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Pierce County Public Health Begins Offering COVID-19 Booster Shots, Q&A on Boosters with a Public Health Nurse

Pierce County will begin offering COVID-19 booster shots this week to those eligible. Appointments for both Moderna and J&J booster doses are available on the Pierce County website (<https://piercecountycovid19vaccine.as.me/schedule.php>) and via phone at 715-273-6755. Dianne H-Robinson, Pierce County's Public Health Nursing Manager, answered some of Pierce County residents' most common questions regarding the booster dose.

What's a booster shot?

"For some viruses, the amount of protection you get from a vaccine starts to wear off over time. An additional dose of the vaccine can boost your immune response. We give boosters all the time for vaccines like Tdap, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis."

Who should get a COVID-19 Booster doses?

"Some Pfizer and Moderna recipients are eligible for a booster dose at least 6 months after their second dose. People aged 65 and older and people aged 50-65 at a high risk of severe COVID-19 are eligible. People aged 18 and older at high risk due to medical conditions or job exposure may get a booster after assessing individual risk. All J&J recipients should get a booster at least 2 months after their initial shot."

Is it ok if I get my COVID-19 booster and flu shot at the same time?

"Yes! If your provider offers them both on the same day, it is safe and effective to go ahead and get them both. Pierce County Public Health won't be offering them both at the same time just due to staffing limitations."

I hear that mixing and matching COVID-19 vaccines is ok. Which booster should I get?

"We are advising people to get the same booster dose as their initial vaccine in most cases. We will allow people to mix and match if they have a different preference. Mixing has been demonstrated to be safe and effective."

Pierce County continues to urge those not yet vaccinated to talk to their doctor or make an appointment to receive the vaccine in Ellsworth (<https://piercecountycovid19vaccine.as.me/schedule.php>) or River Falls (<https://freemandrug.as.me/schedule.php>).

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