

Governor Walz: Minnesota is Ready to Provide Updated Booster Shots

Governor Tim Walz announced Minnesota health care providers are ready to administer new COVID-19 booster shots that have been formulated to be more effective against the Omicron variants.

The bivalent boosters—one from Pfizer and one from Moderna—were authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Wednesday and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last night. Doses are expected to begin shipping immediately and providers are expected to start taking appointments early next week, once they receive their doses and have reviewed the CDC recommendations. These providers will include a state vaccination site at the Mall of America, which is set to begin administering doses on September 7th. Sites in Duluth, St. Paul Midway, Rochester, and Moorhead will begin administering doses the following week. These sites will be by appointment only.

“This new booster represents another step forward in fighting COVID-19,” said Governor Walz. **“This variant-specific formula will play an important role in helping keep Minnesotans safe this fall - especially when paired with testing and therapeutics.”**