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## Aviva Health Begins Offering Pfizer Boosters to Eligible Individuals, ‘Leisure’ COVID-19 Testing

**ROSEBURG, Ore.** – Beginning today Aviva Health is offering the Pfizer COVID-19 booster to certain groups of people at its Vaccination Clinic at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101A, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This comes following recommendations that were based on scientific evidence from the Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, and Oregon Health Authority that some groups of people who received the Pfizer vaccine can receive a Pfizer booster after six months.

*Please note, booster doses have not yet been recommended for people who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine. It is expected that federal officials will consider booster doses for people who’ve received these vaccines in the coming weeks.*

Those who **should** receive a booster dose of Pfizer:

- Adults age 65 and older and those living in long-term care facilities.
- Adults age 50-64 with underlying medical conditions or who are at increased risk of social inequities.

Those who **may** receive a Pfizer booster dose:

- Adults age 18 through 64:
  - with underlying medical conditions, or
  - who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of where they work or live, such as teachers, grocery store employees, health care workers, and people who live in congregate care settings.

The CDC strongly recommends equity as a factor in who receives a booster dose so people disproportionately affected by long-standing health care inequities can access the care they need.

“COVID-19 continues to have a devastating impact on the world, Oregon, and our community,” says Aviva Health Vice President of Community Health Christin Rutledge. “Because scientific evidence shows the vaccine remains our best defense against this pandemic, we are offering

Pfizer booster shots to eligible individuals and strongly encourage unvaccinated people 12 years of age and older to get vaccinated.”

Rutledge emphasized that while breakthrough cases occur, fully vaccinated individuals are far less likely to require hospitalization and even more less likely to die.

Individuals eligible for the booster or who are unvaccinated and desire protection must call (541) 492-2067 to schedule an appointment for vaccination.

Additionally, Aviva Health is now offering fee-based leisure COVID-19 testing at its drive-through testing clinic at the same location, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to individuals who require a negative test for travel, public events such as college football games, return to work, and other non-medically necessary purposes.

Rapid BINAX tests are \$60, and PCR tests are \$35. Aviva Health continues to offer no- and low-cost COVID-19 tests to people with symptoms by billing their insurance or for uninsured individuals charging on an income-based, sliding-fee scale. Testing is by appointment only. Community members may schedule a testing appointment by calling (541) 492-2067.

“In addition to the COVID-19 testing we’re offering people with symptoms, many employers, businesses, sporting venues, and travel destinations are requiring proof of a negative test,” says Rutledge. “We want to make sure people in our community have access to testing so they can continue to work, travel, and attend public events in as safe a manner as possible.”

For more information on Aviva Health’s COVID-19 vaccination and drive-through testing clinic, please visit [www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/](http://www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/).

## **ABOUT AVIVA HEALTH**

Founded in 1991, Aviva Health is an independent, board-governed, not-for-profit organization that cares for the people of Douglas County by providing high-quality, patient-centered, accessible and affordable medical, dental and behavioral health care, regardless of their ability to pay. Aviva Health offers integrated services from 10 clinic sites in Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin, Glide and North Douglas County (Drain), including a Teen Health Center located on the campus of Roseburg High School. In partnership with CHI Mercy Medical Center, Aviva Health also serves as the family medicine practice site for the Roseburg Family Medicine Residency Program.