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To: Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services providers, case managers, individuals, families and staff

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Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Booster

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The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services is committed to working collaboratively with individuals, families, case managers and providers to support the individuals using supports and services through BDDS to live their vision of a good life. Many of the individuals receiving BDDS supports and services are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccine provides protection against the virus, including the delta variant, but the effect may wear off some over time. Individuals who are vaccinated may receive a booster dose to keep the vaccine effective for longer

The Centers for Disease Control issued [Booster Eligibility Guidance](#). Individuals who meet the CDC guidelines outlined below are eligible for a booster.

- For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:
  - People age 65 years and older
  - Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
  - Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
  - Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings
- Individuals who received the single dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine two or more months ago and are 18 or older.

Providers and case managers should discuss the booster shot with individuals and support individuals in obtaining the booster shot if desired. Appointments can be scheduled online through the Indiana Department of Health's [vaccine website](#) or by calling 211.

More information is available regarding COVID-19 and the vaccine on [IDOH's website](#).

