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COVID-19 Update: Boosters for Age 5+ Now Authorized and Recommended

Plus, CDC Strengthens Recommendation for Second Booster (Immunocompromised & 50+)

New Recommendations for Booster Doses for Ages 5–11

COVID-19 vaccine booster doses for children ages 5-11 are now authorized by the U.S. FDA and recommended by the CDC and the [Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup](#). A single booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for this age group at least five months after completing their primary series.

Children ages 5–11 can receive the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric COVID-19 vaccine series (**10mcg dose**) at least **five months** after completing their primary series. Those age 12-17 can receive the Pfizer-BioNTech adult COVID-19 vaccine series (30mcg dose) at least five months after completing their primary series.

Pediatric boosters are available at [SLO County Public Health Clinics](#) and from many pediatricians and pharmacies in SLO County.

CDC Strengthens Recommendations for Second Booster Doses

CDC has strengthened its recommendation that adults age 50 and older should receive a second booster dose at least four months after their first booster dose. CDC strengthened the same recommendation for those age 12 and older with [certain immune-compromising](#) conditions.

Most older Americans received their most recent dose many months ago, leaving many who are considered high-risk with less protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death.

Importance of Booster Doses for All Ages

Boosters help maintain strong protection against COVID-19. Getting a booster dose greatly reduces the risk of infection, hospitalization and death from COVID-19 by creating antibodies that fortify the immune system. Booster doses are effective at preventing severe illness, including against current variants.

Stay Informed

For more information on booster doses, visit slopublichealth.org/boosters. For updates on COVID-19 in SLO County, visit slopublichealth.org/covid19.

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