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UPDATE: Today, CDC adjusted recommendations for when people can receive a booster shot; shortening the interval for Moderna recipients from 6 months to 5 months. This matches the recommendation made for Pfizer recipients earlier this week.

Booster doses now available for ages 12 and older

LĪHU'E – COVID-19 vaccine booster doses are now available on Kaua'i for ages 12 and older.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expanded eligibility of booster doses to those 12 to 15 years old. CDC now recommends that adolescents age 12 to 17 years old should receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series. At this time, only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 12 to 17.

Also this week, the CDC reduced the interval for receiving a booster shot for people who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, from 6 months to 5 months. The booster interval recommendation remains unchanged for people who received the J&J vaccine (2 months).

“Evidence shows that a booster dose provides significant protection from severe illness, hospitalization, and death. We know that the immunity provided by the initial vaccination wanes over time, and a booster dose is especially important for protection from omicron. Boosters for keiki will help keep them in school, healthy and learning.” said Dr. Janet Berreman, Kaua'i District Health Officer.

For a list of locations offering boosters and initial doses, please visit [Kauai.gov/vaccine](https://kauai.gov/vaccine).

Pop-up Clinics

More pop-up vaccine clinics are coming to neighborhoods around the island.

The pop-up clinics are operated by Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i/Kaua'i Community Health Center and are open to everyone 5 and older. Boosters and initial doses are available. Walk-ins are accepted and no appointments are needed. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- Kanuikapono Public Charter School: Saturday, Jan. 8, 9-11 a.m.
- Kekaha Neighborhood Center: Saturday, Jan. 8, 9-11 a.m.
- Isenberg Park: Saturday, Jan. 15, 9-11 a.m.
- Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i/Kaua'i Community Health Center – Kapa'a Clinic, 4800D Kawaihau Road: Saturday, Jan. 21, 9-11 a.m.
- Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i/Kaua'i Community Health Center – Waimea Medical Clinic, 4643B Waimea Canyon Road: Saturday, Jan. 21, 9-11 a.m.
- Kanuikapono Public Charter School: Saturday, Jan. 29, 9-11 a.m.
- Kekaha Neighborhood Center: Saturday, Jan. 29, 9-11 a.m.
- Isenberg Park: Saturday, Feb. 5, 9-11 a.m.

The County of Kaua'i thanks the Kaua'i District Health Office, Ho'ōla Lāhui, Wilcox Medical Center, and Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation for working together to offer these free clinics for Kaua'i.

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