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**PROVIDER HEALTH ADVISORY**

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**Updated COVID-19 Boosters Now Authorized for Children Ages 5-11**

*Updated bivalent boosters replace original monovalent boosters*

Updated COVID-19 booster vaccines that specifically protect against current variants are now available for children ages 5-11 in San Luis Obispo County. The bivalent vaccines (often called “Omicron boosters”) provide targeted protection against the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 strains of COVID-19 as well as the original strain. The updated boosters have been available for those age 12 and older since early September. Options for this age group include:

	<b>Moderna</b>	<b>Pfizer</b>
Age:	6-11 years (Already authorized for ages 18 and older.)	5-11 years (Already authorized for ages 12 and older.)
Dosage:	0.25 mL for ages 6-11 0.5 mL for ages 12 and older	0.2 mL (plus dilution) for ages 5-11
Product:	Same product as the Moderna Bivalent Booster that was previously authorized for those 18 years and older.	Different product from the Pfizer Bivalent Booster that was previously authorized for those 12 years and older.
Fact Sheet:	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/media/161318/download">www.fda.gov/media/161318/download</a>	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/media/162250/download">www.fda.gov/media/162250/download</a>

Like adults, children are eligible for the updated booster **two months after completing their primary series, or two months after their most recent booster.**

This updated booster **replaces the original monovalent booster** dose. The original booster’s emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been revoked now that the updated booster has been authorized by the FDA.

Providers who already have the updated bivalent Moderna formula in stock may begin vaccinating this age group with Moderna. Providers can submit orders for the updated booster (both Moderna and Pfizer) or enroll to become vaccine providers at [myCAvax.cdph.ca.gov](http://myCAvax.cdph.ca.gov).

Providers who do not administer the vaccine are encouraged to refer patients to a pharmacy (see [VaccineFinder.org](http://VaccineFinder.org) or [MyTurn.ca.gov](http://MyTurn.ca.gov)) or [Public Health mobile clinic](#) for their COVID-19 booster.

**Stay Informed**

For local vaccine updates, visit [slopublichealth.org/vaccines](http://slopublichealth.org/vaccines). For pediatric COVID-19 vaccine information, visit: [cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/children.html](http://cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/children.html). For the American Academy of Pediatrics’ COVID-19 Vaccine Dosing Quick Reference Guide, see [aap.org/CovidVaccineGuide](http://aap.org/CovidVaccineGuide).

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