

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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Changes to the document from the previous version are highlighted in yellow.

IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- **CDC Recommends Shortened Interval for Booster Dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine**

Healthcare providers may implement the following recommendations from CDC effective immediately.

CDC Recommends Shortened Interval for Booster Dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

The CDC now recommends booster shots at **5 months** after the completion of the primary series of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for those 18 years of age and older. [The Interim Clinical Considerations for the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) have been updated to reflect this change. The [amendment](#) to the EUA was granted to ModernaTx Inc. by the FDA.

Earlier this week [CDC made this recommendation for recipients of a Pfizer-BioNTech primary series](#). This means individuals 12 years of age and older who initially received an mRNA vaccine series – two doses of Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech – can now receive an mRNA booster shot 5 months after completion of their primary series.

Recently CDC strengthened COVID-19 vaccination recommendations for children, now recommending:

- Moderately to severely immunocompromised children ages 5–11 years receive an additional primary dose of Pfizer-BioNTech to ensure optimal protection from the vaccine.
- Children and teens ages 12–17 years should receive a booster shot.

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- [CDC: Clinical guidance and vaccine information for Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Moderna EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine \(Vaccination Providers\) including the Full EUA Prescribing Information](#)
- [Vaccine Information Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to Prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in Individuals 18 Years of Age and Older](#)
- [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained](#)

Who Can Get a Booster Shot

<p>IF YOU RECEIVED Pfizer-BioNTech</p>	<p>Who should get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone 12 years and older 	<p>When to get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series 	<p>Which booster can you get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations Teens 12–17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster
<p>IF YOU RECEIVED Moderna</p>	<p>Who should get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults 18 years and older 	<p>When to get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series 	<p>Which booster can you get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations
<p>IF YOU RECEIVED Johnson & Johnson's Janssen*</p>	<p>Who should get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults 18 years and older 	<p>When to get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination 	<p>Which booster can you get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations

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