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LBIHD is Providing a Bivalent Covid-19 Booster Immunizations

The virus that causes COVID-19 changes over time. Keep your protection up to date by receiving an updated COVID-19 vaccine booster. The updated COVID-19 vaccine boosters include components of the original virus strain and the Omicron variant. This is referred to as a bivalent COVID-19 vaccine. The updated COVID-19 vaccine boosters are designed to give you broad protection against COVID-19, including better protection against the Omicron variant.

COVID-19 vaccines can help protect against severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. As the virus changes and your immunity naturally decreases over time, you may lose some of that protection. Based on weekly reports directly from our acute care facilities, those who find themselves in the hospital or with severe infection are often unvaccinated or under-vaccinated. Currently, the Bivalent boosters are approved for individuals who fall into the following categories:

- Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single Bivalent booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19
 Vaccine, if it has been <u>at least (2) two months</u> since they have completed any primary Covid-19 vaccination or the most recent booster dose.
- Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19
 Vaccine, Bivalent if it has been <u>at least (2) two months</u> since they have completed any Covid-19 primary
 vaccination or the most recent booster.
- Individuals who received **Johnson & Johnson** (Janssen Vaccine) are eligible for an mRNA bivalent booster at least (2) two months since they completed primary vaccination or most recent booster.

Long Beach Island Health Department (LBIHD) continues to offer Covid-19 Vaccines weekly at our Ship Bottom office on Wednesdays.

Clinic Schedule:

When: Every Wednesday, 9am – 3pm (Ages 12+), by appointment only

Where: LBIHD 2119 Long Beach Boulevard, First Floor, Ship Bottom, 08008 (Across from Joey's Pizza)

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to schedule an appointment for the booster or for your first vaccine dose. Individuals under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Local Resources: Long Beach Island Residents that are homebound or with lack of internet access or computer Literacy who need assistance with navigating scheduling an appointment please call (609) 492-1212.

National Resources: To find additional access to Covid-19 vaccines, you can search by your zip code at https://www.vaccines.gov/

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