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As of September 1, 2022, updated Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 boosters are now authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0901-covid-19-booster.html. These updated boosters will be available in Massachusetts starting the week of September 5th.

Frequently Asked Questions

1.           **What are the updated boosters?**

The new COVID-19 booster vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer are updated versions of the original vaccines. The updated boosters were recently authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC.

2.           **Who should get the new booster?**

Anyone age 12 or older who completed a primary COVID-19 vaccination series or received a booster dose at least two months ago should get the updated booster as soon as possible.

3.           **Why do I need a booster?**

Staying up to date on vaccines, including boosters, is the most effective way to prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. While vaccine protection decreases over time, boosters restimulate the immune system and increase vaccine efficacy again. Boosters are an important defense, even if you’ve already had COVID.

4.           **When and where can I get a booster?**

Updated boosters will be available in Massachusetts starting the week of September 5, 2022. You can get a booster at many locations across the Commonwealth, including where you received previous vaccines. Locations include doctor’s offices, hospitals, pharmacies, and community health clinics.

5.           **Where can I get more information?**

You can visit [www.mass.gov/covidbooster](http://www.mass.gov/covidbooster) for the latest information (*note: this webpage will be updated later today*)