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GCPH SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE AND PROVIDE THE NEW BIVALENT COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTERS THIS WEEK

XENIA, OHIO – Greene County Public Health (GCPH) officials announced that they will be providing the new Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent vaccine booster for COVID-19 beginning on Friday, September 9, 2022

The updated COVID-19 vaccine boosters include components of the original virus strain and the Omicron variant. This is called a bivalent vaccine. They are designed to give you broad protection against COVID-19, including better protection against the Omicron variant.

COVID-19 vaccines can help protect against severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. As the virus changes and your immunity naturally decreases over time, you may lose some of that protection. Keep your protection up to date by getting an updated COVID-19 vaccine booster.

According to Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), *“The updated COVID-19 boosters are formulated to better protect against the most recently circulating COVID-19 variant. They can help restore protection that has waned since previous vaccination and were designed to provide broader protection against newer variants. This recommendation followed a comprehensive scientific evaluation and robust scientific discussion. If you are eligible, there is no bad time to get your COVID-19 booster and I strongly encourage you to receive it.”*

The [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent](#) is authorized for use as single booster dose in **individuals 18 years of age and older**. The [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent](#) is authorized for use as a single booster dose in **individuals 12 years of age and older**. The FDA authorized these bivalent formulations of the vaccines for use as a single booster dose **at least two months after completing primary or booster vaccination**. GCPH will only be offering Pfizer-BioNTech, as the Moderna bivalent vaccine has not yet been received by the agency.

If you are eligible for an updated COVID-19 vaccine booster, the updated booster you receive does not need to be from the same manufacturer that made the vaccine you received for your primary vaccination or previous booster.

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You can make an appointment online at www.gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov. Clinics are held at Greene County Public Health office located at 360 Wilson Drive in Xenia on Fridays only from 8:30-10:00am and again from 2:00-3:30pm. Walk-ins are also accepted.

If you have questions, please email covid19@gcph.info or call 937-374-5600.

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