



# Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



## Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Update

Beginning October 18, 2022, the Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine product is offered across Durham as a **booster dose** for individuals **12 years of age and older**.

Both Bivalent Moderna and Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines are **only authorized for use as a booster upon completion of a primary series**. Bivalent Moderna (50 mcg) targets the BA.1 Omicron subvariant, while Bivalent Pfizer (30 mcg) targets the BA.4/5 Omicron subvariants.

Currently, bivalent boosters are only authorized for ages 12 years and older and can be offered regardless of the number of previous booster doses received. The minimum interval from a previous dose or COVID-19 infection is 3 months, however the recommended interval from prior infection or last dose is 6 months.

### Age 18 and older

There is no preferential recommendation between Bivalent Moderna (50 mcg) or Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech (30 mcg) as a bivalent booster dose for individuals 18 years of age and older.

### Age 12-17

Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is the only bivalent booster authorized for immune competent individuals ages 12 to 17.

Bivalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccine may be offered as a booster to individuals ages 12-17 with moderately to severely immunocompromising conditions off-label and based on clinic discretion.

Eligible individuals can book an appointment for Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine at Durham Region Health Department community immunization clinics by visiting [www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment](http://www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment) or by calling the appointment booking line 1-888-444-5113. Vaccine opportunities are available through GO-VAXX, at pop-up clinics, at [participating pharmacies](#) and through designated [health care providers](#). Visit [www.durham.ca/covidvaccines](http://www.durham.ca/covidvaccines) for more information.

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | [durham.ca/health](http://durham.ca/health)

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

