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## MEMO

**TO:** Pharmacists, Physicians and Other Primary Care Providers  
**FROM:** Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, Chief Medical Officer of Health  
**DATE:** May 30, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Program Update

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Following distribution of a CMOH memo dated April 13, 2022, this memo provides clarification on the COVID-19 vaccine booster program recommendations in the province.

### **First COVID-19 Vaccine Booster**

Individuals currently eligible for a first booster of COVID-19 vaccine includes all individuals ages 12 years and older. An individual's first booster dose should be received at least 22 weeks from completion of their primary series.

Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines can be offered to the eligible population for their first booster dose. If using Pfizer vaccine, the recommended dose is 30mcg (0.3ml). If using Moderna vaccine, the recommended dosage for those 70 years of age and older and those in congregate living facilities for seniors is 100mcg (0.5ml). All other eligible individuals would receive 50mcg (0.25ml) of Moderna vaccine as their first booster dose.

### **Second COVID-19 Vaccine Booster**

Individuals currently eligible for a second booster of COVID-19 vaccine includes:

- Adults 70 years of age and older living in the community;
- All residents living in long-term care or other senior congregate living facilities
- Individuals 18 years of age and older that identify as Indigenous or live in remote/isolated Indigenous communities

A second booster dose should be administered at a minimum of 20 weeks from the individual's first booster dose. Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines can be offered to the eligible population for their second booster dose. If using Pfizer vaccine, the recommended dosage is 30mcg (0.3ml). If using Moderna vaccine, the recommended dosage for all eligible individuals is 50mcg (0.25ml).

NACI continues to review recommendations for booster doses for other populations. Provincial recommendations will be shared on additional booster doses once developed.