



COVID-19

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Fight Omicron



Vaccines & Booster



Masks



Testing

Stay Up to Date with Your Vaccines

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Get Vaccinated and Stay Up to Date

Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible.

Fully vaccinated means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 Vaccines

[COVID-19 vaccines](#) available in the United States are effective at protecting people from getting seriously ill, getting hospitalized, and even dying. As with vaccines for other diseases, people who are up to date are optimally protected. CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older get their [primary series](#) of COVID-19 vaccines, and receive a booster dose when eligible.

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, and when you first got vaccinated.

Many people who are [immunocompromised](#) may need an additional dose as part of their primary vaccine series.

Note that booster shots are not recommended for everyone at this time.

Pfizer-BioNTech ^[1]

Ages Recommended

5+ years old

Primary Series

2 doses^[3,4]

Given 3 weeks (21 days) apart ^[5]

Fully Vaccinated

2 weeks after final dose in primary series

Booster Dose

Everyone ages 12+ should get a booster dose at least 5 months after the last dose in their primary series.

- Teens 12–17 should only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine booster
- Everyone 18+ should get a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines)

When Boosted

A person is considered “boosted” and **up to date** right after getting their booster dose.

Moderna ^[1]

Ages Recommended

18+ years old

Primary Series

2 doses^[3]

Given 4 weeks (28 days) apart ^[5]

Fully Vaccinated

2 weeks after final dose in primary series

Booster Dose

Everyone ages 18+ should get a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) at least 5 months after the last dose in their primary series.

When Boosted

A person is considered “boosted” and **up to date** right after getting their booster dose.

Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen ^[1,2]

Ages Recommended

18+ years old

Primary Series

1 dose

Fully Vaccinated

2 weeks after 1st dose

Booster Dose

Everyone ages 18+ 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](#).

When Boosted

A person is considered “boosted” and **up to date** right after getting their booster 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 The primary series of these vaccinations includes a third dose for people ages 18 years and older with [moderate to severe immunocompromise](#). This third dose occurs 28 days after the second dose in the primary series.

⁴ The primary series of this vaccination includes a third dose for people ages 5–17 years with [moderate to severe immunocompromise](#). The third dose occurs 28 days after the second dose in the primary series.

⁵ 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.

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