



Yavapai County

Our Mission: "Yavapai County will serve and protect its citizens through efficient management of all its resources to enhance the lives of those we serve."



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YCCHS Update:

On September 1st, 2022, the CDC endorsed the COVID-19 bivalent Booster. This booster is provided by Pfizer-BioNTech for people ages 12 years and older and from Moderna for people ages 18 years and older. The director of the CDC, Rochelle Walensky, summarized the benefits and purpose of the booster:

"The updated COVID-19 boosters are formulated to better protect against the most recently circulating COVID-19 variant. They can help restore protection that has waned since previous vaccination and were designed to provide broader protection against newer variants. This recommendation followed a comprehensive scientific evaluation and robust scientific discussion. If you are eligible, there is no bad time to get your COVID-19 booster and I strongly encourage you to receive it."

The highlights for the bivalent Booster are as follows:

The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices ([ACIP](#)) has voted to recommend both the Moderna COVID-19 bivalent booster (ages 18+) and the Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent booster (ages 12+) for use this fall.

Additionally, monovalent COVID-19 vaccines are **no longer** authorized as booster doses for individuals 12 years of age and older.

YCCHS only has the Moderna bivalent booster. Previously scheduled Monovalent booster appointments will be automatically updated to the bivalent booster. The availability for the Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent booster can be found at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

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