



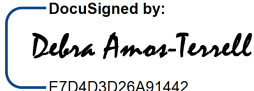
# CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** October 1, 2021

**To:** All Staff – California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)  
All Staff – California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS)

**From:**   
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**Subject:** COVID-19 PFIZER BOOSTER GUIDANCE FOR STAFF

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide direction and to facilitate the administration of **COVID-19 Pfizer booster** vaccinations for staff who have received the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccination series.

The [CDC ACIP Pfizer Booster dose recommendations](#) confirm that the **COVID-19 Pfizer booster** is available for all staff who meet the below qualifications:

- It has been more than 6 months since the staff member received the second COVID-19 Pfizer dose.
- The staff member has not received the third “additional” dose of the COVID-19 Pfizer dose.
  - *Those who have already received the additional dose (due to immunocompromised status) are not eligible for the booster shot at this time.*

A booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine and the Influenza vaccine may be given during the same encounter. When vaccines are administered at the same encounter, [the CDC recommendation](#) is to do so at separate sites (opposite arms if possible, or otherwise at least one inch apart). The COVID-19 Pfizer booster is available for qualified staff during specified vaccination clinics at each institution. Refer to the [Vaccination Clinic Schedule](#) for site-specific schedules. At this time, there are no recommendations with respect to booster doses for the staff who have received Janssen or Moderna vaccinations. Please direct all questions to- [EHP@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:EHP@cdcr.ca.gov).