



#### **COVID Weekly Data Dashboard (9/15-9/22)**

- Students Tested Positive (grades PreK-8): 4
- Staff (School and XDC) Tested Positive: 0

#### **Updated COVID-19 Boosters Now Available**

On September 1, 2022, the CDC issued new recommendations for COVID-19 boosters following FDA authorization for updated booster formulas. What does this mean?

- The CDC recommends that everyone who is eligible stay up-to-date on vaccinations by getting an updated booster dose at least 2 months after their last COVID-19 shot (either booster or primary series).
- The new booster contains an updated “bivalent formula,” which means it boosts immunity against the original coronavirus strain and also protects against the newer Omicron variants that account for most of the current cases.
- The updated booster is approved for people age 12 and older.

#### **FAQ: When should I get the updated booster if I’ve recently had COVID-19?**

- In general, it’s reasonable to wait until around 3 months after you’ve had COVID-19 to get your updated booster.
- If you are immunocompromised or at higher risk for complications from COVID-19, talk to your healthcare provider to help inform the timing of the updated booster.

Find a vaccination clinic near you: <https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov>

For additional information regarding the updated boosters, please see Public Health – Seattle & King County’s recent blog post for more information: <https://publichealthinsider.com/2022/09/07/should-i-get-an-updated-booster-we-asked-an-expert/>

### **Flu Shot Clinics Available**

Seattle Public Schools is partnering with the Seattle Visiting Nurse Association (SVNA) to provide 28 flu shot clinics at 14 locations between September 16-October 23, 2022. These clinics are open to all members of the public ages 4 and older.

- To find locations, times and to sign up for an appointment near you, visit [www.seattleschools.org/departments/health-services/flu-clinics](http://www.seattleschools.org/departments/health-services/flu-clinics)
- SVNA accepts most private insurance, Apple Health, and Medicare. Cigna, Tricare insurance and Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance are not accepted.
- For individuals with Cigna, Tricare, Blue Cross Blue Shield and those without insurance, SVNA will charge a \$50 out-of-pocket payment for flu vaccination.

Please reach out to [COVIDResponse@st-johnschool.org](mailto:COVIDResponse@st-johnschool.org) with any questions.