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## **Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**

The Cayuga County Health Department will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 from 3:30-5:00pm. The clinic will be offering the bivalent boosters of Pfizer (ages 12 and older) and Moderna (ages 18 and older) as well as first, second, and booster doses of Novavax.

Vaccines being offered include:

- **Bivalent booster dose of Pfizer** – approved for individuals 12 years and older
- **Bivalent booster dose of Moderna** – approved for individuals 18 and older
- **First dose of Novavax** – approved for individuals 12 years and older
- **Second dose of Novavax** – approved for individuals 12 years and older
- **Booster dose of Novavax** – approved for individuals 18 years and older.

**Appointments will be required and can be made on our website:** [www.cayugacounty.us/health](http://www.cayugacounty.us/health) by clicking the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic button.

The clinic will be held at the Fingerlakes Mall (located at 1579 Clark St., Auburn) in the Event Center (located on the backside of the mall near the movie theaters). Entrance to this clinic is from the outside of the mall. There will not be admittance to the clinic from inside the mall. **Please park in the back of the mall and enter through the Event Center doors.**

Note: anyone entering the clinic must be wearing a mask. Please bring your insurance card and vaccine card if you have one.

New bivalent booster doses of Pfizer and Moderna protect against both the original virus that causes COVID-19 and the Omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5. Bivalent boosters are currently recommended for individuals at least 2 months after completing a COVID-19 primary series (Moderna, Pfizer, or J&J) and/or any previous booster (monovalent) dose(s).

If you are unable or choose not to receive mRNA vaccines (Moderna or Pfizer), Novavax is a new primary series vaccine approved for individuals who have not yet received a COVID-19 vaccine. It is a 2-dose vaccine series with the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose being administered 3 to 8 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose. Novavax booster is now available for individuals 18 and older who have completed their primary series at least 6 months ago.

The availability of the vaccine is not limited to just the health department. Individuals are encouraged to work with local pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, and healthcare providers to get an appointment. Parents looking for the COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5 years of age should contact their child's pediatrician or local pharmacy.

The Cayuga Community Health Network (315-252-4212) is available to assist individuals with finding clinics and making appointments. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit [www.cayugacounty.us/health](http://www.cayugacounty.us/health).

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