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Third “Booster” Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine Available for Specific Pfizer Vaccinated Individuals

San Benito County, CA – A third “booster” dose is now available for specific Pfizer vaccinated individuals at least six months after completing an initial Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine series.

People previously vaccinated with Pfizer BioNTech who [SHOULD](#) receive a booster include:

- Age 65 years and older;
- Long term care residents; and
- Age 50 through 64 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) or at [increased risk of social inequities](#) (including communities of color and others at risk of inequities).

People who [MAY CONSIDER](#) receiving a booster based on their individual benefits and risks include:

- Age 18 through 49 years with [underlying medical conditions](#); and
- Age 18 through 64 who are at increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 due to their occupation or institutional setting. The CDC currently defines [occupations at increased risk](#) for COVID-19 as:
 - First responders (healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff)
 - Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers)
 - Food and agriculture workers
 - Manufacturing workers
 - Corrections workers
 - U.S. Postal Service workers
 - Public transit workers
 - Grocery store workers

The third dose is for individuals whose first two doses were the **Pfizer vaccine only**. No booster recommendations have been made yet by the Federal Drug Administration for individuals who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The third “booster” dose does not qualify for any County incentive programs, including the \$25 gift card promotion and \$200 cash.

Appointments are available through <https://myturn.ca.gov/>, which also includes information about drop-in vaccination sites throughout the county, including local pharmacies.

Please talk to your healthcare provider about whether getting a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 third “booster” dose is appropriate for you. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit [VaccinateALL58.com](https://www.vaccinateall58.com).

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