Should you get a new COVID booster? If so, when?

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HAMILTON — Artist Gary Carpenter's work has always been heavy in terms of weight as well as meaning.

After all, his medium of terrazzo — a mixture of broken glass and stone — has been favored by the Willapa Bay Wildlife Refuge, where his latest in Hamilton.

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One of the terrazzo tables in the art piece titled “Convergence” is seen Sept. 11 outside the refuge's new headquarters near Long Beach.

Carpenter's tables highlight the refuge's three distinct environments — coastal old-growth forests, coastal beaches and the estuary.

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For this project, he used cement colors to attain what he described as “fairly muted coloring.”

Because this is a lot of square footage, I was concerned about it sticking out or not appearing to be part of the environment because it is so much square footage,” he said.

“I didn’t want it to look like something in a mall,” he wanted hom because it is seen in the area.

“Terrazzo designs are created through the use of metal strips that can be cut and bent to create separation between terrazzo colors, and can be used to create lettering or design accents. As for the piece’s meaning, I can only look deep within the successes of the work but can’t read upon its surface.”

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