

Eligibility for Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna vaccine boosters expands to all 18 and older

A review from the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup has recommended the expansion

SALEM, Ore. — The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup on Nov. 20 completed its review of the federal process and has recommended expanding Pfizer-Bi-

oNTech and Moderna booster dose eligibility to all individuals 18 or older who have completed their primary vaccination series.

“Starting today, every

adult who wants a booster will be able to get one,” said Gov. Kate Brown. “Vaccines are our pathway out of this pandemic. I’m committed to ensuring our most vulnerable Oregonians are protected from COVID-19, and ensuring equitable access to boosters and the extra layer of protection they provide. If you still have questions about getting vaccinated, call your doctor or health care provider today to get your questions answered.”

Individuals who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are advised to receive a booster dose after at least six months. Individuals who received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine should receive a booster dose after two months.

The workgroup provided its confirmation to the Governors of Califor-

nia, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington this week.

The Oregon Health Authority has informed health care providers that the administration of booster doses for individuals 18 and older can begin.

The workgroup concurred with FDA and CDC recommendations for booster doses:

- All individuals ages 50 years and older or residing in a long-term care facility should receive a booster;
- All individuals ages 18-49 years may receive a booster.

Because unvaccinated individuals remain at much higher risk of COVID-19 than those who have been vaccinated, the workgroup continued to strongly support vaccination against COVID-19 for everyone five years of age and older.

Last Friday (Nov. 19), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized expanding booster shot eligibility for the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, and the CDC affirmed that decision. The workgroup reviewed and affirmed the federal decisions in meetings Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Washington, Oregon, and Nevada joined California’s COVID-19 Scientific Safety Review Workgroup in October of last year. The workgroup, made up of nationally-acclaimed scientists with expertise in immunization and public health, has concurrently and independently reviewed the FDA’s actions related to COVID-19 vaccines. It will continue to evaluate other COVID-19 vaccines as they go through the federal process.

Economic and Business Improvement District notices sent out

Assessment notices were mailed Nov. 12 to property and business owners located in the Economic and Business Improvement District.

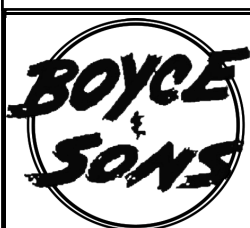
On Dec. 13, 2021, a public hearing will be held by the Cottage Grove City Council at 7 p.m. for the ordinance extending the district for an additional five years.

The district has been in existence since 2001 and has worked on numerous projects over the years focusing on the economic vitality of business in Downtown Cottage Grove.

If property owners or businesses in the district have questions regarding the proposed assessments or district, call the Public Works and Development Department at 541-942-3340.



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The Holiday season is in full effect here in Drain! We have lots of festive events happening, and are very happy to say a lot of excitement around new and updated businesses.

Our first Oktoberfest was Saturday, October 16th and was very successful. There were several family-friendly, free events including hay rides, pumpkin' chunkin', cider making and more. So many local families as well as our neighboring communities joined in the fun. Plans are already underway for next year's event.

Thanksgiving is coming up next week. Several local businesses and organizations are preparing to give with food drives, food boxes, and Thanksgiving specials.

Right around the corner is Christmas! The Drain Chamber of Commerce is excited to put on our annual Christmas Extravaganza. The theme this year is the **12 Days of Christmas**. Every day throughout the event is something special for you and yours. Everything is ABSOLUTELY FREE thanks to the generous donations of our corporate and private donors. There will be a checklist flyer available at all sponsoring businesses. Go to each event and get a check. At the last event (the city potluck), bring your completed list for a chance to win one of several merchant raffle prizes!

Day 1: December 10th: Jack's Barber Shoppe is kicking off the Extravaganza at 5:00pm with a special event at their place. Beer, wine and appetizers. 331 N 1st, Drain. Your host - Krystal Jacks.

Day 2: December 11th: Light parade and tree lighting! The parade will start at 5:00pm and will use the same parade route as the fair. Line up is at 4:00pm, judging and prizes at 4:30pm. Your Host - Myndee Ferrill. Tree Lighting will follow immediately after the parade in the City parking lot next to Ray's. Popcorn and hot cocoa will be served. Your host - Jennifer Bragg. Immediately following the tree lighting, there will be a flaming Christmas tree debut! Your hosts - Jim and Ame Beard. Just a short walk from the big tree - 105 West A Avenue, Drain.

Day 3: December 12th: Drive thru Live Nativity. The Drain Church of Christ

will be hosting this amazing event from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Host - Bonnie Morgan. 401 2nd Street, Drain.

Day 4: December 13th: The Rose Bar & Grill is hosting an open house from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Your host - Travis Williams. 413 Umpqua Hwy 99, Drain.

Day 5: December 14th: La Pinata is hosting an open house from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Your host - Sandy Malchow. 237 West B Ave, Drain.

