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Updated COVID-19 Booster Vaccine Available for 6 Months and Older

FREDERICK, MD – The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [has authorized](#) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [now recommends](#) updated COVID-19 boosters to include use in children down to 6 months of age. Updated COVID-19 vaccines are formulated to protect against some of the more recently circulating viruses and also provide ongoing protection as immunity wanes and the virus continues to change.

Children ages 6 months through 5 years who previously completed a Moderna primary series are eligible to receive a Moderna bivalent booster 2 months after their final primary series dose. Children ages 6 months through 4 years who are currently completing a Pfizer primary series will receive a Pfizer bivalent vaccine as their third primary dose. Please note that infants who have received all three doses of Pfizer vaccine are not eligible for a bivalent vaccine at this time.

The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) will begin offering updated boosters for children 6 months and older on **Friday, December 16th**, at 350 Montevue Lane in Frederick, MD. Go to FrederickCountyMD.gov/CovidVaccine to schedule an appointment. Updated boosters are only available to people who have already received previous COVID-19 vaccinations. Appointments are required.

COVID-19 vaccines are free and insurance is not required. Please do not come to a vaccination clinic if you have any symptoms, or if you are waiting for COVID-19 test results.

For help scheduling an appointment, call 855-MDGoVax (855-634-6829) between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week. Other nearby vaccine clinic options are listed at covidvax.maryland.gov or vaccines.gov.

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