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FDA's Approval of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Individuals 18 Years of Age and Older

On January 31, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a second COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine; the approved vaccine will be marketed as Spikevax for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older.

Spikevax has the same formulation as the emergency use authorized Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and is administered as a primary series of two doses, one month apart. Spikevax can be used interchangeably with the EUA Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to provide the COVID-19 vaccination series. Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine remains available under EUA as a two-dose primary series for individuals 18 years of age and older, as a third primary series dose for individuals 18 years of age and older who have been determined to have certain kinds of immunocompromise, and as a single booster dose for individuals 18 years of age and older at least five months after completing a primary series of the vaccine. It is also authorized for use as a heterologous (or "mix and match") single booster dose for individuals 18 years of age and older following completion of primary vaccination with a different available COVID-19 vaccine.

For the complete press release please visit the FDA's news page here: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-takes-key-action-approving-second-covid-19-vaccine>

For Spikevax product information and Q&A, please visit the FDA Spikevax page:

<https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/spikevax>

COVID-19 Vaccines are readily available in Plumas County at all pharmacies, Eastern Plumas Health Care, Plumas District Hospital, and Plumas County Public Health Clinic.

For more information go to county website <https://www.plumascounty.us/2839/COVID-19-Home>