



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY  
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
**PROVIDER HEALTH ADVISORY**

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## **Novavax COVID-19 Boosters Now Available at Public Health Department**

The Novavax COVID-19 vaccine has received emergency use authorization from the U.S. FDA and recommendation from the U.S. CDC to be given as a *first* booster dose. It was previously authorized for primary series only.

Adults who completed primary vaccination using any COVID-19 vaccine and have not received any previous booster dose(s) may receive a monovalent Novavax booster dose at least 6 months after completion of the primary series *if* they are unable to receive or are unwilling to receive an mRNA vaccine and would otherwise not receive a booster dose. The updated Pfizer or Moderna bivalent vaccines remain the preferred option for booster doses.

Novavax boosters are now **available by appointment** at Public Health Department clinics in Grover Beach, Paso Robles, and San Luis Obispo. To schedule a vaccine appointment, patients can call **805-781-5500**.

### **Quick Facts About the Novavax Booster**

- It is a **protein subunit** vaccine, common technology used to develop previous vaccines including the flu shot. Unlike Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, it does not use mRNA technology.
- It is a monovalent vaccine that targets the original strain of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- The Novavax booster has only been authorized as a *first* booster dose, so patients who have already been boosted are not eligible.
- Some may have a personal preference for the Novavax booster over the mRNA vaccines, even though the mRNA boosters (Pfizer and Moderna) have been updated and are considered more effective against COVID-19 variants circulating now.

Novavax fact sheet for health care providers: [www.fda.gov/media/159897/download](http://www.fda.gov/media/159897/download)

For more information about COVID-19, visit: [slopublichealth.org/covid19](http://slopublichealth.org/covid19)

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