



COVID-19

Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines

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Get Vaccinated and Stay Up to Date

A **person is fully vaccinated** two weeks after receiving all recommended doses in the primary series of their COVID-19 vaccination.

A **person is up to date** with their COVID-19 vaccination if they have received all recommended doses in the primary series and **one booster** when eligible. Getting a second booster is not necessary to be considered up to date at this time.

COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are effective at protecting people from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and even dying—especially people who are boosted. As with vaccines for other diseases, you are protected best when you stay up to date. CDC recommends that everyone ages 5 years and older get their primary series of COVID-19 vaccine, and everyone ages 12 years and older also receive a booster.



Approved or Authorized Vaccines

Three COVID-19 vaccines are authorized or approved for use in the United States to prevent COVID-19. [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) or [Moderna](#) are COVID-19 mRNA vaccines and are preferred. You may get [Johnson & Johnson's Janssen](#) COVID-19 vaccine in some situations

- Pfizer-BioNTech
- Moderna
- Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

When Are You Up to Date?

You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines when you have followed the current recommendations listed below. The recommendations will be different depending on your age, your health status, what vaccine you first received, and when you first got vaccinated.

Learn about the [specific COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised](#).

Pfizer-BioNTech

Ages Recommended
5-11 years old

Primary Series

2 doses
3 weeks apart ¹

Fully Vaccinated

2 weeks after final dose in primary series

Booster Dose

Not recommended at this time

Up to Date

Two weeks after getting the primary series since a booster is not recommended for this age group at this time

Pfizer-BioNTech

Ages Recommended

12+ years old

Primary Series

2 doses
3-8 weeks apart ^[1]

Fully Vaccinated

2 weeks after final dose in primary series

Booster Dose

- One recommended at least 5 months after the final dose in the primary series
 - Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for teens ages 12–17 years
 - Either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for people ages 18+ years
- Adults ages 50+ can choose to receive a second booster at least 4 months after their first booster

Up to Date

Immediately after getting 1st booster^[2]

Moderna

Ages Recommended

18+ years old

Primary Series

2 doses
4-8 weeks apart ^[1]

Fully Vaccinated

2 weeks after final dose in primary series

Booster Dose

- One recommended at least 5 months after the final dose in the primary series
 - Either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines
- Adults ages 50+ can choose to receive a second booster at least 4 months after their first booster

Up to Date

Immediately after getting 1st booster^[2]

Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

Ages Recommended

18+ years old

Primary Series

1 dose ^[2]

Fully Vaccinated

2 weeks after 1st dose

Booster Dose

- One recommended at least 2 months after the first dose of a J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine
 - Either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines
- Anyone who received a J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine for both their first dose and booster may receive a second booster at least 4 months after their first booster
 - Either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines
- Adults ages 50+ can choose to receive a second booster at least 4 months after their first booster, regardless of what type of booster they received

Up to Date

Immediately after getting 1st booster^[2]

¹Talk to your healthcare or vaccine provider about the timing for the second shot in your primary series.

- **People ages 12 through 64 years, and especially males ages 12 through 39 years**, may consider getting the second dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) 8 weeks after the first dose. A longer time between the first and second doses may increase how much protection the vaccines offer, and further minimize the already rare risk of heart problems, including myocarditis and pericarditis.
- **People ages 5 through 11 years, people ages 65 years and older, people more likely to very sick from COVID-19, or anyone wanting protection due to high levels of community transmission** should get the second dose of **Pfizer-BioNTech** COVID-19 vaccine **3 weeks (or 21 days)** after the first dose, or the second dose of **Moderna** COVID-19 vaccine **4 weeks (or 28 days)** after the first dose.

² If you have completed your primary series—but are not yet eligible for a booster dose—you are also considered up to date. Stay up to date by getting 1 booster when you are eligible. Getting a second booster is not necessary to be considered up to date at this time.

Vaccination Outside the United States

If you received COVID-19 vaccines outside the United States, whether you are up to date depends on which COVID-19 vaccine (and how many doses) you received. Learn more about when [people vaccinated outside the United States are considered fully vaccinated](#).

Allergic Reaction to COVID-19 Vaccine Product

If you had a [severe allergic reaction](#) after a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or if you have a known (diagnosed) allergy to a COVID-19 vaccine ingredient, you should not get that vaccine. If you have been instructed not to get one type of COVID-19 vaccine, you may still be able to get another type.

Mixing COVID–19 Vaccine Products

CDC does not recommend mixing products for your primary vaccine series. If you received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, you should get the same product when you need a second shot. However, people ages 18 years and older may get a different product for their booster shot.

Scheduling Your COVID–19 Vaccines

There are several ways you can find a vaccine provider.

Find a COVID-19 vaccine or booster: Search [vaccines.gov](#), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you.

You can get your COVID-19 vaccines at the same location, or different locations.

- If you need help scheduling your second shot or your booster, contact the location that set up your previous appointment.
- Some community vaccination clinics have closed. You can get your second shot or your booster at a different location.

Learn more about [getting your COVID-19 vaccine](#).

Related Pages

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