

Updates & Reminders (09/24/2021)

- **REMINDERS:**

- **It is important for providers, including retail pharmacies, not to miss any opportunity to vaccinate every eligible person who presents at vaccine clinics.** Please see Sections 1 and 6 for further details.
- **Marylanders who are still unvaccinated remain at the greatest risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19 and highly contagious variants, hospitalization, and death.** We strongly urge Marylanders who are unvaccinated to get vaccinated.
- All COVID-19 vaccine providers shall continue to prioritize Marylanders who are 65 and older.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine and the Flu Shot can be administered at the same time.** All COVID-19 vaccine providers are encouraged to promote the flu shot.

- **UPDATES:**

- **On September 23, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) issued new recommendations for certain individuals who received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, recommending a one booster dose six (6) months after completion of the primary two-dose series. (See Appendix 1).**

Individuals may self-attest to eligibility. Providers shall not turn away any individual who self-attests to eligibility for a booster or additional dose if immunocompromised. Please see Section 1, Vaccine Eligibility for more information.

- **Maryland strongly encourages all COVID-19 Vaccine Providers to reach out to previously vaccinated individuals to encourage them to consider their eligibility for a booster (Pfizer) or additional doses of COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer/Moderna, if immunocompromised).**
- On Monday, August 23, 2021, the FDA gave full approval for Comirnaty, the brand name for the Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA, for use as a two-dose series for individuals **16 years of age and older.**

Comirnaty is the official brand name of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine that was under FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). Comirnaty may be used under the EUA for individuals aged 12 through 15 years, and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals (see Section 1. Vaccine Eligibility below).