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Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Expands Bivalent Vaccine Eligibility to Individuals Aged 50 and Older

Eligibility Will Continue to Expand to the General Public on September 14th.

CHAMPAIGN, IL – The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) has expanded eligibility for the COVID-19 bivalent vaccination clinics to those aged 50 and older starting today, September 9th. Clinics will be held beginning the week of September 12th, Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm. Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be available.

Starting September 14th, eligibility will open to everyone aged 12 and older.

On September 1, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendations for use of updated COVID19 boosters from Pfizer-BioNTech for people ages 12 years and older and from Moderna for people ages 18 years and older. The updated COVID-19 boosters add Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 spike protein components to the current vaccine composition, helping to restore protection that has waned since previous vaccination by targeting variants that are more transmissible and immune-evading.

Sign up information:

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District – 201 W. Kenyon Road, Champaign

- Beginning September 12, 2022, for those 50 and older, and September 14, 2022, for those 12 and older.
- 8:30am-4:00pm, Monday through Thursday.
- Appointments will be required due to limited availability of both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

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- To sign up, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054ca8a82ca5f94-bivalent>. If you need assistance with signing up, you can call (217) 531-4934, Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

For additional booster appointment information:

- Updates to vaccine distribution from OSF HealthCare will be posted here: <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/vaccine/>
- Carle Health will begin scheduling bivalent booster appointments at select locations today. Sign up to receive a one-time notification when appointments are available in Champaign-Urbana at <https://carle.org/home/COVID-19-Resources/COVID-19-Booster-Information/Bivalent-Booster-Notification-Signup>. Bivalent boosters will also be available at soon-to-be announced drive-thru annual flu vaccination clinics in the Champaign-Urbana area.
- Christie Clinic recommends patients utilize community vaccine clinics or visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) for local availability.
- Additional information will be posted on CUPHD's website as it becomes available: <https://www.c-uphd.org/champaign-urbana-illinois-coronavirus-information.html>

Additional information on COVID-19 vaccinations can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0901-covid-19-booster.html>