## Southcoast Health

## COVID-19 Bulletin

Exclusively for the employees of Southcoast Health

March 30, 2022

Greetings, Southcoast Colleagues.

In this Bulletin, you will find the following:

- CDC approves 2<sup>nd</sup> booster for individuals 50 and older
- STATUS REPORT: COVID-19 cases

Please scroll through the entire Bulletin for these updates, and be sure to visit Southcoast's <u>COVID-19 Employee Hub</u>.

Thank you.

## CDC approves 2<sup>nd</sup> booster for individuals 50 and older

The CDC yesterday approved a 2<sup>nd</sup> booster dose four months after the first booster dose for individuals ages 50 over and certain immunocompromised individuals.

Separately and in addition, adults who received a primary vaccine and a booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

According to the CDC, an <u>additional booster is especially important</u> for those 65 and older and those 50 and older with <u>underlying medical conditions</u> that increase their risk for severe disease from COVID-19 as they are the most likely to benefit from receiving an additional booster dose at this time.

Eligible employees may receive the additional booster at our Vanity Fair walk-in clinic beginning today. No appointment needed.

Upcoming Vanity Fair employee-only walk-in vaccine clinics:

- Wednesday, March 30, 9am-12pm
- Thurs, March 31, 10am-6:30pm
- Saturday, April 2, 10am-2pm
- Wednesday, April 6, 9am-12pm
- Thursday, April 7, 10am-6:30pm
- Saturday, April 9, 10am-2pm
- And every Weds., Thurs., Sat., thereafter at the times above until further notice.

The Vanity Fair clinic schedule is also posted on the intranet <a href="here">here</a>.

Employees should select "second booster" when completing the online consent, which should be completed using the link below before arriving at the clinic: <a href="https://southcoastapps.southcoast.org/covidform">https://southcoastapps.southcoast.org/covidform</a>.

CDC Media Statement can be found here.

## STATUS REPORT: COVID-19 cases

As of this morning, we had 9 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 hospitalized across our system – with 3 positive case in ICU. In addition, we had 1 PUI hospitalized across our system – with NO PUI in ICU.

COVID-19 daily dashboards, generated by the Southcoast Analytics Team, are available here.

Thank you, and be well.