

TO: All Sarasota Bay Club Residents and Jacaranda Trace Club Members

FROM: Gail Chase

**DATE:** August 20, 2021

RE: COVID Booster Shot Update

On Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, the President stated the U.S. is prepared to offer booster shots for all Americans who received two doses of Pfizer or Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine beginning the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> and starting 8 months after an individual's second dose.

With the rise in cases due to the delta variant, everyone is anxious to receive a booster shot. Before boosters can be administered, the Food and Drug Administration must first approve and then authorize a third dose of the mRNA vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna. An advisory committee of the CDC must review the evidence and make recommendations. I have attached a release from the *Health Communications Alerts* received for your review.

People who received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine may also require additional doses but Johnson & Johnson vaccine was not rolled out until March 2021 and a plan to provide boosters for those individuals will be made after reviewing new data expected over the next few weeks.

SBCs second vaccination of Pfizer was on January 13, 2021, which would make those persons eligible for the September 20<sup>th</sup> booster shots. At Jacaranda if you were vaccinated in February or March, you would be eligible in October or November.

The FDA and the CDC has stated ..... "fully vaccinated immunocompromised people, such as those taking certain cancer drugs and organ transplant recipients are eligible to receive an additional protective shot first". The CDC Director Walensky has said the number of people eligible for the initial booster roll-out is <u>only about 3% of the population</u>. I am certain we will be following behind that eligibility group as the next in line.

If you have a moderate or severely compromised immune system, we have been advised that boosters are available at Walgreens now. You must bring your vaccine card and fill out a health attestation form saying what the health condition is which compromises your immune system. The pharmacist has told me they are not asking for proof of any specific qualifying disease and it is on the honor system when you sign the attestation.

If you had a Pfizer vaccination you must get a Pfizer booster. If you had a Moderna vaccination you must get a Moderna booster.

The following Walgreens have the Pfizer vaccine:

- 3155 University Parkway, Sarasota
- 3550 Fruitville Road, Sarasota,
- 1224 S. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota.
- In Venice, the Walgreens at 1490 U.S. 41 Bypass S. has the Pfizer shot available.

The following Walgreens has the Moderna vaccine:

• Walgreens on the corner of Myrtle and 41.

Johnson and Johnson are not yet available.

I am working with Walgreens to arrange a booster clinic for both the Bay Club and Jacaranda Trace for those that may not qualify until the September 20<sup>th</sup> roll out.

I will keep you updated.

As always stay safe, vigilant and let's take care of each other.

## US to offer booster shots starting Sept. 20

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The U.S. <u>said</u> Aug. 18 it is prepared to offer booster shots for all Americans who received two doses of Pfizer or Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine beginning the week of Sept. 20 and starting eight months after an individual's second dose.

HHS said "the individuals who were fully vaccinated earliest in the vaccination rollout" will likely be the first ones who are eligible for boosters, including nursing homes residents, healthcare workers and Americans age 65 and older.

HHS said its plan is contingent upon FDA approval for COVID-19 boosters, which hasn't been granted yet. The agency amended the emergency use authorizations for Pfizer's and Moderna's COVID-19 vaccines Aug. 12, allowing for a third dose in immunocompromised people, but not yet for the rest of the population.

"We also anticipate booster shots will likely be needed for people who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine," HHS said in a statement. "Administration of the J&J vaccine did not begin in the U.S. until March 2021, and we expect more data on J&J in the next few weeks. With those data in hand, we will keep the public informed with a timely plan for J&J booster shots as well."

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