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Southeastern Idaho Public Health Urges Adolescents 16 and 17 to Get a Booster

The CDC strengthened its booster recommendations by encouraging everyone 16 and older to receive a COVID-19 booster shot. The CDC states that although we don't have all the answers on the Omicron variant, initial data suggests that COVID-19 boosters help broaden and strengthen the protection against the Omicron variant.

At this time, only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 16 and 17, as a 2-dose series taken 3 weeks apart. The booster dose is administered 6 months after a person completes the initial Pfizer vaccination series.

"A single booster dose of the vaccine for those vaccinated helps provide continued protection against COVID-19 in this and older age groups. The Pfizer Vaccine has been available to individuals 16 years of age and older for over eight months now, and its benefits have been shown to clearly any outweigh potential risks," said Maggie Mann, Southeastern Idaho Public Health Director.

Booster shots are available at any location where the Pfizer vaccine is available. To find a list of COVID-19 vaccine providers, visit Southeastern Idaho Public Health's (SIPH) website at www.siphidaho.org or call the COVID hotline at 208.234.5875.

Individuals can schedule a booster vaccine appointment on-line at siphidaho.org or call the COVID Hotline at 208.234.5875. The hotline is open Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. – Noon. Patients will need to bring their vaccination card with them to their appointment.