Day 6: December 15th: Exclusively Bridal and Cake Castle will be celebrating Christmas with cookies and eggnog from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Your host - Bonnie Morgan. 101 East B Avenue, Drain

Day 7: December 16th: Meatworx is hosting a party from 5:00pm -7:00pm. Come check out their awesome array of sausages made in house! Beer, wine, and sausage tasting. Your host - Shayna Fontana. 408 West B Avenue, Drain.

Day 8: December 17th: Caroling tractor hay ride sponsored by Ratman! Song sheets provided, hot soup will be served. Your host - Charles Ferrill. Meet in the City parking lot next to Ray's at 5:30pm. Caroling will last about an hour.

Day 9: December 18th: A fun-filled day at the Drain Civic Center! All events are family-friendly and free admission. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served. Your hosts - Jim and Ame Beard.

*3:00pm -5:00pm - Gingerbread House Making Contest. Contestants can bring their own baked gingerbread house completely finished, or bring their baked parts and embellishments to put together at the Civic Center, or the first 48 people can use one of our FREE prepared kits which include icing and embellishments. (Those using pre-made kits may choose to bring more of their own embellishments) This is for all ages. In addition, there will be a coloring contest. Each group will have different designs. We will supply all materials.

*6:30pm-8:30pm - Don't miss the dance at the civic center! "Dappers and Flappers", roaring 20's theme. Live music by the Melodic Minors, dance demos, and a

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costume contest! We will announce winners of raffle, gingerbread and coloring contests at the dance.

*6:30pm-8:30pm - Come visit Santa! **Free Santa pictures** by the amazing, talented photographer at Caliene's Creatives!

*8:30PM - Giant burning snowman! At the vacant lot behind 105 West A Avenue (a short walk from the Civic Center).

Day 10: December 19th: Beaver Creek Unique special event! 3:00pm - 7:00pm. For details on the event check out their Facebook page here: <https://facebook.com/events/s/holiday-open-house/302093938241349/>. Your hosts - Russ and Charlotte. 416 West B Avenue, Drain.

Day 11: December 20th: Yoncalla Day! Let's go visit our neighbors who are throwing a party from 6:00pm-8:00pm! Host - Stacy Atwell-Keister. More info here: <https://facebook.com/events/s/yoncallas-old-fashioned-christ/285919833461888/>

Day 12: December 21: Community Potluck. Bring a dish or drink to share and come enjoy the company of your neighbors. 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Drain Civic Center, 205 West A Avenue, Drain.

Ongoing Holiday Events:

Tree Of Joy - US Bank, Drain. Dates TBA

Business trees: Participating businesses around Drain will decorate and display their trees! Check with Krystal Jacks if you would like to participate. Due by December 10th.

City Light Contest: One residence and one business will win \$100 off their power bill! Let the decorating begin! Judging on December 21st.

A HUGE "thank-you" goes out to our many sponsors who make this event possible! City of Drain, North Douglas Betterment, Ray's, The Shoppe, Jack's Barber Shoppe, Duncan Plumbing, Meatworx, Aldercraft, Exclusively Bridal, Cake Castle, Pacific GeoSource, Rundell, Inc., Don Wooley, Karen and John Williams, Darlene Hurd, and many more!

Be sure to search "Drain Christmas Extravaganza" on Facebook for up-to-date details on all the events.

There is a buzz about business happening around town lately. Three of our established businesses are now under new ownership - Rose Garden (now renamed The Rose Bar & Grill), La Pinata,

and Family Fun Bowling. Also, A&K Machine Shop has been purchased by Oregon Pattern & Foundry who is establishing their Machining Division. The existing crew remains working there, and owner Terry Becker plans to expand business at this location and bring jobs to Drain. A new business, Meatworx, is owned and operated by the Fontana family and offers high quality retail meat products as well as custom processing for livestock and wild game. Opening date was September 10th and great reviews are steadily coming in. A new specialty coffee shop, Elk Creek Coffee, opened up toward the end of October and offers a full espresso and craft drink menu with daily specials and seasonal flavors - even some breakfast options. A new taqueria-style restaurant is set to open soon called Las Palmas, and the old Gateway Diner has been purchased. Rumor has it the diner theme will be revitalized here. Talk around town is there will be more coming soon!

The Drain Chamber of Commerce is proud to have an established city flag program again. With updated flags, new flag hole positions - thanks to the City, and a team dedicated to making sure they are displayed properly. The Chamber along with their sub-committee, The Citizens for the Betterment of Drain, have a list of on-going projects aimed at the preservation, improvement, and beautification of our little gem of a town. Some projects include possible restoration of our covered bridge and establishing a historical society and museum.

Be sure to check out the Drain Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for updated information and to get involved (@Drain-ChamberofCommerce).

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