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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Quincy, IL – Effective immediately, the monovalent COVID-19 mRNA vaccines (both Pfizer and Moderna) are no longer available to use in the United States. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) deauthorized the monovalent Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines and provided authorization for bivalent vaccines for additional uses. This will simplify the vaccination schedules by authorizing the current bivalent vaccines to be used for all doses administered to individuals 6 months of age and older, including for an additional dose or doses for certain populations.

The newest data available suggests that individuals who have received only monovalent vaccines, and not a bivalent vaccine, have very low immunity to the newest strains of the COVID-19 virus that is currently circulating. Individuals who have not received a bivalent COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to do so in order to maintain the best immune response.

The following COVID-19 vaccine recommendation changes include:

- CDC's new recommendations allow an additional updated (bivalent) vaccine dose for adults ages 65 years and older and additional doses for people who are immunocompromised. This allows more flexibility for healthcare providers to administer additional doses to immunocompromised patients as needed.
- Monovalent (original) COVID-19 mRNA COVID-19 vaccines will no longer be recommended for use in the United States.
- CDC recommends that everyone ages 6 years and older receive an updated (bivalent) mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of whether they previously completed their (monovalent) primary series.
- Individuals ages 6 years and older who have already received an updated mRNA vaccine do not need to take any action unless they are 65 years or older or immunocompromised.
- For young children, multiple doses continue to be recommended and will vary by age, vaccine, and which vaccines were previously received.

The Adams County Health Department immunization clinic is open on a walk-in basis Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm.

The Pike County Health Department immunization clinic is open on a walk-in basis Monday and Thursday from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Individuals wishing to receive a vaccine should bring their insurance cards and photo id.

For additional media questions contact:

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