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To: Health Care Providers in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health

Date: **12/21/21**

Regarding: *mRNA Boosters for J&J Recipients*

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CDC Recommendations: J&J COVID-19 Vaccine

On Dec. 16, The CDC and The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup endorsed updated recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for the prevention of COVID-19, expressing **a clinical preference for individuals to receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine over Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine** for those 16 and over, given their greater effectiveness and stronger safety profile. ACIP's unanimous recommendation followed a robust discussion of the latest evidence on vaccine effectiveness, vaccine safety and rare adverse events, and consideration of the U.S. vaccine supply.

The U.S. supply of mRNA vaccines is abundant – with nearly 100 million doses in the field for immediate use. This updated CDC recommendation follows similar recommendations from other countries, including Canada and the United Kingdom. Given the current state of the pandemic both here and around the world, the ACIP reaffirmed that receiving any vaccine is better than being unvaccinated. Individuals who are unable or unwilling to receive an mRNA vaccine will continue to have access to Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine. The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup stressed the importance of ensuring that accurate information concerning the preferential recommendation for mRNA vaccines is available in multiple languages and communicated to those seeking vaccination.

Updated model immunization protocols and immunizing pharmacist protocols are posted and available:

[Model Immunization Protocols](#)

[Immunizing Pharmacist Protocols](#)