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Expanded Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots

After [authorization](#) by the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have [expanded the recommendations](#) for booster shots to include Moderna and Johnson and Johnson/Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccines as well as heterologous (mix and match) dosing.

Key new CDC booster recommendations:

- **All persons who received a J&J COVID-19 vaccine** should get a single vaccine booster dose **at least 2 months** after their initial J&J dose. The booster can be J&J or either of the mRNA vaccines.
- **Certain people who received Moderna** for their primary series should receive a single vaccine booster dose **at least 6 months** after completing the series. The group of eligible persons is the same as for Pfizer and listed below. Note that the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine booster dose is a half dose (50 µg in 0.25 ml).
- Individuals may choose which of the 3 authorized vaccines they would like to receive if they are eligible for a booster dose.

Booster eligibility for individuals who received either Pfizer or Moderna primary COVID-19 vaccine series

- A booster is **recommended** for:
 - People 65 years and older
 - Residents of long-term care facilities
 - People age 50–64 years with an [underlying medical condition](#) or are at risk of social inequities
- A booster **may be considered** for:
 - People age 18-49 years with an [underlying medical condition](#)
 - People age 18-64 years who are at higher risk of COVID-19 exposure due to their occupational or institutional setting; this includes all essential workers.

These recommendations have been endorsed by the [Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup](#).

Upcoming CDC Booster Dose Resources

- The CDC is in the process of updating their COVID-19 vaccine [clinical considerations](#) and will be releasing an MMWR on the ACIP recommendations.
- The CDC is also hosting a live webinar for healthcare providers: *What Clinicians Need to Know About the Recent Updates to CDC's Recommendations for COVID-19 Booster Vaccination* Tuesday October 26. 11am-12 pm PST. [Webinar details](#).

LAC DPH Booster Resources

- **For providers:** [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Summary Table](#). This table summarizes vaccine eligibility based on the primary series received and the patient age and/or risk factors.
- **For patients:** [Booster Dose How to Get Vaccinated](#) webpages (English and Spanish); a COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Summary Table in [English](#) and [Spanish](#); updated patient vaccine FAQs in [English](#). The www.VaccinateLACounty.com website hosts all COVID-19 vaccine related resource for the public.

See the COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Summary Table for Healthcare Providers on the next page.

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This table summarizes COVID-19 vaccine eligibility based on the primary series received and the patient age and/or risk factors. The most current version of this table is available [online](#).

Vaccine	Dose	Age			
		12-17	18-49	50-64	65+
Pfizer/Comirnaty & Moderna ¹	Primary 2-dose series	Pfizer only	✓	✓	✓
	Additional (3rd) dose ¹ recommended for moderate to severely immunocompromised persons at least 28 days after 2 nd dose	Pfizer only	✓	✓	✓
	Booster dose ² recommended at least 6 months after primary series if the individual:				✓
	• Resides in a long-term care facility		✓	✓	
	• Has underlying medical condition or increase risk of social inequities		May receive	✓	
	• Has increased risk of exposure from work or institutional setting		May receive	May receive	
Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (J&J)	Primary single-dose series		✓	✓	✓
	Booster dose recommended ³ at least 2 months after the 1 st dose		✓	✓	✓

¹ Moderna has two doses. The full dose (100 µg in 0.5 ml) is authorized for both the primary series and the additional dose for immunocompromised (IC) persons. A half dose (50 µg in 0.25 ml) is authorized for booster doses.

² Booster doses can be the same vaccine as was given in the primary series or it can be a mix-and-match dose. Note: a Moderna booster dose is a half dose (50 µg in 0.25 ml).

³ All persons who received J&J as their primary dose should get a booster dose (including those who are immunocompromised) at least 2 months later. The booster dose can be another J&J vaccine, a Pfizer vaccine, or a Moderna vaccine (half-dose).

