

To: All Department of Corrections Staff

Date: September 19, 2022

From: Minnesota Department of Corrections COVID-19 Vaccine Branch

RE: COVID-19 MODERNA and PFIZER UPDATED BOOSTER VACCINES

A sincere thank you for the many steps you have taken over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic to help reduce significant symptoms and spreading of the virus within the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

This memo serves to inform you of recent COVID-19 Moderna and Pfizer vaccine formula changes. One main change to the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine formulas is the addition of an Omicron component. This component was added to help prevent COVID-19 caused by the Omicron variant or to decrease the likelihood of hospitalization or death should COVID-19 be contracted.

The Moderna Bivalent vaccine is approved for:

- Individuals 18 years of age and older
- A single booster dose, and at least 2 months after
 - Completion of a primary vaccination
 - Receipt of the most recent booster dose

The Pfizer Bivalent vaccine is approved for:

- Individuals 12 years of age and older
- A single booster dose, and at least 2 months after
 - Completion of a primary vaccination
 - Receipt of the most recent booster dose

Moderna and Pfizer initial vaccine series doses continue to remain available to all eligible staff. Please make yourself available to attend any vaccine event scheduled at your facility to receive an initial series dose or booster dose, if interested.

Please bring your vaccination card if you are interested in receiving a 2nd dose or booster dose. You may also obtain vaccines at clinics and other sites in the community.

Educational information regarding above mentioned vaccines is available at:

- <https://eua.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/recipients/faq>
- <https://www.comirnaty.com/fs-recipients-caregivers>