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CDC Recommends Pfizer Booster COVID-19 Shot for Certain Populations

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in certain populations and for those in high risk occupational and institutional settings. This follows the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) authorization earlier this week.

Effective immediately, those that meet the new CDC guidelines are able to access this booster dose in Kern County. This updated interim guidance from CDC allows for people who are at highest risk for COVID-19 to receive a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster shot to help increase their protection.

CDC recommends the following populations **should** receive a booster shot 6 months following their second dose of their Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine:

- People 65 years and older;
- Residents in long-term care settings; and
- People aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions.

CDC recommends the following populations **may** receive a booster shot 6 months following their second dose of their Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine:

- People aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions; and
- People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting.

Learn about what underlying medical conditions qualify here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

Learn more about today's CDC announcement by viewing their press release: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0924-booster-recommendations-.html>

To find a vaccination site near you or to make an appointment at vaccination sites, visit www.kernpublichealth.com or www.MyTurn.ca.gov. Kern County Public Health continues to partner with Kern Medical to provide COVID-19 vaccinations at their location on 1700 Mount Vernon Ave in Bakersfield and at the Kern County Fair.

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