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### COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters; Case Count at 2,647; Halloween Safety

#### Iowa County –

The Health Department is holding a Pfizer and Moderna Booster clinic on **November 4th** at the Lands' End Childcare Center (follow signs once on the Lands' End Campus). This clinic is for those who received a second dose of the Pfizer OR Moderna vaccine at least six months ago and are at higher risk of getting the virus. Detailed criteria are included further on in this media release. Clinics are by appointment only. If you would like to receive a different booster dose than the original type of vaccine you received, please sign-up for whichever dose you prefer.

 **To Schedule an appointment for the PFIZER Booster**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/11-04-21pfizerbooster>

 **To Schedule an appointment for the MODERNA Booster**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/11-04-2021modernabooster>

 **If you are interested in a J&J Booster**, please call the Iowa County Health Department at 608.930.9870 for more information.

Iowa County Health Department **COVID-19 Vaccine WEDNESDAY CLINICS CONTINUE** each Wednesday from 2-4:30pm at the Health and Human Services Building in Dodgeville for those seeking to get started with their covid vaccine, those needing dose #2 or those who are immunocompromised needing a third dose. No appointment is required. If you have an adolescent who would like to get vaccinated, understand that persons under 18 must have a parent signature on the consent form and an adult (age 18 or older) must accompany them to the clinic.

Visit for more info <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19/VaccineInformation>

#### Vaccine Booster Doses to Certain Populations after FDA Authorization, CDC Recommendation

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) supports the recommendation that certain populations who have increased risk of exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 receive a booster shot of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after having received their second dose. DHS also supports the recommendation that individuals age 18 and older who received the J & J COVID-19 vaccine receive a booster dose at least two months after their primary vaccine dose.

#### Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 booster recommendation:

DHS recommends that the following populations receive a booster dose of Moderna at least six months after receiving their second dose of Moderna in order to further strengthen their immunity:

- People 65 years and older
- All residents in long-term care

- People ages 18 and older with certain [underlying medical conditions](#)
  - Cancer
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Chronic lung diseases, including COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis, and pulmonary hypertension
  - Dementia or other neurological conditions
  - Diabetes (type 1 or type 2)
  - Down syndrome
  - Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies or hypertension)
  - HIV infection
  - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
  - Liver disease
  - Overweight and obesity
  - Pregnancy
  - Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
  - Smoking, current or former
  - Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
  - Stroke or cerebrovascular disease, which affects blood flow to the brain
  - Substance use disorders
- People ages 18 and older who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of their job or institutional settings. Occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include front line essential workers and health care workers:
  - First responders (health care workers, firefighters, police, staff at congregate care facilities)
  - Education staff (teachers, support staff, childcare workers)
  - Food and agriculture workers
  - Manufacturing workers
  - Corrections workers
  - U.S. Postal Service workers
  - Public transit workers
  - Grocery store workers
  - This list could be updated in the future

### **J & J booster dose recommendation:**

DHS recommends that the following populations receive a booster dose of J & J vaccine at least two months after receiving their first dose in order to further strengthen their immunity:

- People ages 18 and older

A booster dose serves a different purpose than the additional dose recommended for certain immunocompromised people in early August. The additional doses are for people with certain medical conditions or who are receiving certain treatments leaving them moderately or severely immunocompromised and who may not have built a strong enough immune response after their initial vaccine. In contrast, a 'booster dose' refers to another dose of a vaccine that is given to someone who built enough protection after their initial vaccination, but then that protection decreased over time – also referred to as waning immunity. Evidence suggests that immunity is waning over time for some people who were initially well-protected by the vaccine. For those people, a booster dose will strengthen and extend their protection against infection, serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.

### **Vaccination Rates in Iowa County**

As of October 26, 2021, 63.9% of Iowa County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 62% residents have completed the vaccine series. 76.3% of adults over 18

have received one dose of the vaccine. View the DHS data dashboard at [COVID-19 Vaccine Data](#).

### Case Count and Dashboard

The Iowa County Health Department reports the total number of cases as 2,647 (10.26.21). Last week, there were 41 new cases reported, the week prior, 56 cases, and the week prior to that, 61 cases. SO far this week (week of 10.25.21), we have 37 new cases.

Last week's Iowa County COVID-19 Dashboard update (data period 10/6/21 to 10/19/21) reported the percentage of positive cases at 6.8% (a decrease from the prior week's metric of 7.3%). The average cases reported daily metric also decreased to 8.2 (the prior week's daily average was 9.3). A summary of this week's metrics, can be found at <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>.

### Community Testing Update

The Iowa County Health Department does drive through COVID PCR testing **Tuesdays AND Thursdays** at the Iowa County Health Department located on 303 W. Chapel St, Dodgeville, WI from 9:00-11:00 AM, no appointment needed but registration strongly encouraged at this link:

<https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/>. We will test anyone above the age of 1 who is symptomatic or asymptomatic.

Testing is free and open to anyone over 12 months of age. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian with consent. Masks are required. Appointments are not required, but it is requested that those who wish to be tested pre-register at <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/>

Upland Hills Hospital provides COVID testing to only symptomatic persons. See the Upland Hills website for information.

See <https://www.iowacounty.org/COVID-19CommunityTesting> for list of additional testing options locally.

**Halloween is quickly approaching... Stay Safe, Not Scary:** check out this resource with tips and best practices for a safe Halloween. Download and share [Safety Tips for Halloween 2021](#), along with shareable graphics and a printable activity for kids.

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### Important Sources of Information

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- Wisconsin Department of Health Services <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>
- Iowa County website. <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>
- Upland Hills Health <https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19/>
- CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- 211 Wisconsin Simply call 211 from your phone <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>
- DHS Vaccine Data <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm#summary>
- CDC: [Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

### Social Media sites:

Iowa County Public Health on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/iowacountyhealthdepartment/>

Upland Hills Health on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/UplandHillsHealthHospital/>

Iowa County Emergency Management on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ICEMWI>

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