eligibility recommendations](#) regarding Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster recommendations to include adolescents 12-15 years old. This recommendation also includes a shorter booster waiting period for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine; reducing the time between the primary series and the booster dose to 5 months.

Moderately or severely immunocompromised children ages 5-11 can now also receive an additional primary dose of the COVID-19 vaccine administered 28 days after the second dose of the primary series.

The following graph outlines the differences between each authorized vaccine boost dose and the eligibility of each vaccine variety:

<b>COVID-19 Booster Doses</b>			
	<b>Pfizer-BioNTech</b>	<b>Moderna</b>	<b>Janssen (J&amp;J)</b>
<b>Eligibility</b>	12 years of age and older	18 years of age and older	All Recipients
<b>Time between primary series and booster</b>	At least 5 months	At least 6 months	At least 2 months
<b>Authorized Dosage</b>	0.3mL (Full Dose)	0.25mL (Half Dose)	0.5mL (Full Dose)

Individuals are encouraged to discuss with their medical provider any questions surrounding their eligibility for a booster dose. However, a letter or prescription from a qualified medical provider or a letter from a workplace setting will **not be required**. Individuals are encouraged to bring their CDC vaccination card as documentation of their primary vaccine series; however, this is **not required**.



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Individuals may receive **ANY** authorized booster type, regardless of the primary vaccine series received.

The Shawnee County Health Department (SCHD) continues to strongly encourage residents to protect themselves by getting a COVID-19 vaccine and a booster when they are eligible. Many opportunities to receive a COVID-19 vaccine continue to exist in our community and can be found easily through the [CDC's Vaccine tool](#).

The SCHD is currently offering COVID-19 vaccine boosters, in addition to other vaccines, at their immunization clinic located at 2115 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, by appointment only. Individuals can call 785.251.5700 to schedule an appointment for the following hours:

<b>Monday, Thursday, Friday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8:00am - 11:00am	10:00am - 1:00pm	8:00am - 11:00am
1:00pm - 4:00pm	3:00pm - 6:00pm	2:00pm - 4:00pm

Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and everyone entering the building over the age of 2 is required to wear a mask. If accommodations are needed due to a medical condition please call 785.251.5700.

Questions regarding COVID-19 vaccines can be sent to [CovidVaccine@sncu.us](mailto:CovidVaccine@sncu.us).

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*Shawnee County Health Department is committed to working in partnership with our community to promote and protect the optimal health of all people by bridging gaps to eliminate health inequities, respecting the diversity of our community, through adaptive and innovative processes.*

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