



COVID-19

We have the tools to
Fight Omicron



Vaccines & Booster



Masks



Testing

Different COVID-19 Vaccines

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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 (COVID-19 mRNA vaccines) are preferred. You may get Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine in some situations.



Pfizer-BioNTech

Moderna

Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

Pfizer-BioNTech ^[1]	Moderna ^[1]	Johnson & Johnson's Janssen ^[1,2]
Ages Recommended 5+ years old	Ages Recommended 18+ years old	Ages Recommended 18+ years
Primary Series 2 doses Given 3 weeks (21 days) apart ^[3]	Primary Series 2 doses Given 4 weeks (28 days) apart ^[3]	Primary Series 1 dose
Booster Dose Everyone ages 18 years and older should get a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (COVID-19 vaccines) 5 months after the last dose in their primary series.	Booster Dose Everyone ages 18 years and older should get a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (COVID-19 vaccines) 5 months after the last dose in their primary series.	Booster Dose Everyone ages 18 years and older should get a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) at least 2 months after the first dose of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. You may get J&J/Janssen in some situations .

Teens 12-17 years old should get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine booster 5 months after the last dose in their primary series.

When Fully Vaccinated
2 weeks after 2nd dose

When Fully Vaccinated
2 weeks after 2nd dose

When Fully Vaccinated
2 weeks after 1st dose

¹ If you had a severe [allergic reaction](#) after a previous dose 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.

² CDC has updated its [recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines with a preference for mRNA](#) (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) vaccines. Learn more about the updated [guidance on the use of Janssen \(Johnson & Johnson\) COVID-19 vaccine](#).

³ You should get your [second shot](#) as close to the recommended 3-week or 4-week interval as possible. You should not get the second dose early.

Vaccine Types and How They Work

[Understanding How COVID-19 Vaccines Work](#)

Learn how the body fights infection and how COVID-19 vaccines protect people by producing immunity. Also see the different types of COVID-19 vaccines that currently are available or are undergoing large-scale (Phase 3) clinical trials in the United States.

[COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines](#) (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna)

Information about mRNA vaccines generally and COVID-19 vaccines that use this technology.

[Viral Vector COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (J&J/Janssen)

Information about viral vector vaccines generally and COVID-19 vaccines that use this technology.



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