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Statement from Governor Murphy and Commissioner Persichilli on CDC Authorization of COVID-19 ~~Boo~~ster Doses for All Adults

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Yesterday, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention adopted updated eligibility recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices making all adults 18 years of age and older eligible for a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Effective immediately, all Pfizer and Moderna vaccine recipients are eligible for a booster dose six months after completing their primary two-dose series. All those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine continue to be eligible to receive a booster dose two months after their primary dose.

All of the vaccines are safe and effective, but all show the need for boosters over time due to waning immunity. With the holidays approaching, we encourage all individuals who have received their COVID-19 vaccination to get a booster dose. We also continue to encourage all individuals who have not yet received a vaccination, to do so ahead of holiday gatherings and travel to avoid putting themselves, their family, and community at risk. It's that simple.

We continue to work with all vaccination sites to ensure availability and accessibility to vaccinations and maintain an adequate supply of vaccine from the federal government. We also are maintaining extensive outreach efforts through the state's Vaccine Call Center, canvassing efforts in high priority communities, and public awareness campaigns to provide education on the importance of booster doses and vaccinations.

Visit covid19.nj.gov/finder (<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>) to locate a vaccine appointment or reach out to the Vaccine Call Center at 855-568-0545 if you need assistance in finding and scheduling an appointment.

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