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Subject: Follow up information on COVID booster requirement

Hello Again Wildcats!

You all ask such good questions and I hope this follow up email supplies some answers to help navigate the booster requirement.

- “What if I have recently recovered from a COVID infection? I’ve heard I should wait 90 days to get the booster.” While you likely have some protection for a period of time after an infection with COVID (natural immunity) we don’t have enough information to be certain how long it will last with the Omicron variant. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention supports receiving booster any time after the initial infection has subsided and there is no fever. At the Student Health, Wellness and Counseling Center we recommend waiting until the 10-day isolation period is complete and you are free of fever before you get the booster.
- “How do I know if I am eligible to get the booster? Has enough time passed from my primary series?”
  - **Pfizer or Moderna Vaccine** - There is a five month wait period between the second dose of the mRNA vaccine- Pfizer or Moderna and the booster.
  - **Johnson and Johnson or Janssen single dose vaccine** - The interval between the Johnson and Johnson or Janssen single dose vaccine to booster is two months.
  - Most of Linfield’s students are eligible for booster now because they received their primary dose before the start of Fall term 2021. If you are a McMinnville campus student and received your primary series after the Fall term began, please submit an exemption form with that explanation. You must still comply with the booster requirement when you are eligible, and we will send you a reminder email. After you reach your eligibility date, the requirement is in place and unenrollment for noncompliance will apply.
- If you are a Portland campus student, please contact Julie Fitzwater at [jfitzwa@linfield.edu](mailto:jfitzwa@linfield.edu)
- “Can I get a booster on the McMinnville campus now?” Yes, you are welcome to email the Student Health, Wellness and Counseling Center at [SHLT@linfield.edu](mailto:SHLT@linfield.edu) to make an appointment. The Student Health, Wellness and Counseling Center is also hosting a walk-up vaccine clinic on February 7, 2022 in the Lobby of Walker Hall from 10:00-1:00. No appointment necessary.