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PFIZER COVID-19 BOOSTER APPROVED FOR AGES 12-15

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY: California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has announced that children ages 12-15 are now eligible to receive a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster at least 5 months after completing their two-dose primary vaccination series. In addition, a third dose is now available for certain immunocompromised children ages 5-11.

“With the highly transmissible omicron variant quickly taking over as the dominant strain, it is important to protect our youngest community members by getting a booster,” said Dr. Cal Gordon, Santa Cruz County Deputy Health Officer.

Vaccinations are the number one tool for preventing hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19. Booster shot appointments can be scheduled through <https://myturn.ca.gov/> and are widely available at many doctor offices and pharmacies. For a list of local COVID-19 vaccine providers, visit www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirusvaccine. Those needing assistance in scheduling an appointment can call the Community Bridges Helpline at 831-219-8607 or 831-440-3556 (English, Spanish, Mixteco and Triqui).

Those with immunocompromised children should talk with their healthcare provider.

For local information on COVID-19, including on where to tested, go to www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus or call (831) 454-4242 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.