# Let's Bump Up The Boosters!

Did you know that even if you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (two doses), your protection against the virus may decrease over time? That's why doctors and the CDC are recommending everyone ages 6 months and over receive the Omicron Bivalent booster shot, about two months after their initial series of vaccinations or after a previous booster shot.



## Why Boost?

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### **Who Can Get A Booster**

As of December 14th, 2022, in addition to all adults, children ages 6 months and up are recommended to get an Omicron Bivalent Booster at least 2 months after 2nd primary series dose.

Find out more information at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html

The FDA has authorized the updated (bivalent) Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines to include use for children 6 months of age and up.

#### **Authorized Use**

Emergency uses of the vaccines have been approved or licensed by the FDA under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is authorized in individuals 6 months of age and older as a primary series. The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent is authorized as a booster dose in individuals 6 years of age and older.

The FDA decision is based on the totality of the scientific evidence available showing that the product may be effective to prevent COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic and that the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product.

