PROVIDER HEALTH ADVISORY

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COVID-19 Update: Boosters for Age 5+ Now Authorized and Recommended
Plus, CDC Strengthens Recommendation for Second Booster (Immunocompromised & 50+)

New Recommendations for Booster Doses for Ages 5–11
COVID-19 vaccine booster doses for children ages 5-11 are now authorized by the U.S. FDA and recommended by the CDC and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup. A single booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for this age group at least five months after completing their primary series.

Children ages 5–11 can receive the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric COVID-19 vaccine series (10mcg dose) at least five months after completing their primary series. Those age 12-17 can receive the Pfizer-BioNTech adult COVID-19 vaccine series (30mcg dose) at least five months after completing their primary series.

Pediatric boosters are available at SLO County Public Health Clinics and from many pediatricians and pharmacies in SLO County.

CDC Strengthens Recommendations for Second Booster Doses
CDC has strengthened its recommendation that adults age 50 and older should receive a second booster dose at least four months after their first booster dose. CDC strengthened the same recommendation for those age 12 and older with certain immune-compromising conditions.

Most older Americans received their most recent dose many months ago, leaving many who are considered high-risk with less protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death.

Importance of Booster Doses for All Ages
Boosters help maintain strong protection against COVID-19. Getting a booster dose greatly reduces the risk of infection, hospitalization and death from COVID-19 by creating antibodies that fortify the immune system. Booster doses are effective at preventing severe illness, including against current variants.

Stay Informed
For more information on booster doses, visit slopublichealth.org/boosters. For updates on COVID-19 in SLO County, visit slopublichealth.org/covid19.