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RICHLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERS OFFER COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATIONS STARTING TOMORROW

Richland Center, WI: Richland County community partners are preparing to offer Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster vaccinations to those eligible starting September 29th. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention & Wisconsin Department of Health Services is now recommending that the following groups receive a booster vaccination.

Those that **SHOULD** receive a **booster dose of Pfizer at least 6 months after receiving their second dose of Pfizer** in order to further strengthen their immunity include:

- People aged 65 years and older.
- All residents in long-term care.
- People aged 50-64 years with [certain underlying medical conditions](#) including:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Chronic lung diseases, including COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis, and pulmonary hypertension
 - Dementia or other neurological conditions
 - Diabetes (type 1 or type 2)
 - Down syndrome
 - Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies or hypertension)
 - HIV infection
 - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
 - Liver disease
 - Overweight and obesity
 - Pregnancy
 - Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
 - Smoking, current or former
 - Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
 - Stroke or cerebrovascular disease, which affects blood flow to the brain
 - Substance use disorders

Those that **MAY** receive a **booster dose of Pfizer at least 6 months after receiving their second dose of Pfizer**, after considering their individual risks and benefits include:

- People aged 18-49 years with [certain underlying medical conditions](#) as noted above.
- People aged 18-64 years at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of their job or institutional settings. Occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include front line essential workers and health care workers:
 - First responders (health care workers, firefighters, police, staff at congregate care facilities)
 - Education staff (teachers, support staff, childcare workers)
 - Food and agriculture workers
 - Manufacturing workers
 - Corrections workers
 - U.S. Postal Service workers
 - Public transit workers
 - Grocery store workers
 - This list could be updated in the future

The following partners are routinely offering vaccine clinics in Richland County:

- **Richland County Health & Human Services and Emergency Management** offers FREE COVID-19 vaccinations at Richland County Health & Human Services, 221 W. Seminary Street, Richland Center:

Wednesdays from 8:30am-4:30pm

Pfizer booster doses will be offered starting September 29th by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-649-5795.

- **The Boscobel Pharmacy** offers COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations at 1028 Wisconsin Avenue, Boscobel. **Pfizer booster doses will be offered on Wednesdays starting September 29th by appointment only.** To schedule an appointment, please call 608-375-4466.
- **The Center Pharmacy** offers COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations at 190 N. Orange Street, Richland Center. **Pfizer booster doses will be offered on Thursdays starting September 30th by appointment only.** To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8918.
- **The Richland Hospital and Clinic** offers COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations:

Monday – Friday from 9am-5pm

Pfizer booster doses and Influenza vaccinations will be offered starting October 4th by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-6321.

- **The Spring Green Medical Center** offers COVID-19 vaccinations, Pfizer booster doses and Influenza vaccinations during clinic appointments. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-588-7413.
- **The Muscoda Health Center** offers COVID-19 vaccinations, Pfizer booster doses and Influenza vaccinations during clinic appointments. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-739-3113.

At this time, the Pfizer booster authorization only applies to people whose primary series was Pfizer vaccine. People in the recommended groups who got the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine will likely need a booster shot in the near future. More data on the effectiveness and safety of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson booster shots are expected soon.

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, follow Richland County Health & Human Services on Facebook or consult the following websites:

- ❖ Richland County:
<https://covid.co.richland.wi.us>
- ❖ Wisconsin Department of Health Services:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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