

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 19TH AIRLIFT WING (AMC) LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, ARKANSAS



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MEMORANDUM FOR 19 AW

FROM: 19 HCOS/Immunization Clinic

SUBJECT: Availability of Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine

- 1. On August 31, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-Biotech COVID-19 Vaccine to authorize bivalent formulations of the vaccines for use as a single booster dose at least two months following primary or booster vaccination. The bivalent vaccines, which we will also refer to as "updated boosters," contain two messenger RNA (mRNA) components of SARS-CoV-2 virus, one of the original strain of SARS-CoV-2 and the other one in common between the BA.4 and BA.5 lineages of the omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2.
- 2. The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent, is authorized for use as a single booster dose in individuals 18 years of age and older. The Pfizer-Biotech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent, is authorized for use as a single booster dose in individuals 12 years of age and older.
- 3. The monovalent mRNA are no longer authorized as booster doses for individuals 12 years of age and older. As a result, the 19 MDG Immunization Clinic will no longer provide boosters of the monovalent COVID-19 vaccine to active duty personnel and dependents 12 years of age and older.
- 4. The 19 MDG Immunization Clinic is no now offering both Moderna and Pfizer bivalent boosters on Thursdays and Fridays. We will continue to provide the monovalent Moderna and Pfizer vaccine for those requiring an initial vaccination series.

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