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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Off Agenda Report Regarding the Bivalent COVID Boosters

This memo is in follow up to the Board's questions following the COVID-19 update at the September 13, 2022 Board of Supervisor's meeting (Item No. 9). The Board would like an assessment of COVID-19 bivalent booster availability and ease of access, including information regarding access to the bivalent booster from Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Stanford Healthcare, El Camino Hospital, Regional Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente as well as access to boosters by other healthcare providers. Unfortunately, the Public Health Department (PHD) does not currently have the data to answer this question; however, we anticipate the appropriate data will be available later this month.

The PHD's ability to pull data on COVID-19 vaccine administration to all county residents and across all county health care providers comes via a download from the State's CAIR2 data system. The state has not yet updated these downloads to include the bivalent boosters, so PHD currently cannot pull this information directly. The California Department of Public Health has provided notification that the earliest date the data will be available will be September 21, but such updates have been delayed in the past.

In the absence of this usual data source, PHD is working to pull together the quantity of bivalent booster supply allocated to each health care entity to whom PHD distributes (which will not include entities that receive allocations directly from state or federal sources) and the entities' self-reported administration data, but PHD doesn't expect to be able to validate the latter until after the next Health and Hospital Committee meeting.

I will not be able to attend the next Health and Hospital Committee on September 21; Dr. Sarah Rudman will attend in my place. We look forward to sharing the information we do have, alongside Dr. Ahmad's report of the County Health System's activities.