

☑ Staying Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccines

The CDC recommends that people remain up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines, including additional doses for individuals who are immunocompromised or booster doses at regular time points. Individuals who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should get an additional primary shot and a booster shot.

Who is eligible for COVID-19 vaccines?

All individuals ages 5 years and older are eligible to receive a primary series of the COVID-19 vaccine in the United States. Additionally, all individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and are 5 years and older are eligible to receive an additional (3rd) dose of COVID-19 vaccine along with their primary series.

As of January 5, 2021, all individuals 12 years and older who have completed their primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine are eligible for a booster dose once they have reached the interval of time-dependent on the primary series received.

Which COVID-19 vaccines are recommended?

The CDC recommends that all individuals receive a primary series and booster dose of an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals 18 years and older who received a primary dose of Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) are recommended to receive a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine two months following their primary dose.

Please talk with your health care provider to decide which COVID-19 vaccine is best for you.

Who is considered immunocompromised?

People are considered to be moderately or severely immunocompromised if they have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medication to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

People should talk to their health care provider about their medical condition and whether getting an additional primary shot is appropriate for them.

Staying Up to Date: Children Ages 5-11 years

Primary Series:

All children ages 5-11 are eligible for a two-dose primary series of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine spaced at least 21 days apart. Additionally, all children ages 5-11 years who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are eligible for an additional (3rd) dose along with their primary series spaced 28 days after their second dose.

Booster Dose:

Children ages 5-11 years are currently not eligible for a COVID-19 booster dose.

Staying Up to Date: Adolescents ages 12-17 years

Primary Series:

All adolescents ages 12-17 years are eligible for a two-dose primary series of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine spaced at least 21 days apart. Additionally, all children ages 12-17 years who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are eligible for an additional (3rd) dose along with their primary series spaced 28 days after their second dose.

Booster Dose:

Adolescents ages 12-17 years, including those who are immunocompromised, are eligible for a Pfizer COVID-19 booster dose five months after completing their primary series.

Staying Up to Date: Adults ages 18+ years for those who received a Pfizer Primary Series

Primary Series:

All adults ages 18 years and older are eligible for a two-dose primary series of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine spaced at least 21 days apart. Additionally, all adults ages 18 years and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are eligible for an additional (3rd) dose along with their primary series spaced 28 days after their second dose.

Booster Dose:

Adults ages 18 years and older, including those who are immunocompromised, are eligible for a COVID-19 booster dose* five months after completing their primary series.

*Although mRNA vaccines are preferred, Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine [may be considered in some situations](#).

Staying Up to Date: Adults ages 18+ years for those who received a Moderna Primary Series

Primary Series:

All adults ages 18 years and older are eligible for a two-dose primary series of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine spaced at least 28 days apart. Additionally, all adults ages 18 years and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are eligible for an additional (3rd) dose along with their primary series spaced 28 days after their second dose.

Booster Dose:

Adults ages 18 years and older, including those who are immunocompromised, are eligible for a COVID-19 booster dose* five months after completing their primary series.

*Although mRNA vaccines are preferred, Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine [may be considered in some situations](#).

Staying Up to Date: Adults ages 18+ years for those who received a Johnson & Johnson Primary Dose

Primary Dose:

All adults ages 18 years and older are eligible for a single dose primary series of the Johnson & Johnson* COVID-19 vaccine. Moderately to severely immunocompromised adults ages 18 years and older who received a primary dose of Johnson & Johnson are NOT eligible for an additional (2nd) dose.

Booster Dose:

Adults ages 18 years and older, including those who are immunocompromised, are eligible for a COVID-19 booster dose* two months after completing their primary dose.

*Although mRNA vaccines are preferred, Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine [may be considered in some situations](#).

Where to Get Vaccinated

Information regarding COVID-19 vaccine providers and clinics near you can be found on the NDDoH [COVID Vaccine Locator](#) page. You can also contact the NDDoH Hotline at 1.866.207.2880 for assistance.