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COVID-19 Pandemic, Update # 67 ***Bivalent COVID-19 Omicron Boosters for Children***

Key Points and Recommendations:

- Bivalent Omicron booster vaccines have been [authorized](#) and [recommended](#) by the FDA and CDC, for all persons 5 years of age or older (Pfizer-BioNTech) or 6 years of age or older (Moderna) who have completed COVID-19 primary series vaccination.
 - A single bivalent Omicron booster vaccine is recommended starting at least 2 months after completion of the primary series or previous monovalent booster dose
 - Review CDC's updated [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
 - Use FDA's updated Fact Sheets for the [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) and [Moderna](#) COVID-19 vaccines
 - Review the [COVID-19 vaccine product information](#) for children, including preparation and administration instructions (see the updated FDA Fact Sheets)
 - The Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent booster vaccine for children 5-11 years of age is a different formulation (orange cap vial with orange label border) at a reduced 10 mcg dose, compared to bivalent vaccine used in persons 12+ years of age (gray cap vial with gray label border)
 - Be aware there are also monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine formulations with the same vial cap and label border colors, so pay careful attention to selecting the correct vaccine formulation
 - The Moderna bivalent booster vaccine for children 6-11 years of age is the same formulation at a reduced 25 mcg dose, compared to bivalent vaccine used in persons 12+ years of age (dark blue cap vial with gray label border)
- Bivalent vaccine can only be used for booster doses and NOT primary series vaccination.
- Original monovalent mRNA vaccines are no longer able to be used as booster doses but should continue to be used for primary series vaccination.
- Bivalent booster vaccine locations can be found on [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

- For any questions regarding this notification, please call the NH DHHS, DPHS, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 during business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).
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