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Dear Family Members,

On March 29th, 2022, the U.S. FDA authorized a second booster dose of mRNA (the Pfizer and Moderna) COVID-19 vaccines for certain populations. Your loved-one's case manager will be reaching out to visit with you if your family is unable to give their own consent for the recommended booster dose to be administered by Ransom County Public Health nurses. Booster doses will be administered May 2nd at the NDVH. Please review the following Frequently Asked Questions provided from the ND Department of Health. Please reach out with any questions you may have.

https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/COVID%20Vaccine%20Page/COVID-19_Vaccine_Second_Booster_Dose.pdf

Who is eligible for a second booster dose?

- I. All adults ages 50 years and older. All adults ages 50 and older are eligible to receive a second booster dose of an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine at least four months after their first booster dose of any approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

Why would I need second booster dose?

- I. Your risk of severe COVID-19 illness increases with age. The older you are, the greater the benefit a second booster dose may bring you, because protection provided by vaccine booster shots can decrease over time.

Are second booster doses safe?

- I. Data suggests that a second booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine improves protection against severe COVID-19 and is not associated with any new safety concerns. The FDA has determined that the known and potential benefits of a second COVID-19 vaccine booster dose with either of these vaccines outweigh their known and potential risks in these populations.

Sincerely,

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