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Orange County Health Department Encourages COVID-19 Boosters with "Get Boosted" Video

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. July 25, 2022 — Public health officials and community leaders share their reasons why they got a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine in a new video titled, "Get Boosted, Orange County!" Participants include Carrboro Mayor Damon Seils, Orange County Health Director Quintana Stewart, Hillsborough Mayor Jennifer Weaver, Orange County Board of County Commissioners Chair Renée Price, and Vice Chair of the Board of Health Keith Bagby.

According to the CDC, Orange County, NC is at a high community level of COVID-19, which means people should consider increasing COVID-19 layered prevention strategies — like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation and wearing masks — to help limit severe disease and reduce the potential for strain on the healthcare system.

"Now more than ever, receiving a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you are eligible is an urgent, healthy choice to protect yourself and your family," said Orange County Health Director Quintana Stewart. "Even if you were fully vaccinated earlier this year, two shots are no longer enough. We know protection against infection from the vaccines declines over time, so booster doses are critical for everyone. I got boosted because I don't want to get others sick."

Reasons to Get Boosted

"I got boosted because I know the immunity I get from the booster is better than the immunity I would get from getting COVID-19," said Chair of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners, Renée Price. "No matter what your reason, get boosted, Orange County!"

"I got boosted because it is free and easy and because the vaccines are the best tool we have to prevent the worst effects of the COVID-19 virus," said Carrboro Mayor Damon Seils.

Keith Bagby, Orange County Vice Chair of the Board of Health, said, "I am now the head of my family. I got my booster shot because I want to be around and available to my family."
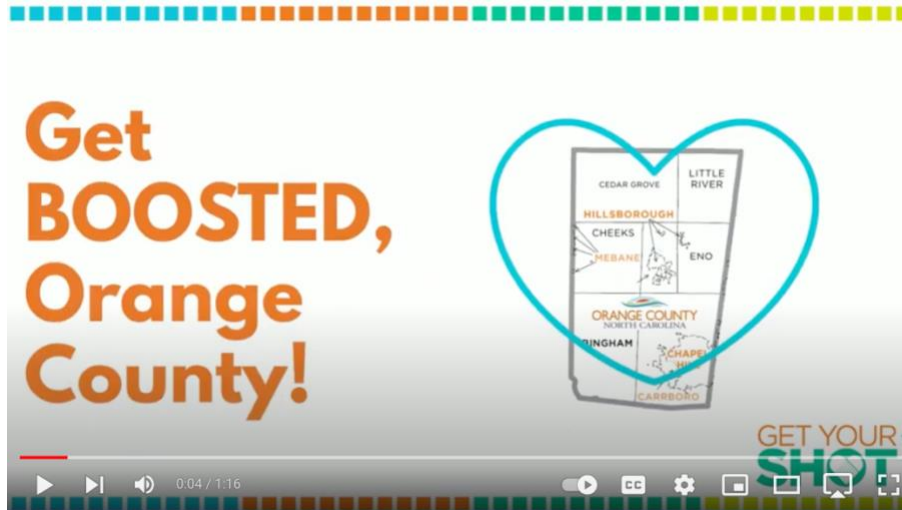
"I got boosted because it is a great way to protect myself. And if I am protecting myself, I am protecting my family and my community," said Hillsborough Mayor Jennifer Weaver.

Vaccines are available for everyone 6 months-old and older. To make an appointment, visit https://takemyshot.nc.gov or call (919) 913-8088 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. Spanish and other languages spoken.

Related Links

- "Get Boosted, Orange County" Video: https://youtu.be/F8Y71LWj48I

- Find a COVID-19 vaccine: https://takemyshot.nc.gov
- CDC: Who Can Get a Booster: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html
- CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker by County: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=CommunityLevels&null=CommunityLevels

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