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Absolute Pharmacy has provided us the following updated details regarding COVID vaccines and boosters.

The FDA has authorized bivalent boosters for both Moderna and Pfizer. These boosters cover the original and omicron (BA.4/BA.5) virus components. Absolute Pharmacy has pre-ordered these updated booster products and will begin to utilize them during our regularly scheduled COVID-19 vaccine maintenance clinics. Pertinent details regarding updated booster eligibility and vaccine availability for all COVID-19 vaccine products are below:

Eligibility:

Individuals are eligible to receive a single dose bivalent booster if it has been at least 2 months since they have completed their primary series or have received the most recent booster dose with any monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

- o Pfizer Bivalent Booster – Individuals must be ≥ 12 years of age
- o Moderna Bivalent Booster – Individuals must be ≥ 18 years of age

Please note: The FDA has rescinded the use of the monovalent Pfizer and Moderna vaccines as boosters. Only the updated Pfizer and Moderna bivalent booster products may be used for boosters. The monovalent Pfizer and Moderna products are now only authorized for primary series (and 3rd dose for immunocompromised individuals) completion. **Please note that the new Moderna Bivalent booster is not expected to be in-stock until mid-to-late September. Individuals requesting a Moderna booster will need to consent to switching to the Pfizer booster or will need to wait until available.**

Please refer to the links below for the vaccine fact sheets and for information from the CDC and FDA (Revised: Aug. 31st 2022):

- o Pfizer: <https://www.fda.gov/media/153716/download>
- o Moderna: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download>
- o <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-bivalent-vaccine-boosters>
- o <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html#footnote02>

Vaccine clinics are generally held most Thursdays. Consents are due by 10:00 AM the preceding Monday. **Our next clinic is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022. Deadline is Monday, September 12th.** Consent forms are available in the Villas lobby or attached.

Please feel free to call Donny Yankle or I with any questions at (724) 588-7610.

Sincerely,

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