



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)
	<i>Preferred vaccines for primary series, additional doses, and booster doses.</i>		<i>For people who cannot get a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.⁴</i>
Eligible age	5 and older ²	18 and older	18 and older
Primary Series	Two doses 21 days apart	Two doses 28 days apart	One dose
Booster Dose	<p>Who: Everyone age 12 and older who got Pfizer for their primary series should get a booster dose.</p> <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. 	<p>Who: Everyone who got Moderna for their primary series should get a booster dose.</p> <p>Can get any of the 3 vaccines: <i>Pfizer or Moderna are preferred over J&J booster</i></p>	<p>Who: Everyone who got J&J for their primary series should get a booster dose.</p> <p>Can get any of the 3 vaccines: <i>Pfizer or Moderna are preferred over J&J booster</i></p> <p>This includes if you have a moderately or severely weakened immune system</p>
	When: 5 months after your second dose ⁶	When: 5 months after your second dose ⁶	When: 2 months after your J&J dose
Additional (3rd) Dose for people with weak immune systems^{3,5}	<p>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</p>		Not recommended. See Booster Dose above
	When: At least 28 days after your second dose		

- 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 after your additional (3rd) dose.

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





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Additional and Booster Doses for Fully Vaccinated¹ Persons Who Received a Non-FDA Authorized/Approved Vaccine for Their Primary Series

	WHO-listed COVID-19 vaccine ²	Active vaccine from a COVID-19 clinical trial ³
Additional (3rd) Dose ⁴	Who: People age 12 or older and have a moderately or severely weakened immune system should get a 3 rd dose	
	When: At least 28 days after your second dose	
Booster Dose ⁴	Who: People age 12 and older should get a booster dose.	
	When: 5 months after your second dose ⁵	

- 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](#) include AstraZeneca-Oxford (Vaxzevria), Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd (Covishield and Covovax), BIBP (Sinopharm), Sinovac (CoronaVac), Bharat Biotech International (Covaxin), and Novavax (Nuvaxovid). 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.
- 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 5 months after your additional (3rd) dose.

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