Booster Shots of Moderna Vaccine Available for Employees

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As you know, regulatory agencies recently authorized booster shots of COVID-19 vaccines for additional groups of people, and said that anyone eligible for a booster shot could receive any vaccine authorized by the Food and Drug Administration.

We know that many of you have been patiently awaiting Moderna booster shots, and we are pleased to be able to offer our eligible Mount Sinai family the Moderna booster dose.

Starting Monday, October 25, you can schedule an appointment for one of these boosters by clicking here and answering the two questions on the REDCap form. If you are eligible, you will see a link to “Schedule Your COVID Vaccine.” Click on it and scroll to the very bottom of the next page to see available appointments for Moderna boosters.

Booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine are also available for eligible adults, regardless of which vaccine they originally received. To schedule a Pfizer booster at any of our sites, click here.

You can also check the New York State, New York City, New Jersey, or Connecticut websites for other locations offering booster vaccines.

As a reminder, booster shots are currently authorized for:

- Anyone 18 and over who received a single dose of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine at least two months ago and who has not received a second vaccine dose
- People who received two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna mRNA vaccines, who are at least six months past their second dose, and who are:
- Age 65 and over, residents in long-term care facilities, or ages 50-64 with underlying medical conditions that put them at risk for severe COVID-19; these groups should get the booster shot, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Ages 18-49 with underlying medical conditions, based on an individualized assessment of need, and those 18-64 who are at increased risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupation (e.g., healthcare workers, teachers) or institutional setting; these groups may get the booster shot, according to the CDC.

Finally, we expect emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine in children ages 5-11 to come within the next couple of weeks. We are working on a plan for vaccinating children in this age group and will announce details shortly.

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