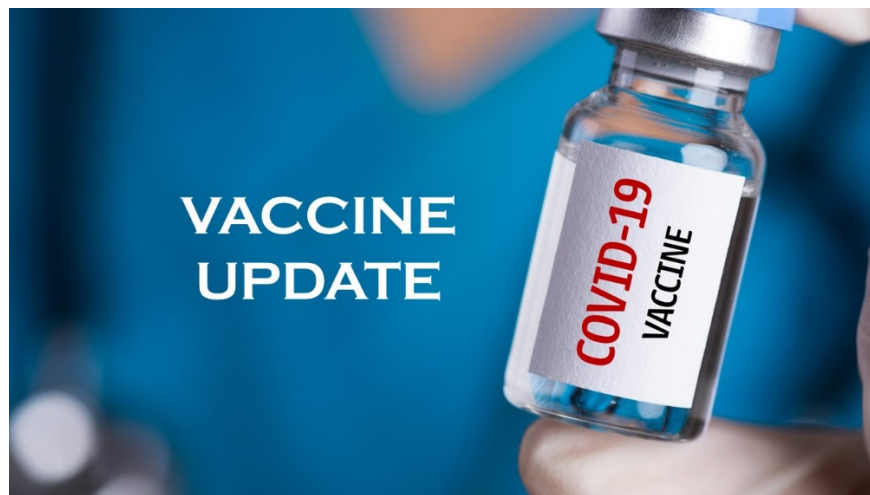




## **KACH to provide COVID-19 Vaccine booster to CDC-recommended groups**

*KACH is still providing first, second COVID-19 vaccinations*



Keller Army Community Hospital is now providing the COVID-19 vaccine booster to CDC-approved recommended groups. The recommended groups must have completed the series (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses) at least six months before being eligible to receive the booster.

The CDC-approved recommended groups include:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care facilities.
- People 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions.
- People 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions.
- People 18-64 years who are increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings.

Keller no longer requires proof of an underlying condition or an occupational risk in order to receive a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose. Occupations considered to be at increased risk for COVID-19 transmission are healthcare workers, first responders, education staff, daycare workers, corrections workers, postal workers, public transit workers, and grocery store workers.

Keller continues to remain available to provide first and second doses of the Comirnaty vaccine (the official name of Pfizer-BioNTech) to all service members, veterans/retirees and civilian beneficiaries.

As a reminder, on August 24, 2021, the Secretary of Defense signed an order requiring “ALL Service Members” to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless they have requested or been granted an exemption.

The Keller Army Community Hospital COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic is located on the main/first floor in Keller Army Community Hospital, Room 1C20 – between the Pharmacy and the entrance into the Allgood Clinic; appointments are available to ALL eligible Department of Defense beneficiaries ages 12 and older; and eligible beneficiaries can schedule a vaccination appointment at <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/COVAX/>.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic is available for appointments:

- Every Tuesday – 0830-1230
- Every Wednesday – 1300-1600
- Every Friday – 0830-1230

As a reminder:

- The Comirnaty vaccine is approved for people ages 16 years and older; and has emergency approval for people ages 12-15 years.
- The SECOND DOSE should be schedule at least 21 days after the FIRST DOSE.
- The BOOSTER shot should be scheduled at least six (6) months after completion of the vaccine series.
- The CDC does not recommend a BOOSTER for any other population at this time.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times while inside Keller Army Community Hospital.
- Vaccine or booster recipients must present a Uniformed Services ID card or their DoD beneficiary card at their vaccination appointment.

If you have questions about the vaccines, go to <https://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/MHS-Toolkits/TRICARE-Communications-COVID-19-Vaccine-Toolkit/Vaccine-Promotion>; or go to the Keller COVID-19 Vaccination page at <https://keller.tricare.mil/Health-Services/West-Point-Dept-of-Public-Health/COVID-19-Vaccine-INFO>.