

COVID-19 VACCINE SCHEDULES

Children Ages 6 months – 11 years

(If your child has a weak immune system, see *Immunocompromised Children*)

Age	Vaccine	Primary Series	Updated Booster
6 months - 4 years	Pfizer		Booster not currently recommended
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^The updated (bivalent) vaccine is used for dose 3 of the Pfizer primary series. The original (monovalent) vaccine is used for doses 1 and 2.

*If a child has previously received an original (monovalent) booster dose, it is recommended that they get an updated (bivalent) booster dose at least 2 months later.

- **COVID-19 vaccine dosage is based on your child’s age on the day of vaccination, not on their size or weight.** Children ages 11 and under get a lower dose of vaccine than teens and adults.
- **COVID-19 vaccines and other routine childhood vaccines can be given at the same visit.**
- **Timing of 2nd dose:** 8 weeks may be best for some people because a longer time between the 1st and 2nd doses may increase how much protection the vaccines offer and reduce the rare risk of heart problems (myocarditis and pericarditis). A 3-week (Pfizer) or 4-week (Moderna) interval is recommended for those people more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 or anyone who needs the fullest possible protection sooner. Talk with your doctor if you are not sure about the best timing for your situation.
- **If your child already had COVID-19, they should still get vaccinated.** Wait until they have recovered (if they had symptoms) and finished isolation to get any vaccine, including a COVID-19 vaccine. If they recently had COVID-19, you may consider delaying a COVID-19 vaccine dose (primary series or booster) by 3 months from when their symptoms started or when they first had a positive test (if they didn’t have any symptoms).
- **For more information,** see the CDC webpage, [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0927-covid-19-vaccines-boosters.html).

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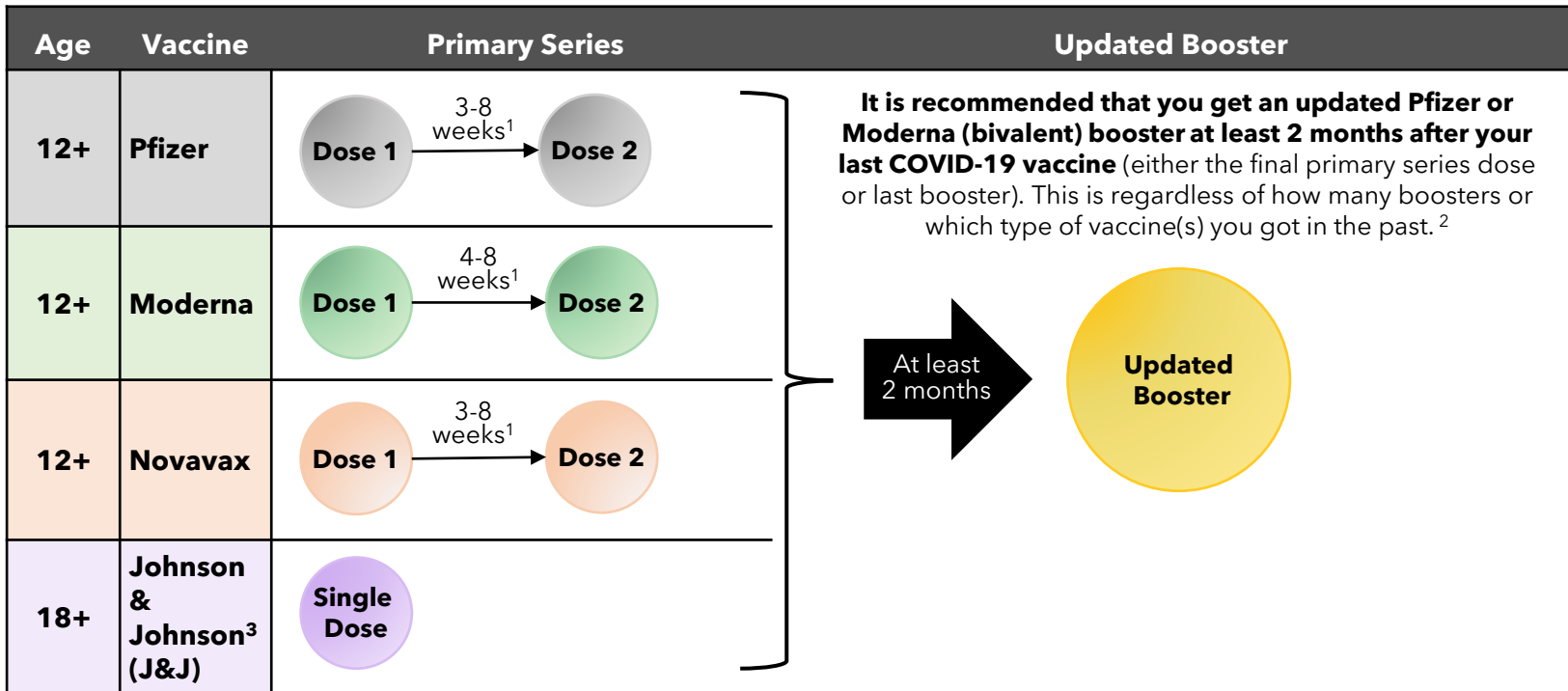
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- **For more information,** see the CDC webpage, [COVID-19 Vaccines for People who are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised](#).

