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Forward Together Update

Additional Booster Vaccinations are Available

Dear UNI Community,

The Student Health Clinic will offer a second booster dose to students, faculty and staff 50 years of age and older who have received a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. A second booster dose of the COMIRNATY/Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine or SPIKEVAX/Moderna COVID-19 vaccine may be administered at least four months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.

The Student Health Clinic will offer both COMIRNATY/Pfizer-BioNTech and SPIKEVAX/Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. Appointments are available on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9-11 a.m. Please call the COVID-19 phone line at 319-273-2100 to schedule an appointment. Patients must remain at the clinic for 15-30 minutes after receiving the vaccine to monitor for any unexpected changes in their health or allergic reactions. To find other options for a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, search vaccines.gov, text your ZIP code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you.

According to the CDC, data continue to show the importance of vaccination and booster doses to protect individuals both from infection and severe outcomes of COVID-19. For adults and adolescents eligible for a first booster dose, these shots are safe and provide substantial benefit. During the recent Omicron surge, those who were boosted were 21-times less likely to die from COVID-19 compared to those who were unvaccinated, and 7-times less likely to be hospitalized. CDC continues to recommend that all eligible adults, adolescents and children 5 and older be up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines, which includes getting an initial booster when eligible.

Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself, reduce the spread of the virus and help prevent new variants from emerging. Protect yourself and protect those around you. Please consider receiving your vaccine or booster dose to keep our campus healthy and safe.
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Thank you,

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