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### Memorandum 21-156

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
DATE: September 7, 2021  
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Booster Program

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It is anticipated that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be authorizing and recommending that all Americans already fully vaccinated with an mRNA vaccine (i.e., Pfizer or Moderna) receive a booster dose.

South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) is beginning to prepare for implementation of a booster shot program and reached out to the City to discuss a partnership. On August 23<sup>rd</sup> their CEO, along with key COVID mitigation staff, met with Special Projects Coordinator Jenny Carroll and requested City logistical support for anticipated booster shot distribution. Because we are no longer working under a declared emergency, a new agreement between the parties has been developed.

The vision is to host a series of vaccine PODs, similar to those conducted earlier in the year to distribute the two-series doses of vaccines to the public. As before, SPH would be responsible for the healthcare-related elements of the PODs. The City would be responsible for coordinating planning, logistics, and communications.

Related to this new agreement with SPH to assist in launching a COVID-19 Booster Program, is a request to appropriate funds from the General Fund to support COVID mitigation activities for the next year. I am requesting \$60,000 to support POD staffing, future pop up vaccination and/or testing events, supplies (i.e., signage, parts/batteries for electronic reader boards, masks, etc.), and contracting for communications support. Whenever possible, staff will use State or Federal COVID grant funds first before using City funds.

**Staff Recommendation:** Introduce Ordinance funding FY22 COVID mitigation program on September 13<sup>th</sup> and adopt on September 27<sup>th</sup>.