



COVID-19 VACCINE ELIGIBILITY

Primary, Additional and Booster Doses for FDA Approved/Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines¹

	Pfizer ² /Comirnaty	Moderna ³	Johnson & Johnson (J&J)
	Preferred vaccines for primary series, additional doses, and booster doses.		For people who cannot get a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. ⁴
Eligible age	5 and older ²	18 and older	18 and older
Primary Series	Two doses 21 days apart ⁵	Two doses 28 days apart ⁵	One dose ⁵
Booster Dose	Who: Everyone age 12 and older who got Pfizer for their primary series should get a booster dose. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People 18+ can get any of the 3 vaccines: <i>Pfizer or Moderna are preferred over J&J booster.</i>• People age 12-17 can get the Pfizer vaccine.	Who: Everyone who got Moderna for their primary series should get a booster dose. Can get any of the 3 vaccines: <i>Pfizer or Moderna are preferred over J&J booster.</i>	Who: Everyone who got J&J for their primary series should get a booster dose. Can get any of the 3 vaccines: <i>Pfizer or Moderna are preferred over J&J booster.</i> This includes if you have a moderately or severely weakened immune system .
	When: 5 months after your second dose ^{5,6}	When: 5 months after your second dose ^{5,6}	When: 2 months after your J&J dose ⁵
Additional (3 rd) Dose for people with weak immune systems ^{4,7}	Who: People age 5 or older who have a moderately or severely weakened immune system should get an additional dose of the same vaccine as their primary series. Children 5-17 should only get Pfizer vaccine. ²		Not recommended. See Booster Dose above.
	When: At least 28 days after your second dose ⁵		

- 1** If you received a WHO-listed vaccine or a vaccine as part of a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial, see table on the next page for additional dose and booster dose information.
- 2** The Pfizer vaccine for children 5-11 years of age has the same active ingredients as the adult vaccine but is a smaller dose (1/3rd the dose that teens and adults receive).
- 3** The J&J vaccine is available for people who can't get a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine for medical reasons (such as severe allergic reaction to a vaccine ingredient) and for people who prefer it. But the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for both primary and booster vaccination. This is because they offer better protection against COVID-19 than the J&J vaccine and the risks are lower. Getting any COVID-19 vaccine is better than remaining unvaccinated.
- 4** Moderna doses vary. The primary series and the additional (3rd) dose are a full dose. The booster dose is a half dose.
- 5** If you have had COVID infection, wait until you have recovered from your illness (if you had symptoms) and your isolation period is over to get your COVID-19 vaccine dose. Note: If you were treated with monoclonal antibodies, you should wait 90 days before you get a vaccine dose.
- 6** If you are immunocompromised, this will be after your additional (3rd) dose.
- 7** **Additional dose** - The CDC recommends that [moderately to severely immunocompromised people](#) who received an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) as their primary series receive an additional (3rd) dose. The additional dose should be the same COVID-19 vaccine as their primary series. Talk to your doctor about the need to get an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine and ask about the best timing based on your current treatment plan. Note: if you are immunocompromised and received the J&J vaccine for your primary series, you should get a booster dose. A Pfizer or Moderna booster dose is preferred.

For more information, see [How to get Vaccinated](#), [Doses for Immunocompromised](#) and [Booster Doses](#).