COVID-19 VACCINE SCHEDULES

People Ages 12+

(If you have a weak immune system, see *Immunocompromised People 12+*)



¹ Timing of 2nd dose: People under 64 years, and especially males ages 12-39, may consider getting the 2nd primary dose of vaccine 8 weeks after the 1st dose. A longer time between the 1st and 2nd doses may increase how much protection the vaccines offer and reduce the rare risk of heart problems (myocarditis and pericarditis). 3 weeks (Pfizer/Novavax) or 4 weeks (Moderna) is recommended for those age 65+ and anyone more likely to get very sick from COVID-19, or who needs the fullest possible protection sooner. Talk with your doctor if you are not sure about the best timing for your situation. See [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters](#).

² People ages 18 and older may choose to receive a Novavax vaccine as a booster instead of an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine, if they are unable or unwilling to receive an mRNA booster AND they have never had a booster before. The Novavax booster is given at least 6 months after completing the last dose of the primary series

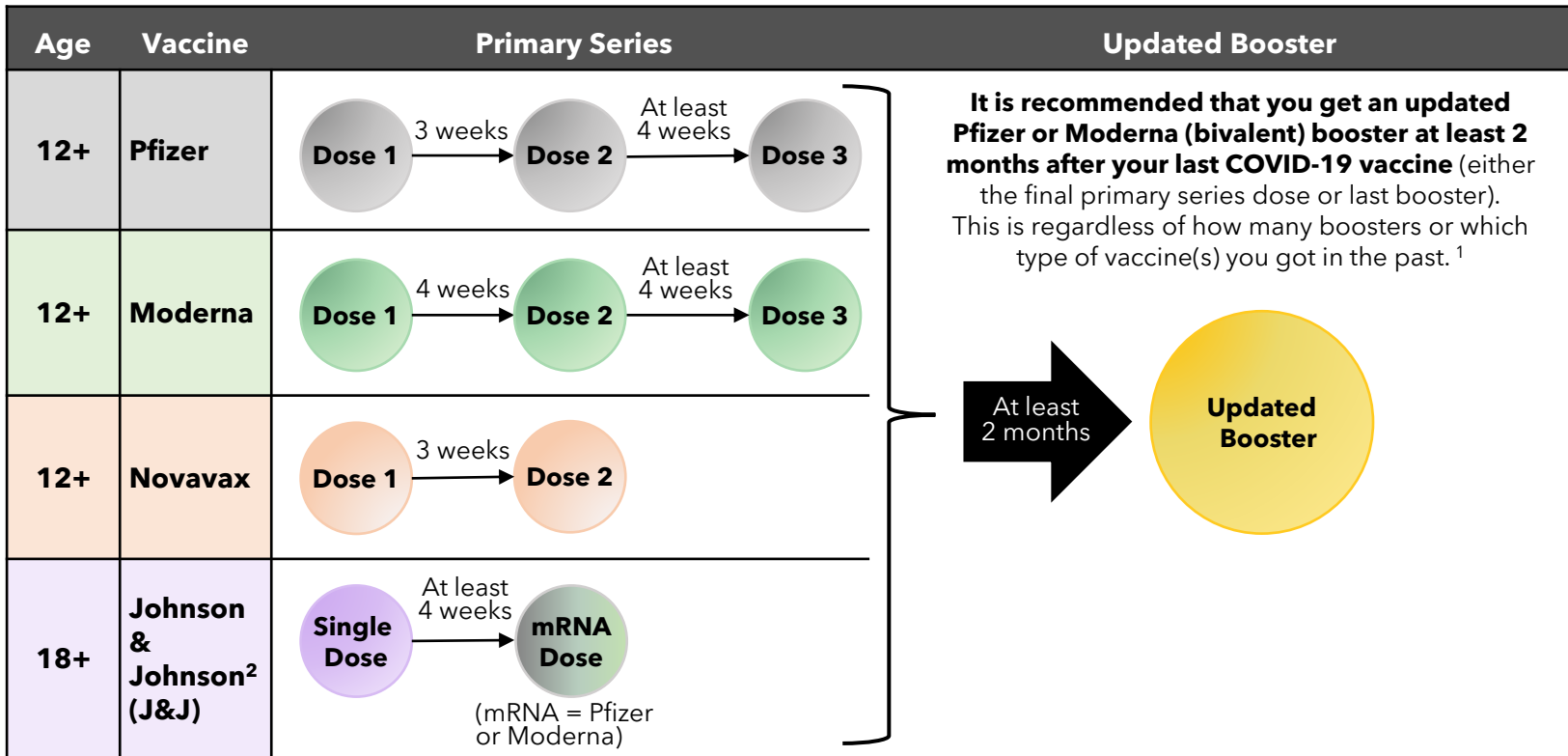
³ J&J vaccine should only be used in [some situations](#).

If you have COVID-19, wait until you have recovered (if you had symptoms) and finished isolation to get any COVID-19 vaccine doses. If you recently had COVID-19, you may consider delaying a vaccine dose (primary series or booster) by 3 months from when your symptoms started or your positive test (if you didn't have any symptoms).



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Immunocompromised People Ages 12+



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COVID-19 VACCINE SCHEDULES

People vaccinated outside of the US, as part of a clinical trial or received a mix-and-match series

- **If you were vaccinated outside of the US:** visit the CDC webpage [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters](#) and scroll down to the *Vaccination Outside the United States* section for the latest information including boosters. Detailed information is available in [Appendix B](#) of the [CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#).
- **If you received a mix-and-match series:** visit the CDC webpage [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters](#) and scroll down to the *Mixing COVID-19 Vaccine Products* section for the latest information including boosters.
- **If you were vaccinated as part of a clinical trial:** detailed information is available in [Appendix C](#) of the [CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#).

