EVERYONE 18+ SHOULD GET A COVID-19 BOOSTER

On Nov. 29, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released new guidance, stating that anyone 18 and older should receive a COVID-19 booster. Remember: the timing of your booster is important. You must wait at least six months after a Pfizer or Moderna two-shot primary series, or two months after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson. If it’s already been longer than that since you got your primary vaccination, schedule a booster shot now at any vaccination site that offers the vaccine type you prefer.

More booster news:
- CDC director Dr. Rochelle Walensky released a statement on Nov. 29 outlining the expanded booster guidance.
- And remember: You can mix and match. You may prefer the vaccine type you originally received or decide to get a different booster.
- Pfizer is expected to apply for an Emergency Use Authorization this week for approval of its vaccine for teens 16 and 17. Approval is expected soon.
- Most sites at OurShot.IN.gov are administering boosters. Please note: Some sites are only offering Pfizer vaccine (no boosters) for kids 5 – 11. Those sites have a red pin.
- Booster dose data are now on the vaccine dashboard, which is updated by 5 p.m. weekdays.

NEW VARIANT OF CONCERN: Omicron

On Nov. 25, the World Health Organization identified the Omicron variant of the SARS CoV-2 virus as a variant of concern. The CDC announced today that the first case has been identified in the United States. According to the CDC’s news release, vaccines and boosters are our best defense. In addition, vaccine manufacturers are working to understand how well their vaccines defend against this new variant, with Moderna releasing a news release.

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The OurShot map is updated daily with the latest mobile vaccine clinic additions, changes to existing units and indicating drive-thru sites, and clinics offering pediatric vaccine for kids age 5-11. Find a vaccine clinic near you at OurShot.IN.gov.

VACCINE CLINIC CONTINUES AT INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

IndyCar parking lot, 4551 W. 16th St., Indy

Now through December 22, a drive-thru clinic at Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) offers all three COVID-19 vaccines, including the pediatric Pfizer dose for kids 5 to 11. The flu vaccine is available while supplies last.

Dates & times:
- Dec. 1 – Dec. 11
  Tuesday – Friday, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Saturday, 8 a.m. - noon
- Dec. 14 – Dec. 22
  Tuesday, Dec. 14 to Friday, Dec. 17 | Noon – 8 p.m.
  Saturday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 19 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
  Monday, Dec. 20 – Wednesday. Dec. 22 | noon – 8 p.m.

UPDATED NOV. 23: Vaccination Guidance for Children & Teens

Essentially, all kids 5+ should receive the COVID-19 vaccine. It’s more critical than ever to know the facts. Mythbusting information on vaccines for children can be found HERE.

Helpful Resources
- What you can do if you are fully vaccinated.
- Know a homebound individual who needs a vaccine? Call 211. Agents can help.
- Register for a vaccination appointment at OurShot.IN.gov (Chrome or Firefox). Call Indiana 211 or (1-866-211-9966) if you have difficulty registering online.
- Free rides to vaccine clinics are offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9. Free rides are also available to vaccination appointments at select Kroger locations. You will receive a code to use for Lyft ridesharing service with your appointment confirmation.
- Learn about V-Safe, the after-vaccination health checker, and the new V-safe COVID-19 Pregnancy Registry.
- V-safe is also available now in multiple languages.
- Report any adverse effects from any vaccine to the Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System (VAERS).