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### Update for November 4, 2021

Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

#### Reminder about vaccine leave for COVID-19 boosters

It is a relief to see the number of new COVID-19 cases and the positivity rate on the decline after the highly contagious Delta variant spread throughout the state in late summer and into the fall.

We must continue to be vigilant, however, and the Centers for Disease Control has released guidelines on obtaining a COVID-19 booster shot to guard against waning immunity. The CDC is recommending that:

- People 65 years and older, 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions, or 18 years and older who live in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot.
- People 18 years and older should receive a booster shot at least 2 months after receiving their Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

You can learn more about who should get a booster shot and how to choose which booster shot to receive on the CDC's website [here](#).

The Supreme Court has made it easier for you to obtain a booster shot by expanding vaccine leave to include COVID-19 boosters. Per [Supreme Court Administrative Order 2021-32](#), employees may receive up to two hours of paid leave to obtain a COVID-19 vaccine dose, including a booster, if the vaccine is obtained during work hours on a day the employee is scheduled to work.

You can find where to get COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots at [vaccines.gov](#).

In addition, employees may claim one hour of COVID-19 testing leave to obtain a COVID-19 test up to two times per calendar month.

We continue to strongly encourage those who have not already been vaccinated to do so for their health and safety and the protection of those they work with.

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