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

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<th><strong>Pfizer²/Comirnaty</strong></th>
<th><strong>Moderna³</strong></th>
<th><strong>Johnson &amp; Johnson (J&amp;J)</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Preferred vaccines for primary series, additional doses, and booster doses.</strong></td>
<td>**For people who cannot get a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.**⁴</td>
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<td><strong>Eligible age</strong></td>
<td>5 and older¹</td>
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<td><strong>Primary Series</strong></td>
<td>Two doses 21 days apart</td>
<td>Two doses 28 days apart</td>
<td>One dose</td>
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| **Booster Dose³**        | **Who:** Everyone age 16 and older should get a booster dose  
  • People 18+ can get any of the 3 vaccines: Pfizer or Moderna are preferred over J&J booster.  
  • People age 16-17 can get the Pfizer vaccine.  
  **Who:** Everyone who got J&J for their primary series should get a booster dose  
  Can get any of the 3 vaccines: Pfizer or Moderna are preferred over J&J booster  
  This includes if you have a moderately or severely weakened immune system  
  **When:** 6 months after your second dose⁶  
  **When:** 2 months after your J&J dose |
| **Additional (3rd) Dose for people with weak immune systems ³,⁵** | **Who:** People age 12 or older who have a moderately or severely weakened immune system should get an additional dose of the same vaccine  
  **When:** At least 28 days after your second dose  
  Not recommended. See Booster Dose above |

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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 Moderna doses vary. The primary series and the additional (3rd) dose are a full dose. The booster dose is a half dose.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ If you are immunocompromised, this will be 6 months after your additional (3rd) dose.

For more information, see [How to get Vaccinated](#), [Doses for Immunocompromised](#) and [Booster Doses](#).
## COVID-19 VACCINE ELIGIBILITY

### Additional and Booster Doses for Fully Vaccinated\(^1\) Persons Who Received a Non-FDA Authorized/Approved Vaccine for Their Primary Series

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<td><strong>Booster Dose(^4)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Who:</strong> Everyone age 18 and older should get a booster dose</td>
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<td><strong>When:</strong> 6 months after your second dose(^5)</td>
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1. **You are considered fully vaccinated** two weeks after receiving your final dose of the vaccine series. See [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#) webpage for more details.

2. **This also includes if you completed a mix and match series** – this is a combination of FDA-approved, FDA-authorized, or WHO-listed COVID-19 vaccines. Current non-FDA approved/authorized WHO-listed vaccines are AstraZeneca-Oxford (Vaxzevria), Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd (Covishield), BIBP Sinopharm, Sinovac (CoronaVac), and Bharat Biotech International (Covaxin). See the [When Am I Fully Vaccinated?](#) section on the [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#) webpage to learn more.

3. **If you took part in a clinical vaccine trial** and you received all of the recommended “active” COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo). Note: the vaccine should be either a WHO-listed vaccine that is not FDA-approved/authorized or a vaccine for which a U.S. data and safety monitoring board or equivalent has independently confirmed efficacy (e.g., AstraZeneca or Novavax clinical trials).

4. **The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is the only vaccine authorized** as an additional dose or booster for people who did not receive an FDA authorized/approved COVID-19 vaccine series.

5. **If you are immunocompromised**, this will be 6 months after your additional (3\(^{rd}\)) dose.

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