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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER SHOTS

This morning the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated interim guidance for the people defined below who already were fully vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to receive a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster shot to help increase their protection from COVID-19.

According to its [announcement](#): "...the CDC recommends:

- people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- people aged 50–64 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- people aged 18–49 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks."

Please note that "underlying medical conditions" above is defined in detail at those links, and includes Down Syndrome, cancer, diabetes, and immunocompromised states. The Governor issued [a statement](#) today too about the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup's booster shot recommendations. We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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