

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** UMRC & PH Residents and Team Members  
**From:** Missi Latter, VP of Quality and Compliance  
**Date:** 10/6/21  
**Re:** Covid Vaccine Booster Update

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Recently it was announced the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) updated the Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer Vaccine to include approval for single-dose Booster shots. Moderna and J&J are not yet authorized for Boosters. Moderna *is* authorized for a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose administration only. Please see below for more clarification and important information regarding UMRCPH Booster clinics.

### **BOOSTER DOSES**

*While authorized Covid-19 vaccines continue to be effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization and death, many vaccines see reduced protection over time. A booster dose helps 'boost' the level of antibodies against Covid once more. Studies are being completed on each brand of vaccine to determine lasting efficacy effects and if/when a booster dose may be necessary.*

**Pfizer** Vaccine Booster is approved for administration at least **6 months** after completion of the primary series, but only for:

- Persons age 65 and older
- Persons age 18-64 who are at high risk for serious illness from Covid
- Persons age 18-64 whose frequent occupational (work) exposure to others/Covid places them at high risk (Ex: Healthcare, teachers, grocery store and manufacturing workers)

**Moderna** Vaccine Booster is not yet approved but anticipated soon.

**J&J** Vaccine Booster is not yet approved.

**Note:** You should get the same brand booster as your original dose of Covid vaccine.



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## BOOSTER CLINICS AT UMRC PH

Most of the clinics held onsite at UMRC&PH locations had the Moderna vaccine administered through the pharmacy partnership program. Once Moderna is approved we will work to schedule onsite booster clinics for residents and team members.

A few resident clinics had the Pfizer vaccine administered through the health department. We have reached out to inquire if they will return for booster clinics. We have been able to confirm one clinic, thus far, for those who receive the Pfizer series:

**Where:** Chelsea Retirement Community- IL Clinic

**When:** Monday, October 25, 2021 9:30 am -12:30p

**Who:** CRC IL, Pines and Cedars Residents; Any Team Member who received Pfizer

**Please contact your campus Executive Director by October 14<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend the above Booster Clinic.** They will provide more specifics and information regarding scheduling.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> DOSES

*Research suggests a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose helps to increase the number of antibodies immunocompromised people create and can be given **28 days** (or later) from the completion of the vaccine series. The “additional (3<sup>rd</sup>) dose” is approved now for anyone immunocompromised who may not have developed enough antibody protection from the first vaccine series due to an underlying condition or illness that may have interfered with antibody development.*

**Pfizer** 3<sup>rd</sup> dose approved now if you meet the immunocompromised criteria.

**Moderna** 3<sup>rd</sup> dose approved now if you meet the immunocompromised criteria.

**J&J** 3<sup>rd</sup> dose is not approved.

*Note:* You should get the same brand 3<sup>rd</sup> dose as your original dose of Covid vaccine.

Speak with your physician if you have questions regarding whether you need this additional 3<sup>rd</sup> dose now or if you can wait for the booster.

As always, we appreciate your patience and grace as we continue to navigate this pandemic and we will continue to update you as things change and we learn more. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to [covidinfo@umrc.com](mailto:covidinfo@umrc.com) or call 734-412-4009.

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