Hello Cook County Department of Public Health Healthcare Partner,

Yesterday, January 3rd, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to:

- Expand the use of a single booster dose to include use in individuals 12 through 15 years of age.
- Shorten the time between the completion of primary vaccination of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and a booster dose to at least five months.
- Allow for a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised children 5 through 11 years of age.

Today, CDC Director Dr. Walensky has approved 2 of the 3 amendments, and thus providers can act immediately:

- Shorten the time between the completion of primary vaccination of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and a booster dose to at least five months.
- Allow for a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised children 5 through 11 years of age.

The Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices (ACIP) will meet tomorrow, January 5th to discuss the expansion of the use of a single booster dose to include use in individuals 12 through 15 years of age. Providers must await official CDC decision and approval prior to offering boosters to individuals 12 to 15 years of age. CCDPH will send an update.

Links:

https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0104-Pfizer-Booster.html