

News From The City of Harlingen



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Harlingen is One of the First Cities in the RGV to Receive Newly Updated Pfizer Booster and will Begin Administering Them Today

Harlingen, Texas—The Harlingen Health Department today received 300 doses of the newly approved bivalent formula of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and will be available during today's afternoon vaccine clinic.

The Bivalent vaccine or 3rd Dose is authorized for use as a single booster dose for people 12 and older. They can be administered to this age group at least two months after the 2nd dose or last booster and can be Pfizer or Moderna. The City has not received the Moderna Bivalent Vaccine yet but is awaiting a shipment soon.

The Centers for Disease Control does not recommend mixing products for the primary series doses but does allow a different product for a booster.

- People ages 18 and older can get a different product than the primary series as long as it's Pfizer or Moderna.
- Teens 12-17 can get a different product than their primary series as long as it is Pfizer.
- Kids 5-11 who got Pfizer as primary series must get a Pfizer booster.
- 12 and older can only get the updated Bivalent Pfizer or Moderna booster. They can no longer get an original (monovalent) mRNA booster.
- NOVAVAX is not authorized for use as a booster dose at this time.

The City of Harlingen holds two vaccine/booster clinics per week. Today, September 9, 2022, vaccines and boosters including the new updated Pfizer Booster will be available from 1-7 p.m. at the Harlingen Health Department located at 502 East Tyler.

The vaccines/boosters are free, and everyone is welcome.

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